

Christus Victor Lutheran Church

APRIL 2026

Our mission is:

“To bring the Life, Love and Teachings of Jesus Christ to today’s world”

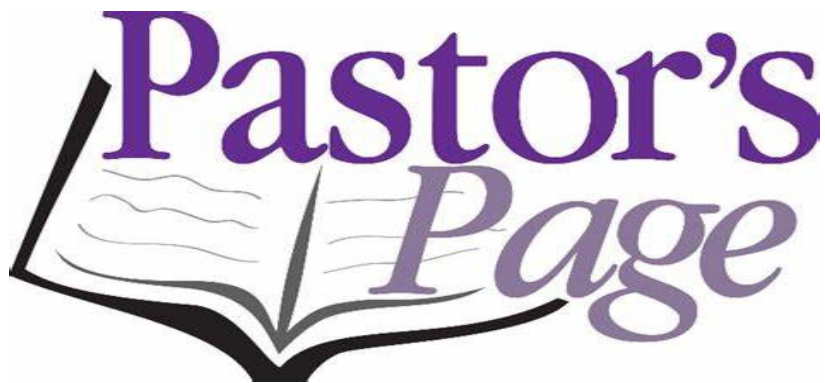


**Maundy Thursday April 2nd
Good Friday April 3rd
Easter Sunday April 5th**



Quilt & Stitch Every 3rd Saturday





Hello Christus Victor Family and Friends,

Looking at my wall, and all around my office, I see LOTS of crosses as well as a few pictures that are important to me and some Bible verses that encourage me. I appreciate all of them and take comfort in this encouragement. Verses like the ones below are often used to encourage us when we are going through a hard time.

Romans 8:28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

1 Peter 5:7 Cast your burdens onto Jesus, because he cares for you.

Isaiah 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

But this has me thinking. Have you ever noticed that the Bible verses we memorize or latch onto when we hear them or see them on some wall hanging, seem to be predominantly focused on ME and God? This isn't necessarily a bad thing. We all have times in our lives when we need an extra bit of encouragement or reminder that God is always with us. However, I think that it is easy for this to be the focus of our faith. The concern I have is that God never intended for the focus of our faith to be "Me and Jesus walking through life hand in hand alone!"

That is how faith starts. There is a reason that the song "Jesus loves me" is one of the very first song children learn in Sunday School. We need to know and understand that we are truly loved by God, just as we are! We need to know that God's grace and forgiveness is FREE and cannot be earned by what we do. Once we understand that we are children of God, it is time for us to move on to the "So what?" parts of the Bible. How does knowing that I am a child of God impact the way I live my life?

In a few short days we will be celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus. Jesus suffered and died that we might have eternal life. This eternal life isn't just what happens after our Earthly death. Eternal life begins when the way we live and the focus in our lives is on things of God rather than things of this world. The "So what?" of our faith is that it makes us look for how God would have us do things, which usually involves us living out the commands that we are given by our Lord Jesus Christ.

During the season of Easter: The 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday: to focus your faith on the words of Jesus that give us answers to how we should live now. All that we do should be a response to what Christ did for us. To that end I want to give you just a few verses for you to look up and focus on during this Easter Season:

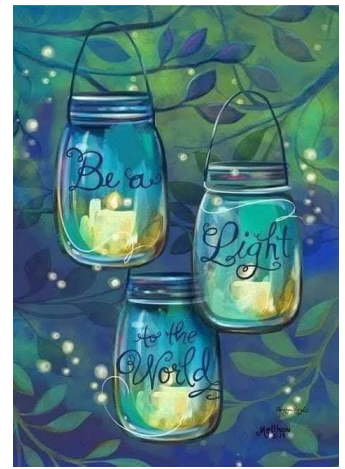
Matthew 25:31-46 Matthew 22:34-40 Mark 12:28-34

Each of us is called by God to be an agent of Christ in the world. That call is different for each of us when it comes to the specifics. But, if every one of us ends each day by considering how we expressed just these verses in the world throughout the day, I think, in time, we would all find our focus of faith slowly changing from “look what God has done for me” to “look at how God used me in the lives of others today!”

I pray you all have a wonderful Easter celebration, and I hope that each of you will take on this challenge and see what God might reveal to you. I would love to hear your stories!

God Bless you all,
Pastor Tammy

MUSIC



1. Unity Among The Congregants

One of the primary reasons that choirs are so important to Christian worship is that they help to create a sense of unity among the congregants. When a choir sings, they are not just performing for themselves but leading the congregation in worship. This creates a sense of community and shared purpose and helps create an environment where people feel comfortable expressing their faith and connecting with one another.

2. Elevate The Worship Experience

Choirs also provide a powerful means of expressing the emotion and passion often associated with Christian worship. Music has a unique ability to stir the soul, and when combined with powerful lyrics, it can help elevate the worship experience to a higher level. The harmonies, rhythms, and melodies created by a choir can help create a sense of awe and wonder that is often associated with encounters with the divine.

3. Facilitating A Connection Between The Congregation and God

Another important role of choirs in Christian worship is facilitating a connection between the congregation and God. Singing in a choir is itself an act of worship, and it can help create a sense of intimacy and closeness with God. When a choir sings, they express their faith through music, which can help create a bridge between the physical and the spiritual worlds. This can be an incredibly powerful experience for congregants and help deepen their relationship with God.

4. Create Order and Structure Within The Service

In addition to these spiritual benefits, choirs also have practical benefits for Christian worship. For example, they can help to set the tone for the service and create a sense of anticipation and expectation among the congregation. They can also help to create a sense of order and structure within the service, and can provide a framework for the sermon or message that follows. In this way, choirs can help to create a more cohesive and meaningful worship experience for all involved.

5 Church Choirs Create Church Leaders

Finally, studies have shown that the two groups in a church body who give the most to that parish are Sunday School teachers and choir members. Both groups invest hours in preparation for their Sunday assignments. Taking on these roles requires an acknowledgement that they are leaders within the church, and their hours of study and practice prove their dedication to the parish. When vacancies come within the structured leadership of the church – Deacons, Elders, Boards and Committees – choir members are always high on the list of potential candidates because of their proven track record of giving of themselves and their time to the betterment of the church.

In conclusion, choirs are an incredibly important part of Christian worship, and they play a vital role in enhancing the spiritual experience of congregants. They provide a powerful means of creating a sense of community and shared purpose, and they can help to express the emotion and passion that is often associated with encounters with the divine. They also facilitate a connection between the congregation and God, and can help to deepen the faith and relationship of all involved. With their ability to create order and structure within the service, choirs provide a practical benefit to worship and the overall health of the church. All of these benefits combine to make choirs a vital and important part of Christian worship.



Join us on Easter Sunday! We will have Easter breakfast at 9:00 in the Family Life Center. If you would like to bring a breakfast casserole, breakfast sweet, fruit, or something else, please text Lisa (225-236-6786). We will have the Flowering of the Cross and Easter egg hunt following breakfast. We are collecting filled Easter eggs to use for the Easter egg hunt and flowers for the Flowering of the Cross. Family and friends are welcome to join us!



We will be going to Lutherhill on Saturday, April 18th to complete a service project. We will be returning on Sunday. If you or your child(ren) would like to come, let Lisa know. It doesn't cost anything besides money for food. Many hands make light work, and everyone is welcome to come with us! Thank you, Dana, for setting it up!

Are you ready for VBS? Invite your friends and family to join us May 31st - June 4th. Registration is open now. We still need a few volunteers: group leaders, a recreation leader, an arts & craft leader, a cook, and helpers. We need adult and youth (6th grade +) volunteers. Please register on our website.



Christus Victor youth will be attending Lutherhill's summer camp Sunday, June 14th through Friday, June 19th (Week 2). If your child(ren) would like to attend, please register and pay the deposit at Lutherhill.org. Camp is open to children entering 2nd grade through high school. Please let Lisa know if your child(ren) has registered for camp.

VBS

May 31- June 4



Important Dates-

Tues, March 31st- Student registration opens

Sun, May 17th- Craft party! Help us make decorations, prep crafts, and work on other things that will help VBS run well.

Sat, May 30th -(tentative) Set up & decorate for VBS

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

If you can volunteer one day, a few days, or all of VBS, we need your help! Anyone who has finished 6th grade through adults can sign up to volunteer. We need someone to cook, a craft leader, a rec leader, and helpers. There is a sign up table in the Narthex with more information. This is one of our largest outreach ministries, and it is not possible without volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping us.

If you have any winter outdoor items like skis or sleds, or winter clothing like coats, ski pants, etc, we'd love to borrow them to help decorate. As we get closer to VBS, we will designate a spot for items. Please label them with your name so we can return them.

We have created an Amazon wish list of items to help make our VBS successful-
<https://tinyurl.com/VBSwishlist2026>

If you have any questions, please let Lisa know.

Christus Victor Children's School
April 2026

We will be learning about Easter, earth and recycling this month at CVCS. We will have Easter parties including an Easter Egg hunt. Pastor Tammy has been teaching us Bible stories and Ms. Charlene has been teaching us songs during chapel, and we love it!

Our Bible verse this month is:

“Be strong, do not fear.” Isaiah 35:4

Our Butterfly class is preparing for their graduation to kindergarten next month.



The April songs for Praise Sunday (3rd Sunday of the month) are as follows:

Living Hope	CCLI 7106807	Prelude
Better Is One Day	CCLI 1097451	Gathering
I Want Jesu To Walk With Me	ELW 325	Hymn of the Day
Left It In the River	CCLI 7242565	Offertory
Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine	CCLI 983717	Communion
I Will Call Upon the Lord	CCLI 11263	Recessional

The “Main Street Messengers” have their own YouTube channel. We use that to record our rehearsals to upcoming service songs. You are welcome to take a listen to those, too, to familiarize yourself with upcoming songs. As a fair warning, these are only in the rehearsal stages and can be a bit rough.



Did you know that you can link your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card to Christus Victor Lutheran Church and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the church?

Login to <http://www.kroger.com>

If you already have a Kroger account log on. If not, create a new account.

Once you're logged on, you will need to link your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card to your account. Select Community Rewards and search for CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH either by name or XM834 and then click Enroll.

Now, Christus Victor Lutheran Church will benefit every time you use your Kroger Plus Shopper's card when you shop at Kroger.



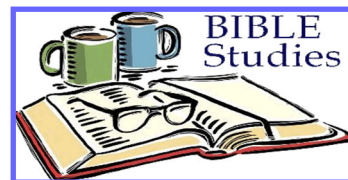
Are you a Thrivent member? If so, you can direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to support activities and events here at Christus Victor! Let Sandie or Lisa know if you'd like to be added to our list of members to talk to when we are planning events.

Let's fill the Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) basket in the narthex each month!

**April item(s) will be:
Baby Food, Diapers & Wipes**



Victoria Geiger	04/05
Brandon Geiger	04/06
Grayson Zambrana	04/07
Walker Jones	04/07
Jackson Birkelbach	04/08
Mary Ann Headley	04/09
Sherie Brooks	04/14
Jay Bredeson	04/18
Tammy Sharp	04/25
Lisa Kutinac	04/25
Jaedyn Kessler	04/27
John Towner	04/30



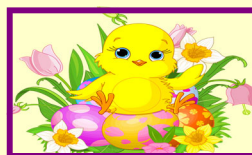
Bible Study Wednesday Mornings at
11:00 am

Everyone is welcome!

Happy Anniversary!

Karl & Mary Klug

4/20





April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	3 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	4
5 9:00 am Easter breakfast, flowering of the cross and egg hunt 9:15 am Messenger practice	6	7	8 No Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:15 am Messengers practice 10:30am Worship Service	13 5:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir	14	15 11:00 am Bible Study	16	17	18 9 am—Noon Quilt & Stitch Lutherhill Service project
19 9:15 am Messengers practice 10:30am Worship Service	20 5:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir	21	22 11:00 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Worship committee	23	24	25
26 9:15 am Messengers practice 10:30am Worship Service	27 5:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir Voice Articles Due	28	29 11:00 am Bible Study	30		



CHRISTUS VICTOR'S PRAYER LIST - FAMILY AND FRIENDS.....List is updated weekly

Health Concerns

(removed after 30 days)

Frank Strouhal (03/26)

Personal Needs

(removed after 30 days)

Bereavement

(removed after 2 weeks)

Serving in our Military

Parker Campbell
Kyra Derr
Dezmon (DJ) Deyon
Brandon Geiger
Frank LaGunas

Long Term Care/Medical Treatments

(remains until requested to be removed)

Raymond Aguilera (08/23)
Earl Armstrong (04/20)
David Bonen (12/25)
Diana Bredeson
Lynn Carey (03/24)
Ashlynn Coury-Moseley
Elissa Gould-Schaudt
Ruby Hinton (01/24)
Ann Horvath (03/24)
Marcia Jones (03/24)
Bill Long (03/26)
Scott Massey (09/23)
Merl Matthewman (04/22)
Mylah Merritt (10/25)
Troy Nguyen (8/24)
Kay Paine (02/25)
Marvin Parker (11/23)
Kathy Pulliam (03/21)
Patricia Meyer Schalla
Carol Schaudt
Ken Schaudt
Scott Short (11/24)
Khloe Thompson (09/25)
Martha Ukno (08/24)
Kathleen Womansong (10/21)

Due to HIPPA regulations and pastoral confidentiality issues, we do not give specific details of prayer concerns in the bulletin. Please pray, however, for those who ask for our prayers for God knows and understands their needs. We pray that God's will be done.

When a prayer request arrives marked confidential it is not placed on the prayer list. Pastor Tammy will pray for the request.

Please obtain permission from the person or the family before adding them to the list.

Christus Victor Lutheran Church....281-332-6847

Vision Statement: "To bring the Life, Love and Teachings of Jesus Christ to today's world"

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Church and School Contact Information :

Contact info for Pastor Tammy Sharp - Cell # 281-924-1667

Tammy's E-mail: pastortammy@comcast.net

Tammy's Office Hours: 9 am until 4pm Monday thru Thursday. [Friday...out of office.]

Church Office Hours: 8:30 am—3:00 pm (Monday—Thursday)

Church Secretary, Sandie Price Office# 281-332-6847

Church Office E-mail - cvlctx@comcast.net

Website- www.christusvictor.us

Choir Director, Patricia Fowzer

Worship Committee Chairperson, Karen Connelly

Children's School Director, Tebertha Henderson...281-332-2821 E-mail...directorevcs@comcast.net

Council President: Sara Beaudet-Smart

Council Vice President:

Council Secretary: Lisa Kutinac

Church Treasurer: Carol Vykukal

Property: Johnny Vykukal

School Board President: Lisa Kutinac

Worship : Karen Connelly

Youth : Tebertha Henderson

Youth Liason: Emilia Smart

Parish Life: Judy Hembd

OFFERING REPORT YEAR-TO-DATE As of March 31, 2026

2026 Offering Needed: \$41,022.00

Current Offerings Received: \$ 33,658.00

Shortfall: \$7,364.00

Building Fund Offerings ytd: \$1,865.00