

CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Voice May 2026



May 10, 2026

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



Hello Christus Victor Family and Friends,

I am having a tough time getting inspiration for this newsletter article so I have decided to share something that one of my colleagues posted. Pastor David Hansen is the pastor at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in The Woodlands and he has an online ministry at <https://www.facebook.com/digitalpastordavid>

Use a Better Bible

May 2nd, was the anniversary of the King James Translation (Version) of the Bible, first published on May 2, 1611.

That feels like as good an occasion as any to say this plainly:

The KJV is no longer the most helpful or reliable translation for most readers today—you deserve a better Bible.

Here are four reasons why it might be time to move your KJV from your daily-use Bible to a respected place on the shelf.

Each of these deserves more space than this, but here's the short version:

(1) Archaic Language

Yes. You love the language – it is why you use the KJV.

But that archaic language is perhaps the biggest reason to not use the KJV.

How often, on a daily basis, do you speak in Jacobean / Shakespearean language? Apart from church, do you ever use that language?

Yes, it is English, but language has changed a LOT in the last 400 years. If you are a US American and you've ever travelled to Ireland or Scotland, you know that people can speak the same language and still not understand each other!

So when you read the KJV, you're often doing an extra step in your head: translating that English into the English you actually speak.

And every extra step creates more room for confusion.

2) Formal Language

Again, this is part of why people love the KJV Bible.

For many, the KJV feels more holy because it sounds elevated and formal.

But here's the irony: the Bible wasn't written that way.

The New Testament, for example, was written in Koine Greek—the everyday, “common” language of the people. Not the high literary Greek of philosophers like Homer or Plato.

The goal was accessibility, not distance.

In making his world changing German translation, Martin Luther operated explained the language he used.

He said:

“We must inquire about this of the mother in the home, the children on the street, the common man in the marketplace. We must be guided by their language, the way they speak, and do our translating accordingly.”

In other words: Scripture was meant to sound like real life.

(3) Translations of Translations

Translation always involves loss. Words carry ranges of meaning, nuance, and idiom—and every choice narrows that range.

In addition to the Greek and Hebrew texts, the translators of the King James Bible also relied heavily on earlier translations, especially the Latin Vulgate and Luther’s German Bible.

Relying on these texts meant that many portions of the KJV are effectively translations of translations. And if something is lost in every translation, these portions of the Bible get a double dose.

A page from the Leningrad Codex(4) Poor Sources

Every translation uses the same source, right?

That’s what we assume. Every translator is working from the same Greek and Hebrew sources of the Bible. But it’s wrong.

In 1611, the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts available to scholars came from about the year 1000 AD. In making his critical version of the Greek New Testament, Erasmus had 8 manuscripts to refer to and build on.

With an abundance of discoveries in the 19th and 20th century, today’s critical edition of the New Testament builds on 6,000 manuscripts. Two examples are illustrative:

The Codex Sinaiticus – discovered 130 years after the King James Translation was completed – contains the entirety of both the Old and New Testament in Greek. This important manuscript is from the 4th century, making it some 600 years older than the texts used in the KJV.

The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1946. These texts, written in Hebrew, contain some of the oldest versions of the Old Testament that we have, dating back to sometime in between the 1st century BC and the 1st century AD.

Simply put: we have older, better, and far more sources now than translators did 400 years ago. And better sources lead to better translations.

You deserve a better Bible

This isn’t about throwing the KJV away. Keep it. Appreciate it. It’s a monumental and beautiful piece of history. But for your daily reading, use a translation that: speaks the language you actually speak on a daily basis, and is built on the best available manuscripts

Making that shift isn’t just a preference—it’s an upgrade.

This will help you understand the Bible more clearly, and connect it more deeply to your everyday life.



The April Meeting of the Worship Committee was canceled.

Hymn Picking Event

On May 4th at 3:30 pm there will be a meeting to pick the Sunday worship hymns for the next several months. If you would like to request a favorite hymn or learn how we go about picking the hymns to match the lessons for the day you are welcome to join us. All are welcome to participate.

May Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is planned for May 20th at 12:15 pm following Bible Study.

Worship Servants

We can always use more participation in all areas of worship including Choir, Bell Choir, Altar Guild, Assisting Ministers, Technical Crew, Main Street Messengers, Children's Church or Ushers/Greeters. If God is nudging you and you need to learn the details, please ask Karen or someone already participating. We'd love to hear from you.

Submitted by Karen Cconnelly, Worship Chair

QUILT AND STITCH



Next Meeting May 16, 9am to Noon

We will continue to open the church every third Saturday of the month to work on quilts for baptism, H.S. graduations and Lutheran World Relief. We invite anyone to come pin or tie from 9 am to noon.

NO SKILL IS NEEDED and it's a great opportunity for fellowship with other friends of Christus Victor. If you like to knit or crochet, we have an abundance of yarn that can be used for prayer shawls. Quilt and Stitch is not just for quilters. We need all kinds of "stitchers" working together.

Remember that Quilt and Stitch meets every third Saturday of the month unless of a conflict with a holiday or other Christus Victor event.

For questions or information contact Karen Connelly at 281-546-5450 or kjconnelly@verizon.net.



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This semester Jane Swanson and I took part in the Galveston College Chorale. We had so much fun and would love to invite you to our Spring Concert. If you would love to hear a concert of the most moving patriotic songs, please consider joining us!

The Galveston College
Community Chorale Presents Our
2026 SPRING CONCERT

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Friday, May 8, 2026
at 7:30 p.m.
Moody Methodist Church
2803 53rd Street, Galveston, TX 77551
Free and Open to the Public

 **Galveston College**

For more information, contact Director Michael Gilbert at mgilbert@gc.edu

It is the policy of Galveston College to provide equal opportunities without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, genetic information or veteran status.



VBS sign ups are open! Children in Pre-K through completing 5th grade are invited! To sign up children or to volunteer, go <https://tinyurl.com/CVLCvbs26>. Please share with family and friends! We would love to see new and returning faces. Volunteers, please sign up at the link as well. We have created an Amazon wish list for VBS. Thank you to everyone who has purchased items! If you would like to help, you can check out the list at <https://tinyurl.com/VBSwishlist2026>



VBS will be May 31st- June 4th! We are looking for friendly faces to help us run VBS. We specifically need a recreation leader (this is a great spot for a few of our high school youth), a Pre-K- kinder group leader and helper, a craft leader, and someone to be in charge of cooking. If one of these positions isn't for you, but you want to volunteer, we can find the best fit for you. If you can only help one or two days, that's okay! We can use your help! Please let Lisa know if you can help or have any

VBS set up will be on SUNDAY, MAY 31ST after church. We will get everything ready to have a fun-filled VBS. Many hands make light work, and we will need all help we can get!



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Christus Victor youth will be attending Lutherhill's summer camp Sunday, June 16th through Friday, June 19th. We will also have a group of kids attending for 2 weeks, June 7th- June 19th. If your child(ren) are planning to attend, please register and pay the deposit at Lutherhill.org. We will work with Lutherhill to group our campers together. Camp is open to students entering 2nd grade through high school. Please let Lisa know if you have kid(s) attending.

You may have noticed a green bin in the parking lot. We have partnered with Green City Recyclers have a clothing recycling bin year-round. We earn \$0.10 for every pound donated. Any textiles including linens, clothing, curtains, towels, etc along with bags, purses, belts, and shoes can be donated. Please bag all donations.



In April, we had a group go to Lutherhill to complete a service project. In the fall, there was a fire that completely destroyed one of the buildings at Lutherhill, the Citzler center. To replace the building, Lutherhill has built a new large maintenance building, the Citzler Maintenance Center, and we helped by painting one of the rooms. If you ever wonder what our kids love most about Lutherhill, when asked what they wanted to do while we were there- giant swing, zip line, swimming pool, sing along, worship, etc- they wanted to go to sing along and worship. Luckily, it was also Family Camp, so we got to go to Evening Worship and Closing Worship.



After painting



Always ready for some gaga



Morning worship



Mother Nature decided mid-April was a good time for a cold front.





Christus Victor Children's School

May 2026

We are so excited to be wrapping up our school year and looking forward to a fun filled summer!

Our Pre-K class will be having their graduation program this month on May 14th. Ms. Aysia has taught them so much, and they are ready to move on to kindergarten!

We will be learning about plants and gardens, birds and butterflies and celebrating Mother's Day this month at CVCS.

Our Bible verse for May is:

"Jesus said, let the children come to me"

Registration for the fall is currently open. If you know any families looking for childcare after school, we pick up from Bauerschlag, Ross, Hall, Gilmore and Campbell Elementary Schools.

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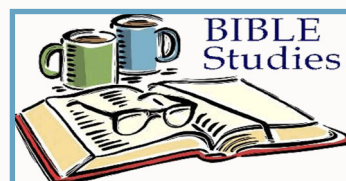


The May songs for Praise Sunday (3rd Sunday of the month) are as follows:

Make It Well	CCLI 7274405	Prelude
Sanctuary	CCLI 24140	Gathering
Glorify Thy Name	CCLI 1383	Hymn of the Day
Spirit Lead Me	CCLI 7111902	Offertory
O Come To The Altar	CCLI 7051511	Communion
Let It Rise	CCLI 224055	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.

Ruby Morrow	05/08
Paula Towner	05/12
Lisa Mossburger	05/16
Sandie Price	05/16
Zechariah Short	05/23
Tebertha Henderson	05/24
Xavier Hernandez	05/24
Xavier Hernandez, Jr	05/24
Andy Smith	05/24
Erin Smith	05/24
Connie Smith	05/24
Karl Klug	05/26
Kyle Qualia	05/28



Bible Study Wednesday Mornings at
11:00 am

Everyone is welcome!

Happy Anniversary!

Karen & Xavier Hernandez	05/01
Don Birkelbach & Laurie Stockstill	05/13
Rick & Tammy Sharp	05/16
Jason & Lisa Kutinac	05/16



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

**May item(s) will be:
Laundry Detergent**





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.



Health Concerns

(removed after 30 days)

Personal Needs

(removed after 30 days)

Bereavement

(removed after 2 weeks)

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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)
Kevin Thompson (04/26)
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.

May



2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday School: 9:00 am **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 until 3 pm (Monday –Thursday)

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

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Website- www.christusvictor.us

Music Director, Trish Fowzer

Worship Committee Chairperson,

Children’s School Director, Tebertha Henderson...281-332-2821 **E-mail...**cvcsdirector@comcast.net

OFFERING REPORT YEAR-TO-DATE (April 30, 20256

2026 Offering Needed: \$54,696.00

Current Offerings Received: \$ 44,865.81

Shortfall: \$9,830.19

Building Fund Offerings ytd: \$ 2,495.00

Council President: Sara Smart

Council Vice President:

Council Secretary: Lisa Kutinac

Church Treasurer: Carol Vykukal

Property: Johnny Vykukal

School Board President: Lisa Kutinac

Outreach:

Education:

Worship: Karen Connelly

Parish Life :Judy Hembd

Youth: Tebertha Henderson

Youth Liason: Emilia Smart