

# Voice of Victory

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# Christus Victor Lutheran Church

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## GO QUICKLY AND TELL!

<sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

(Matthew 28: 5-7)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Holy week is almost here. The Great Story of God's Salvation through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It is such a familiar story for many of us, that unless we enter into the whole story, from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we miss much of the power and immediacy of the Easter surprise, when we say, "**Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!**"

But to whom are we proclaiming this Good News? Just each other, our friends and family and fellow Christians sitting in church together?

The angel tells the women at the empty tomb, "**Go quickly and tell his disciples, he has been raised from the dead!**" We are to go and tell others. Tell those who like Jesus but don't like church. Tell those who are drawn to Jesus but are unsure of who he is for them. Tell those who think God could never forgive them or love them. Tell those stuck in doubts, who are broken, hurting, in need of hope. "**Christ is Risen!**"

My invitation to you is to come for the whole journey. Hear the whole story again, from the lifting of palms and "Hosannas," to bread and wine broken for us, to the cries, "Crucify him!" Then celebrate the glorious news of Christ's Resurrection on Easter morning! "**Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!**"

In the Risen Christ,

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

**Palm Sunday at 9:30am**

**Maundy Thursday and First Communion at 7pm**

**Good Friday Tenebrae Worship at 1pm and 7pm**

**Easter Celebration Worship at 9:30am**

**Easter Breakfast with Egg Bake and Pastries at 10:30am**



## SUNDAY

Worship In-Person or  
Live Stream on Facebook

9:30 am

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

Faith Formation for All  
10:30 am

Fellowship Time 10:30 am in the  
Gathering Space

## WEDNESDAY

**CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

6:00 pm GLOW & Confirmation

7:20 pm ReCharge Worship

7:50 pm Youth Group





## INTRODUCING OUR NEW CO-DIRECTORS OF MUSIC MINISTRY

**Nikki and Albert Jordan** bring an incredible depth of experience to the music ministry of Christus Victor. **Nikki** is the Director of Vocal Music at Kennedy High School in Bloomington, including the award-winning Rhythm in Gold show choir. She was also the Director of Youth music at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis for nine years. **Albert** brings his



experience as both a performer and member of the artistic council of the acclaimed men's acapella group, Cantus, as well as performing and serving on the artistic council for Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior, conducting for choir rehearsals and worship services. They will work as a team bringing their experience, passion, and creativity to the music ministries of the church. Nikki and Albert shared with the Search Task Force, *"[we] believe in the power of music to enhance and transform the lives and experiences of the members of a faith community. We believe that the message and preparation of the music are critical to its reception by the congregation."* We look forward to getting to know and supporting Nikki and Albert Jordan as our new Co-Directors of Music Ministry!

Many thanks to the Search Task Force members for their good work: Jody McDermott-Baty, Steve Gliniski, Pam Luginbill, Trudy Matthys, and Kevin Philpy.



## **MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR**



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

### **BIRTHS:**

**March 3:** Manon Winchell Nyquist. Parents: Aaron & Kate Nyquist

**March 6:** Ella Louise De Grand. Parents: Brice & Danielle De Grand

**March 6:** Nathan Blaise Nkem. Parents: Clarisse Nkengfac and Protus Nkem

## **TANZANIA SUNFLOWER PRESS FOR MLOWA!**



Pastor Mhosole, from Mlowa, and Pastor Msigwa, from the Iringa Diocese, will be going to the capital, Dar Es Salaam, to purchase the sunflower press and

arrange for transportation and installation. They will be sending pictures as things progress. Pastor Mhosole and the members of the Mlowa Parish send you their thanks and prayers for your generous support: **"Asante sana wasalimie sana wakristo wa christus victor mungu awabariki sana tunawakia baraka nyingi mno** *(Many thanks and greetings to the Christians of Christus Victor, God bless you and may God continue to bless you).*"





## FAITH FORMATION AND EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

**MONDAY MORNING FAITH REFLECTIONS** Start the week out with Pastor Kent on **Facebook at 9am** for a **Monday Morning Faith Reflections** with thoughts, reflections, and faith practices that may help you in growing closer to God.

### **THURSDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**



**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** Weekly Bible study on Thursdays at 1pm in the Gathering Space. Join us for a rousing and interesting discussion of the Bible texts and the intersections with our own faith and life journey.

## CELEBRATION AND THANKS FOR ANNE NYQUIST – SUNDAY, APRIL 30!

On Sunday, April 30, we are going to celebrate the incredible music ministry of Anne Nyquist. Anne will be back to direct a mass choir of current and former choir and Spirit Bound members during worship. Following worship will be a special reception in the Gathering Space.

Join us for this special celebration and thank you for Anne!

## From the WELCOMING TEAM:



Easter is the only day of the year many people in our community will consider attending church. We have a unique opportunity to greet and engage with visitors. We want them to know they are **WELCOME** and invited to join us in living and growing as disciples the rest of the year. Please share the opportunities for worship and other activities.

**“WELCOME, we’re glad you’re here! We’d love to have you join us again.”**



**American Red Cross** | Blood Services

Coming Thursday, April 20, 1-7pm, the American Red Cross will be at Christus Victor for the annual CV Blood drive. To sign up go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)



## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

## HAPPENINGS AROUND CV!

### GREETINGS FROM THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY COMMITTEE!

#### Gertens Flowers and Easter Breakfast Fundraisers!

Our children, youth, and whole CV family are all busy this time of year raising funds and getting ready for the summer. Our last two fundraisers of the year will be helping children and youth go to Camp Wapogasset and Wilderness Canoe Base this summer.

The Gertens spring bedding plant fundraiser has so many options and a variety of flowers and plants to choose from. It closes on Thursday, April 6, at 10 PM, so make sure to get them in ASAP! All orders and payment are done online through [this link](#). Enter Store Code 521 to make sure you are on the Christus Victor page.

And, on Easter Sunday (April 9, following worship), Christus Victor will be having an Easter Breakfast in the Gathering Space, hosted by the Hospitality and CYF Committees. There will be a freewill donation with all proceeds helping children and youth go to camp this summer. Children and Youth will be asked to help set up on Easter Saturday morning and serve and clean up on Sunday. [SIGNUP HERE](#) All congregation members are asked to donate pastries for the breakfast. All of your community support and financial contributions help out our programs so much - we couldn't do it without you! THANK YOU!!

Anne's last day conducting the choir:



Faith Formation for All:



Youth games:



### GERTENS SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER

Please help support our youth going to camp this summer. All orders and payment are done online via the QR code you can find on posters at church or at <https://www.gertensfundraising.com/> Store ID to enter for Christus Victor is 521. Orders can be placed now through April 6. Delivery will be May 3.





## RACIAL JUSTICE

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this Easter, may we dedicate anew to follow Him with a commitment to love our neighbor and work for racial justice.

**Please join us on April 17 as we begin a 3-week book/video study** titled, *How to Fight Racism, Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice* by Jemar Tisby.

In the study we will:

- 1) increase our awareness and understanding of what the Bible says about race and racism,
- 2) learn how all racial justice is relational and requires healthy friendships and collaboration to be on this journey together and
- 3) discover powerful actions and commitments to dismantle racist policies and promote policies that provide equity and justice.

For additional information about the event and to register on SignUp Genius, Sign Up [HERE](#).

Earth Day in April is also a great time to give thanks for our Earth and the abundant gifts God provides for all things living. We remember our responsibilities to each other as the actions of each of us impact all of us. May our commitments include positive actions that help to reduce the negative impact on vulnerable populations and our planet.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Racial Justice Committee. Diana Buffie, Kevin Philpy, Alana Thureen, Alice McCammon, Kristin Schulz, 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](#)

## From the GREEN TEAM:



Spring shredding events are now listed in the Recycling Guide! See them all:

<https://bit.ly/3EamMOK>

Reminder: don't put shredded paper in your home recycling.

Bring confidential documents to these free events to be shredded or drop off already-shredded paper at The Recycling Zone.

Apple Valley Shred Event  
 April 15, 9 a.m.– noon  
 Apple Valley Aquatic Center  
 14421 Johnny Cake Ridge Road, Apple Valley  
 Bring your confidential documents to be shredded in an on-site mobile unit. Limit of four paper bags or small boxes per vehicle



Glass can be recycled over and over without losing quality. It takes 80 percent less energy to make a glass bottle out of recycled glass rather than new material. Minnesota jobs depend on our glass bottles and jars. How? — Recycling sorting facilities = workers help sort out glass bottles and jars from our other recycling — @strategicmaterials in St. Paul = employees and machines clean and sort glass by color. — Anchor Glass in Shakopee = Clear glass is melted and molded into the new bottles and jars.

This year’s Earth Day theme is “Invest In Our Planet.”

Challenge yourself to make one change in your daily life to help the earth — use reusable bags, recycle right, ride your bike or walk more. What else can you come up with? Looking for something to do on Earth Day?

Check out these websites:

<https://www.almanac.com/content/earth-day-date-activities-history>

<https://www.familyfuntwincities.com/twin-cities-earth-day-family-events/>

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/Support/EarthWeek>

