

Voice of Victory

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Christus Victor Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

In-Person

OR

Live Stream on Facebook

9:30 am

[https://www.facebook.com/
ChristusVictorChurch](https://www.facebook.com/ChristusVictorChurch)

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Recharge 7:30 pm



Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Palm Sunday – April 10 at 9:30am

Maundy Thursday – April 14 at 7:00pm

Good Friday – April 15 at 1:00pm and
7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY – April 17 at 9:30am
with Savory Treats and Delicious Eats at
10:30am in the Gathering Space!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2022

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.”

(1 Corinthians 15: 20-22)

Dear Friends in Christ,

It began with ashes and a pronouncement, *“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”* Sobering, honest words, but not the last words.

Through Lent we have heard words of experiences of faith from both college and high school youth, the unexpected surprises of God’s presence through serving others, a “mountain top experience” on an actual mountain, God showing up during basic training, and more. We may be creatures of dust, formed out of the stuff of the earth, but because of God’s grace and presence in our lives, we are more than just dust.

From **Palm Sunday** (April 10) to **Maundy Thursday** (April 14) and **Good Friday** (April 15), we enter into the grand and holy drama of Christ’s journey to the Cross. From praises of *“Hosanna,”* to washing feet and breaking bread, and finally the angry cries of *“Crucify him”* leading to Jesus’ death on the Cross. *“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”* But thanks be to God, that is not the last word, for Jesus or for us. God has the last word!

God has the last word, which is also the new first word – Resurrection! On **Easter Sunday** (April 17 at 9:30am) we gather to celebrate and rejoice, *“Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!”*

I invite you all to join us for every step of Christ’s journey to the cross. Experience for yourself and reflect upon the depth of Christ’s love for you and for all, humbling himself to be your servant, even to giving his life for you on the cross, and rising again so that you may have new life, abundant and eternal!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud



ADULT SPIRITUAL/FAITH GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES...



9am Bible Reflection on the CV Facebook Page.

Have your Bibles and morning beverages ready as we dig into the scriptures for the

coming Sunday worship.

10am Bible Study at the Apple Valley Villas Due to the ongoing Covid situation, this is only open to residents of the Villas.

1pm Seniors Bible Study Join us in the Gathering Space for an engaging discussion and study of the texts for Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

FOR ALL is for all adults of all ages! The first Sunday of the month is for all ages learning, having fun, and growing in faith together. The second and third Sundays, each age group meets separately. Adults meet in room 112 for Bible study and discussion on the scriptures for the day.



Holy Week and Easter Sunday are significant and special to casual church goers as well as active worshippers. The Welcoming Team would like to encourage you to invite friends, family, & Facebook friends to Holy Week and Easter services. It's so easy to invite on Facebook, just share the CV announcements on your Facebook feed. Also, your friends will see all the CV posts if they just "like" the CV Facebook page.

Since CV is known to be a friendly congregation, please continue to greet and welcome our online and in person visitors. We hope and pray that we'll be seeing more in person worshippers soon. If you see a visitor who may need assistance, please offer to help them.

Share the journey of Holy Week with your family and friends.

Monday Morning at 9am

"WHOLEHEARTED FAITH"

Wholehearted Faith is a collection of essays by Rachel Held Evans, published after her tragic death in 2019. Wholehearted Faith is an inspiring collection of thoughts, reflections, and deep questions about what it means to live out our faith Wholeheartedly, with all we are and with all we have?

2 Options on Monday Morning...

- **9am Live Book Reflections on the CV Facebook Page -**
<https://www.facebook.com/ChristusVictorChurch>
- **9:30am Book Discussion on Zoom!** Join with others who are reading "Wholehearted Faith" for an enlightening discussion and sharing our responses and wonderings. Contact Pastor Kent for the zoom link at pastor.kent@christusvictor.org.

Please purchase a copy to read along (consider ordering through the CV Amazon Smiles <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-6092867>) Each week we will discuss a different chapter from her book.





CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Gertens Spring Bedding Plants Fundraiser!

Our last big fundraiser of the year! Gertens spring bedding plant orders will go towards helping children and youth with costs for summer ministries. All orders are now made and paid for online and are due by Tuesday, April 5th. Pickup will be at church on Saturday, May 7th (the day before Mother's Day). Please contact sedman39@gmail.com with questions.

To access the site and place an order for Christus Victor:

Go to www.gertensfundraising.com



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Easter! Savory Eats and Delicious Treats

Come and join us in the new Gathering Space after worship on Easter morning, April 17th, for savory eats and delicious treats. The CYF and Hospitality Committees will be helping prepare food for all to partake in, and fellowship together, including coffee, juice, milk, muffins, donuts, pastries, and some delectable breakfast bagel bundtwiches. A free will offering will go to support children and youth going to camp this summer.

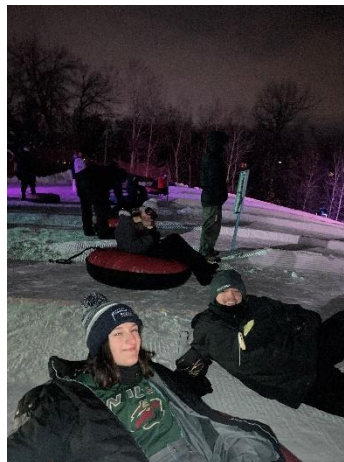
Palm Sunday Faith Formation

Following worship on Palm Sunday we will have large group Faith Formation For ALL ages in the Gathering Space. There will be palm branch art, games, communion bread baking, and more! Please note this is different from our regular Faith Formation schedule with our large group day being on the second Sunday of the month. Regular small group days will be on the first (April 3rd) and last (April 24th) Sundays this month.



**Youth
Lock-In!**

Our first Lock-In since Covid! Save the date for overnight April 22nd into the 23rd, from 7 PM - 7 AM. 8th - 12th graders are invited for night games, movies, late night devotionals, pizza, and much more. Friends are invited as well!





RACIAL JUSTICE

In addition to Easter celebrations in April, over 192 countries will be advocating for positive action for our planet in recognition of Earth Day. We are reminded of our responsibility to each other, as the actions of each one of us impact the health and wellbeing of all of us - including people around the globe. Many with minimal impact on global warming become vulnerable to its detrimental effects due to racial disparities in access to clean water, air, food, and other basic necessities. This month we hold up two individuals who made a positive impact in our world and the resources that tell their stories.

1. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*

This incredible true story, available by the same title as a movie, is also retold for a younger audience in a book.

After a family from a small village in Malawi lost all the season's crops, fourteen-year-old William Kamkwamba explores science books in the village library and builds a windmill of scrap metal and bicycle parts. With the windmill came electricity that helped his family pump water, and the water saved his community from starvation.

2. *The Water Lady: How Darlene Arviso Helps a Thirsty Navajo Nation*

This children's picture book is another inspiring true story of a Native American woman who loves and celebrates her people. She gives back to her community by bringing desperately needed water to families on the Navajo reservation every day.

Additionally, in April, we are excited to invite you to a free Racial Justice Movie Night at CVLC on April 25, 2022! This event will be in the sanctuary from 7:00-9:00 pm. We will be viewing the film *White Savior: Racism in the American Church*, with a discussion to follow. This one-hour documentary explores the historic relationship between racism and American Christianity, the ongoing segregation of the church in the United States, and the complexities of racial reconciliation. No prior preparation is required for this free event. We would love to see you!

Please feel free to reach out to any of us on the Racial Justice Committee with any and all questions or comments. We are here for you

Diana Buffie, Kristin Schulz, Nancy Erler, Alana Thureen, Alice McCammon, Dawn Youngner, Kevin Philpy, Sarah Youngner

As identified in our constitution,

"The Racial Justice Committee of Christus Victor commits to listening, informing, and empowering our community to serve Christ by working for justice across racial boundaries. We will educate ourselves and our community about how God's Word and Christ's teachings will lead us to better understand and interrupt systems of racism."

For further information, please see the Social and Racial Justice Statement as posted on our website:

[RACIAL JUSTICE | Christus Victor Lutheran Church.](#)



Save the date!

2022 Girls Of All Ages Tea

Returning this year, the ever-popular Girls of All Ages Tea. **Saturday May 7, 2022, 1:00pm** in the CLVC Gathering Space. Once again there will be entertainment, food and of course Tea! Donations will be accepted for the B. Robert Lewis House. More details coming soon, and tickets will be on sale.



SUNFLOWERS FOR TANZANIA!

We have an opportunity to partner with our brothers and sisters in Mlowa, Tanzania to help them purchase a Sunflower press. They have put together a business plan to purchase land to grow sunflowers and to purchase a press to produce sunflower oil. The sale of the oil will provide income to the parish and to the village of Mlowa. They are asking for our partnership to help raise funds for the purchase of the sunflower press. So, we are asking you to please join us in supporting this exciting opportunity.

Watch for the donation envelopes at Christus Victor or links and details on the Website and Facebook. Donations will be taken April 10th – May 1st.

Please join us Sunday, April 24 after service, during Fellowship time, to learn more about our partnership with the Mlowa parish and the sunflower plans. And enjoy some sunflower seeds – did you know you can get chocolate covered sunflower seeds?

BLOOD DRIVE

The Social Ministries Committee will host a blood drive on **Thursday, April 21st - 1:00pm to 7:00pm** Sign up is available online at www.redcrossblood.org

To find out about the donation process and eligibility requirements, go to www.redcrossblood.org then click on *Donate Blood* or contact Nancy Colin at nancy@colinfamily.com



American Red Cross

Donating blood is giving the gift of life.

