

Voice of Victory

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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)



Wherever You Go, Christ (and the Church) Go with You!

*"O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away...
Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?"*

Psalm 139: 1-2 and 7

Dear Friends in Christ,

Yay, it's finally summer!! Everyone, including me, is more than a little antsy to get outside this summer after being cooped up inside for a cold winter and a dreary spring. We just want to get away for a while; to a cabin, or camping, fishing, golfing, boating, hiking, biking, or just to sit outside and relax.

Just a few years ago (pre-pandemic) if a person wasn't physically at church for worship, they did not have an option for hearing God's Words and Promises, to join in the praise and the prayers. Now, thanks to an amazingly talented team of tech folks who run the sound, screen, and stream each Sunday, people can access our worship, Bible studies, book studies, and stay connected with the church 24/7/365 from anywhere that has phone or internet connection! It is literally true that **"Wherever you go, Christ (and the Church), go with you!"**

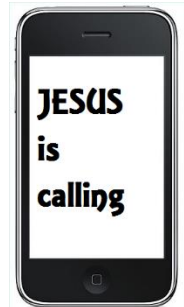
When you are camping or at the cabin, prepare some bread and wine on a picnic table for your campsite or cabin altar for Holy Communion, then tune in for worship on the CV Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/ChristusVictorChurch/>.

Maybe you only have time to watch/listen to the sermon. Check out our CV YouTube for sermons and children's messages - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5k2M7qvBumLho9gUAxXcRQ/videos>.

At a time when so many feel disconnected and divided, staying connected to God and to the community of faith is easier than ever. Be intentional this summer to stay connected through worship and all of our online ministry offerings, leave comments for your friends while you are at it! I look forward to "seeing" you online, and when you are in town, in person for worship this summer!

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.

YOUNG ADULT DINNER CHURCH

Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30pm!

Our meal will be a summer BBQ and Potluck!

Bring \$5 and a dish to share.

Grill masters needed! Invite your friends!

Dinner Church is about fellowship, a meal, with worship, music, prayer, and conversation woven together about the intersections of our lives and our faith, our struggles, questions, and joys.



Please RSVP by Sunday, June 19, so we have enough grill-ables – pastor.kent@christusvictor.org.

Purpose. People want to belong to a church that is



making a difference in their community and in the world. As a church body responds to the needs that are most visible and concerning,

individuals want to assist and participate. It feels good to have a sense of purpose, knowing that you are using your skills or resources to help others in a way that matters to you. *Purpose is found in responding to God's love and grace.*

What is your purpose that gives meaning to your life?

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.

Your purpose might be volunteering inside the walls of CV or in any number of our outreach programs:

- Youth & family, missions, music, leadership or any of our many committees
- Participation on Worship Teams
- Multiple Social Ministry projects at Greenleaf School, 360 Communities & others





Tanzania Sunflower Project Update



A huge ASANTE SANA (“many thanks”) from your sisters and brothers of the Mlowa Parish! We surpassed our goal, and the funds are being transferred so

that the project can begin. Sunflowers have been planted and will be ready for harvesting soon. This is part of the plot given to the Parish for use by the local government.

Below is a picture of the location close to the church and parsonage, where the building for the sunflower press will be placed and secured.



Thank you for your generosity that will have a huge impact on the ministries and outreach of the Mlowa Parish and on the economy of the entire community!

Please continue to keep our friends of the Mlowa Parish, Pastor Mhosole, and the lay leadership in your prayers as they move forward with this project.



MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR

*Christus Victor Congregation Members
Birth, Death, Marriage, New Member, Faith Formation milestones*

2022 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Recognition Sunday, June 5th

Matthew Harder, Josephine Holman, Kayla McMayer, Zoe Olson, Paul Radke, Hannah Rylander, Jack Tranby, Wyatt Tranby

BAPTISMS:

May 14 - Elizabeth Zoubi Thiono

Parents: Kelly and Serge Thomas Zoubi Thiono

Sponsors: Bob and Trudy Matthys

May 22 – Thomas Michael Potter

Parents: Jenna and Mike Potter

Sponsors: Ryan and Kayla Hoel

DEATH:

May 21 – Madeline “Smokey” Nielsen



The Social Ministries Diaper Drive continues through **Sunday, June 5th**.

The drive benefits our local community partners: Rosemount Community Resource Center, Burnsville Community Resource Center, Lewis House, and Dakota Woodlands.

MARCH FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

The Social Ministries Committee would like to thank everyone who so generously donated to the 2022 March Food Drive. You donated \$6,994 and over 65 pounds of food this year, making it our most successful drive yet. Rosemount Resource Center is so very grateful for our continued support to help feed those in need in our community. Great job, Christus Victor!





RACIAL JUSTICE

Juneteenth is a holiday with a long and deep history that became recognized as a federal holiday in June 2021. This important holiday observes and celebrates Black culture and commemorates the emancipation of enslaved Americans in 1863. Although Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, to free enslaved people in Confederate states, freedom did not come quickly for many. Enslavers found a safe haven in Texas for chattel slavery, and it was 2 ½ years later after the end of the Civil War on June 19, 1865, when 250,000 enslaved people in Texas learned of their freedom.

As a result, the 13th amendment was ratified in December 1865 and states- “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.” While our founding fathers held up the importance of liberty and equality as stated in the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, slavery was accepted and left for future generations to deal with its elimination. Through hundreds of years, racial injustice has been further embedded in our country via laws, policies, and practices that have created barriers to “justice for all” and resulted in negative impact and outcomes for many.

We invite you to join in the many celebratory events in the Twin Cities, including the following events (all free admission):

- Apple Valley Community Center on Friday, June 17, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. More information on the Friday event [HERE](#)
- North River Hills Park (Burnsville) on Saturday, June 18, from 1-3:00 p.m. More information on the Saturday event [HERE](#)

If you were unable to attend the “White Savior” movie night and discussion at CVLC on April 25 but would like to view the documentary, the DVD is available to borrow from the church office. Please connect with Josh. It can also be found on Amazon.

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.](#)



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Senior Recognition Sunday

A huge shoutout to all our graduating high school seniors! We will be recognizing them in church on Sunday, June 5th, and having a celebratory reception in the gathering space following worship. Congratulations to: Matthew Harder, Josephine Holman, Kayla McMayer, Zoe Olson, Paul Radke, Hannah Rylander, Jack Tranby, and Wyatt Tranby!



Summer Stretch!

Returning on Thursday afternoons this summer for jr. high youth (and high school helpers), Summer Stretch is a day of service projects and fellowship activities. We do nature clean ups, food preparations, mini golf, Valley Fair, and more! The dates are June 16, 23, July 7, 14, 28, and August 4. Sign up info here!

<https://forms.gle/DzzyvaDPow3KqWUu7>

Vacation Bible School will also be the week of August 7-11! Camp Counselors from Good Earth Village will be joining us this summer to help lead VBS. PreK through 6th grade children and friends are all welcome to sign up. Registration information will be coming out very soon!



Camp Wapo

Children and Youth will be attending Camp Wapogasset this summer! Seed weekend is June 24-26, and Wapo Weeklong is June 26 - July 1.

Camp Christikon

Meeting and Forms Due

A reminder, all forms for Christikon are due back NO LATER than Thursday, June 16th! We will have an informational meeting and T-shirt making on Wednesday, June 15th, 7 PM at church.

