



# THE CURRENT

CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Experiencing Christ Together Through Love and Service*  
The People of Christus Victor, ministers  
Rev. Michael Price, Pastor

*“Whoever believes in Me, streams of living water will flow from his heart.”* John 7:38

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## ✝ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✝

### Sunday, March 1

*Second Sunday in Lent*

Breakfast, 8:45am

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

### Sunday, March 8

*Third Sunday in Lent*

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

### Sunday, March 15

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

### Sunday, March 22

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

### Sunday, March 29

*Passion/Palm Sunday*

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

*Please see our Lenten Mid-Week service schedule  
in next column.*



Supper at 5:45pm

Service at 6:30pm

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

## Upcoming Events

- + Choir Practice every Wednesday
- + Breakfast, 3/1
- + Coffee & Games, 3/1
- + CBS, 3/3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
- + Girl Scouts, 3/8 and 22
- + Worship and Music, 3/9
- + Church Council, 3/10
- + Lunch Bunch, 3/10
- + Clergy Spiritual Group, 3/12
- + LMM, 3/21 and 24
- + WELCA, 3/16, 17 and 23
- + April Newsletter deadline, 3/20



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, **March 8**. As we “spring forward,” let’s also renew our hearts in faith and gratitude for God’s steadfast light that never fades.



Hi there church,

For the last couple of weeks, I've been tempted to make my (probably old and stale now) joke that "Following the announcements, we will have a worship service." The last two Sunday mornings, we have highlighted groups' ministries and opportunities for ministry here at CVLC, we've told stories about the kind of ministry that happens here, and I have loved all of it.

My hope is that we keep up the spirit of sharing those stories and ministries. Not just at the designated time of announcements, but anytime we are together.

Highlighting dates and times of things coming up is good. And when we also share a word of thanks to God for what we've been able to do and the love we share with each other, all of that becomes like a spiritual "deposit." When we ask for "withdrawals," commitments and time and energy and treasure, it's also good that we spend time with "deposits," sharing things that feed us spiritually and don't require anything of us. Essentially, the stories and thanksgivings and news of what has been done.

The Gospel, also known as "The Good News," is the ultimate spiritual deposit. This is news of what Jesus has done and what that means. As Christ's church, we are called to reflect that practice in all that we do. Make "deposits" for people's spirits by sharing where we've been, when we've loved one another, when God has showed up, and all the rest.

Keep up the good work, church. Keep an eye out for God.

Peace,  
*Pastor Michael*

## **I Believe...**

I believe in the God of fruit time and harvest who makes the land to bear gifts in its time and fills our tables with the bounty of his hand;

I believe in Jesus Christ his Son, who was the first fruit of those that slept, and brings us to spiritual tables where our cups are always full;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who causes us to remember all for which we are grateful and teaches us to see a relationship between our gifts and the giver;

I believe in the world as the arena of my spiritual life, where I am to share hospitality with the stranger;

for in so doing I shall fulfill the desires of him who has given me everything, and of his Son and the Holy Spirit.

—John Killinger in *Lost in Wonder, Love & Praise*



Greetings!

As we journey through the season of Lent, we will be using ELW Setting Five for our Liturgy. This setting is based on chant, one of the oldest forms of notated music in existence. I would also like to invite you to our mid-week Lenten services on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. We will be using the same service as we have for the past two years, which is adapted from ACS Setting 12. Choir practice will take place immediately following these services. Anyone is invited to attend, no experience is necessary. We will be working on our Sunday anthems as well as the Tenebrae service for Good Friday. If you find that service moving, as I know many do, it is an entirely new experience singing it. I would go so far as to say it's a *deeper* experience. Talk to anyone in the choir and I'm sure they would echo that sentiment. It's familiar music, and I think would be the perfect entry point to singing with the choir for someone who might be apprehensive about trying something new.

Blessings,  
*Robert*



All women of Christus Victor (and guests) are invited to join us for a **half-day retreat** at the church on **Saturday, May 9 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided.** Our program will be a video study entitled "**Half Truths**" by **Adam Hamilton**. Becky Cannon will lead our group discussions. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex, or you can let Becky or me know that you will be attending.

Our women's group is once again collecting items for **Hannah House**, a Christ Central ministry, for several Sundays – **March 1 and March 8**. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for a wish list. There is a collection box in the narthex. A few of the recently added items to the list are: Size medium or large 100-pack disposable cleaning gloves (no powder); Drano or Liquid Plumber; black heavy duty construction removal trash bags; quart and gallon size Ziploc freezer bags.

Also, please join us on **Monday, March 23 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall for study and fellowship. Everyone is invited to bring their own lunch and beverage. For more information, please see Edna Anderson.

Our women's **Zoom book group** has begun a new book – **No Cure for Being Human (And Other Truths I Need to Hear)** by **Kate Bowler**. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm **Our next meeting will be on March 17** and we will discuss Chapters 5 and 6. Copies of the book are available on Amazon in Kindle, audiobook, hardcover and paperback formats and there are some used copies available. If you plan to attend, please contact Patti at [patti.addison@gmail.com](mailto:patti.addison@gmail.com) or (803) 331-6066 and she will send a Zoom link several days in advance of the meeting.

Our **women's book club** typically meets in person in the church fellowship hall on the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Everyone brings an appetizer, dessert, or (non-alcoholic) beverage to share, and we have an assigned book and facilitator each month. **Our next meeting will be Monday, March 16.** The book selection for March is **Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books** by **Kristen Miller**. Edna Anderson has a book club set from the library and will gladly share a copy with you. If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, please contact Patti or Edna or Sheryl Myers.

Unfortunately, our annual women's beach retreat was cancelled due to concerns about the winter storm. Our deposit was transferred to next year and we have scheduled the retreat for January 15-17, 2027.



**LUNCH BUNCH:** The Lunch Bunch will meet at The British Bulldog Pub, 1220 Bower Pkwy, E10 at **11:30am** on **March 10**. Please join us for fellowship, fun and good food.



**COFFEE & GAMES!** - Come join us for Dungeons and Dragons led by Wil Meade on Sunday, **March 1** at **6pm** at the church. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.



During Lent, we will be having supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45pm on Wednesday evenings before the worship service at 6:30pm. If you would like to prepare or help with one of the suppers, please sign up on the sign-in sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Suppers are needed on **March 4, 11, 18** and **25**. Some ideas are pizza, subs, salads, chicken tenders, chili, soups, tacos, sloppy joes....something easy.



**SHARING GOD'S LOVE - Easter Baskets**

Last year, we provided 80 filled Easter baskets to Sharing God's Love. We will once again be collecting baskets, candies, small stuffed animals, books and/or anything else to make a child happy! Please drop off your donations **no later than March 22**.

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES ENDING JANUARY 31:**

January 2026

General Fund Receipts: \$16,823  
 General Fund Disbursements: \$23,622  
 Monthly deficit: (\$6,799)



**Sanctuary Easter Lilies**

Help fill our sanctuary with the beauty of Easter lilies! Dedicate a lily in memory, honor, or thanksgiving for a loved one. Dedications will appear in the Easter bulletin and lilies may be taken home after service. Forms and donations (\$15 per lily) are due by March 22.



### **CURRENT**

Cathy Arrowood, *co-work of Randy Cannon, who is undergoing treatment for Melanoma*  
Bonnie, *friend of Judy Rowe, who suffered a stroke*  
Dave Campbell, *high school friend of Don Fairbanks, who is undergoing cancer treatment*  
Lindsey Hoyle, *daughter of Don Fairbanks, who is getting her life in order*  
Sean Meade, *for guidance on finding a new job*  
Wil Meade, *who broke his arm in two places*  
Tracy Moore, *daughter of Donna Brown, who is recovering from breast cancer and a recent fall*  
Joanna Murphy, *sister-in-law of Don Fairbanks, who is undergoing cancer treatment*  
Shirley Nix, *sister of Randy Cannon, who is having some medical issues*  
Fred Stalbaum, *Beth's son and Nathan's brother, who is recovering from surgery*

### **HOMEBOUND**

Marie Marszalek, Eddy Mae Murphy, Lana Rosenbeck, Joe and Bee Stoudenmire

### **CONTINUING**

Crystal Blackwell, Nancy Hulon, Mary E. Swanson, Laura Vinson and family

### **A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE**

For veterans and those serving in the military  
For law enforcement and first responders



1 Rachel Kaiser	23 Patti Jo Grove
11 Steve Davis	23 Elena Price
11 Abbie Gates	27 Jessie Counts Willard
13 Marianna Wilbur	28 Jonathan Cannon
15 Jill Chapman	29 Madison Thomas
17 Ginger Stoudenmire	30 Nathan Stalbaum
19 Bella Humphreys	31 Lisa-Karen Meetze
20 Don Fairbanks	

# ***SERVING MARCH 2026***

## **March 1 - 2 Lent**

Council Member - Marie Bracanovich  
Altar Guild - Sandy Reilly  
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Tom Counts  
Usher - Tom McCoy  
Tellers - Nathan Stalbaum and Robyn Westphal  
A/V - Rick Bracanovich

## **March 4 - Lenten Mid-Week Service**

A/V - Rick Bracanovich

## **March 8 - 3 Lent**

Council Member - Becky Cannon  
Altar Guild - Christine Meade  
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Randy Cannon  
Usher - Emily House  
Tellers - Marie Hutchison and Suzanne Keller  
A/V - Scott Johnson

## **March 11 - Lenten Mid-Week Service**

A/V - Scott Johnson

## **March 15 - 4 Lent**

Council Member - Peyton Cannon  
Altar Guild - Mary Ellis  
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Lora Price  
Usher - Scott Johnson  
Tellers - Mark Lybrand and Peyton Cannon  
A/V - Tom Counts

## **March 18 - Lenten Mid-Week Service**

A/V - Scott Johnson

## **March 22 - 5 Lent**

Council Member - Tony Kochert  
Altar Guild - Emily House and Lily Downs  
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Sean Meade  
Usher - Rich Burke  
Tellers - Suzanne Keller and Nathan Stalbaum  
A/V - Lane Kochert

## **March 25 - Lenten Mid-Week Service**

A/V - Rick Bracanovich

## **March 29 - Passion/Palm Sunday**

Council Member - Katrina Davis  
Altar Guild - Suzanne and Reagan Keller  
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Mary Ellis  
Usher - Nathan Stalbaum  
Tellers - Mark Lybrand and Peyton Cannon  
A/V - Tom Counts

◀ February	March 2026						April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b> <b>2 Lent</b> 8:45am Breakfast 9:30am In person/ online service 10:45am Faith For- mation	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music);	<b>4</b> Dinner, 5:45pm Service, 6:30pm Choir Practice, 7pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> <b>3 Lent</b> 9:30am In person/ online service 10:45am Faith For- mation  Girl Scouts 2-3:30pm  	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> CBS, 8:15am-2pm (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); Lunch Bunch, 11:30am; Church Council, 6:30pm	<b>11</b> Dinner, 5:45pm Service, 6:30pm Choir Practice, 7pm	<b>12</b> Clergy Spiritual Group, 9:30am-12:30pm (Library)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> <b>4 Lent</b> 9:30am In person/ online service 10:45am Faith For- mation	<b>16</b> WELCA Book Club, 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)	<b>17</b> CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); WELCA Zoom, 6:30pm	<b>18</b> Dinner, 5:45pm Service, 6:30pm Choir Practice, 7pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>   	<b>21</b> LMM, 8am	
<b>22</b> <b>5 Lent</b> 9:30am In person/ online service 10:45am Faith For- mation  Girl Scouts 2-3:30pm	<b>23</b> WELCA, noon	<b>24</b> CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); LMM, 6:30pm	<b>25</b> Dinner, 5:45pm Service, 6:30pm Choir Practice, 7pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b> <b>Passion/Palm Sun-            day</b> 9:30am In person/ online service 10:45am Faith For- mation  	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music);					



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**Christus Victor Lutheran Church** is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and nurture at Christus Victor. Our ministry programs provide opportunities for worship, learning, service and fellowship so that all might be strengthened in faith and might grow in Christian discipleship. If you are looking for a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ in a lively congregational setting, we invite you to make Christus Victor your church home. Lutherans are Christians who comprise the largest Protestant denomination in the world. As Lutheran Christians, we believe and teach:

- + *Jesus Christ is Lord of all life.*
- + *We are all sinners in need of God's love and grace.*
- + *We are saved by the grace of God through faith in Christ alone, apart from our works.*
- + *The Bible is the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of the church's proclamation, faith and life.*
- + *The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord, and is the primary expression of God's love on earth. It is a people created by God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative and redeeming work in the world.*
- + *We celebrate two sacraments, Baptism and Holy Communion, as the God-given means for penetrating our lives with love and grace.*

**Worship** - Worship service weekly at 9:30am with Holy Communion received each Sunday; Children's sermons and children's church each Sunday; Mid-week services during Lent and Advent

**Learning** - Sunday School for all ages; Vacation Bible School; Confirmation instruction; Adult Bible Study

**Fellowship** - Congregational fellowship events; Groups for men, women and youth; Neighborhood shepherding groups for care and nurture; Small groups for personal growth in faith and fellowship