



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

April 2026

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✝ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✝

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 7:00pm

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 7:00pm

Sunday, April 5

Easter Day

Sunrise Service, 7:00am

Breakfast, 7:45am

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Sunday, April 12

Second Sunday of Easter

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, April 19

Third Sunday of Easter

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, April 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am



Maundy Thursday

Stripping of the Altar

Thursday, April 2

7:00pm

In-Person/Virtual

Good Friday

Friday, April 3

7:00pm

Tenebrae, Service of Darkness

In-Person/Virtual

Easter Day

Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Service at Lake Woodcross, 7:00am

Breakfast, 7:45am

In-Person/Virtual Worship 9:30am

Upcoming Events

- + Choir Practice every Wednesday
- + Breakfast, 4/5
- + CBS, 4/14 and 21
- + Church Council, 4/14
- + Lunch Bunch, 4/14
- + Clergy Spiritual Group, 4/16
- + LMM, 4/18 and 21
- + Girl Scouts, 4/19
- + Coffee & Games, 4/19
- + WELCA, 4/20, 21 and 27
- + May Newsletter Articles Due, 4/20



Hi there church,

The season of Jesus' resurrection is upon us! Jesus journeys deliberately toward death, dies, and is raised to new life, paving the way for life eternal as a gift to the world God so loves. This is the story that is the heart and soul of the Christian proclamation. Jesus destroys the power of death so we might walk in newness of life.

I've always so loved night / compline prayer services (or offices as they're sometimes called in other expressions of Christianity), a liturgy for going to bed, giving God the day, and sleeping in the trust that God awakens you in the morning. The service is a worshipful expression of how going to bed is a practice of dying while trusting God.

Until recently, I never considered how if going to sleep is a practice of dying in faith, then waking up is a practice of resurrection in faith. I don't know about you, but going to sleep is a MUCH easier practice than waking up most of the time. I think that that is kind of the point.

Death really is not much, and waking up to life is labor-intensive. The creek of bones, the fight with the gravity of sleep, your covers, and gravity itself. You feel your blood moving again, and you shake the listlessness and drowsiness of sleep in order to greet life again. Sleep is a drifting off, but waking up is stretching, groaning, and all those noises you and your body make because you're moving again.

Dear church, waking up is a miracle God gives to us each day, and Jesus' resurrection is the miracle of miracles that extends to each of us. May we who trust in him be well-practiced in waking up.

Peace,
Pastor Michael



Hello CVLC Members,

You may have noticed some changes in the narthex. Some of our members decided some changes would help freshen up things. It was also discussed in Council that posting our goals in the narthex would help them be more visible so that we could all be more aware of what our goals are and work together to try to achieve them. So, keep an eye out for info regarding our congregation's goals.

A couple of other new directions that our members are becoming more involved in are MORE Justice & Fresh Expressions. MORE Justice stands for Midlands Organized Response for Equity and Justice, and this group works with government officials and organizations to bring positive changes to our fellow residents of the Midlands who live on the margins and could use some assistance in being treated more fairly. To learn more about MORE Justice, please talk with Lane Kochert or Pastor Michael.

Fresh Expressions is a movement in which churches reach outside their walls to try to bring Jesus to people who may not necessarily be inclined to attend an organized church. This is a great way for us to meet people where they are to try to bring the Good News to folks living in our very midst.

Yours in Christ,
CVLC Council



Greetings!

Our music ministry has been preparing to journey through Holy Week to Resurrection Sunday. We will begin Palm Sunday with a processional from the parking lot into the Sanctuary remembering Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem. There we will remember his sacrifice on the cross. The choir will sing Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus, translated "Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for humankind, whose pierce side overflowed with water and blood, be for us a foretaste in the test of death."

For those who are able to attend, our Maundy Thursday service will remember the Last Supper and Jesus's mandate to love one another. We will then strip the altar in preparation for the continuation of the service on Good Friday. We have a string quartet to accompany us through Hal Hopson's Tenebrae - A Service of Darkness.

Finally, we will burst forth in joy on Easter Sunday with the promise of the Resurrection! We will begin using one of our favorite Liturgies, ELW Setting Three.

Thank you to our dedicated choir members who give so generously of their time and talent, especially during this meaningful season. And a special thanks to Mot, whose quiet leadership is invaluable all year round. I am especially grateful to her during this meaningful season.

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 9th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. 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 is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex, or you can let Becky or Patti know that you will be attending.

Thank you to the entire congregation for participating in our collections for Hannah House, a Christ Central ministry. We delivered four very large plastic bags of usable items, including paper goods and many gently used bed linens and bath towels. The staff at Hannah House were very, very appreciative of our help.

Also, ladies, please join us on **Monday, April 27th 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** is reading **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 6:30 p.m. **Our next meeting will be on April 21st** and we will discuss Chapters 7 and 8. 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 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 6:30 pm. 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, April 20th.** If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, please contact Patti or Edna or Sheryl Myers.

Our annual women's beach retreat is scheduled for January 15-17, 2027.

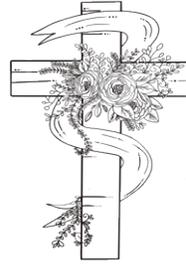
**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF
ACTIVITIES ENDING FEBRUARY 28:**

1/1/26 - 2/28/26

General Fund Receipts: \$33,979
General Fund Disbursements: \$49,691
Year to Date Deficit: (\$15,712)

February 2026

General Fund Receipts: \$17,157
General Fund Disbursements: \$24,387
Monthly Deficit: (\$7,231)



FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: On Easter morning, we will be flowering the cross, which will be on the portico at the main entrance doors, at 9:15am. Please bring your flower offering and decorate as you enter the Narthex.



LUNCH BUNCH: The Lunch Bunch will meet at M Kitchen, 340 Columbiana Drive at **11:30am** on **April 14**. Please join us for fellowship, fun and good food. All are welcome!



COFFEE & GAMES! Come join us for coffee & games on Sunday, **April 19** at 6pm at the church. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.



We have big plans for VBS. Come start the summer with a VBS splash. **June 1st and 2nd** all are welcome to All-Star Gymnastics from 10am-Noon. On June **7th** we will have a summer carnival with water bounce houses at the church. Then we will return to the gym for June **8th and 9th** from 10am-Noon. Come join the fun. We hope to have everyone at the carnival.



Outdoor Worship Service, May 3, 2026

Worship at Saluda Shoals - Paw Paw Shelter - 11:00am
Potluck Picnic follows Worship
Service and Potluck Picnic will be held in the shelter
Please bring a side dish or dessert
Main dish, drinks and paper products will be provided

There will be **no** worship services at the church and no online service available.



CURRENT

Cathy Arrowood, *co-worker of Randy Cannon, who is undergoing treatment for Melanoma*
Dave Campbell, *high school friend of Don Fairbanks, who is undergoing cancer treatment*
Josh Chambers, *former member, who is recovering from a motorcycle accident*
Lindsey Hoyle, *daughter of Don Fairbanks, who is getting her life in order*
Scott Malloy, *who is recovering from shoulder surgery*
Sean Meade, *for guidance on finding a new job*
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*
Darla Soletto, *Suzanne Keller's mom, who needs to rebuild her strength after an infection*
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 family and friends of Luther Kibler, *friend of Rich Burke, who passed away*
For family and friends of Helmet Yurk, *husband of Jodeen, and father of Peter and Jonathan, who passed away unexpectedly while on vacation. Helmet was a former pastor of Don and Doni Schroeder while they were in Omaha.*
For veterans and those serving in the military
For law enforcement and first responders



5 Solana Taylor
7 Craig Calvert
14 Leah Chapman
18 Marie Bracanovich

20 Bob Swanson
25 Emily Weidensee
27 Linda Kriston
30 Charles Weber, Sr.

SERVING APRIL 2026

April 2 - Maundy Thursday

Altar Guild - Lane Kochert
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Tom Counts
Usher -
A/V - Scott Johnson

April 3 - Good Friday

Lay Reader - Katrina Davis
Usher - Tom McCoy
Acolyte - Caleb Dominick
A/V - Tom Counts

April 5 - Easter Day

Council Member - Brenda Counts
Altar Guild - Lane Kochert
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Mary Ellis
Usher - Emily House
Tellers - Robyn Westphal and Peyton Cannon
A/V - Lane Kochert

April 12 - 2 Easter

Council Member - Don Fairbanks
Altar Guild - Sandy Reilly
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Suzanne Keller
Usher - Scott Johnson
Tellers - Suzanne Keller and Rich Burke
A/V - Rick Bracanovich

April 19 - 3 Easter

Council Member - Nathan Stalbaum
Altar Guild - Lane Kochert
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Brenda Counts
Usher - Rich Burke
Tellers - Rich Burke and Mark Lybrand
A/V - Tom Counts

April 26 - 4 Easter

Council Member - Peyton Cannon
Altar Guild - Mary Ellis
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Mike Metzler
Usher - Nathan Stalbaum
Tellers - Nathan Stalbaum and Peyton Cannon
A/V - Scott Johnson

◀ March	April 2026					May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir Practice, 7pm	2 Maundy Thursday 7 pm in person/online service  Maundy Thursday	3 Good Friday 7pm in person/online Tenebrae Service 	4
5 Easter Day 7:00am Sunrise Service 7:45am Breakfast 9:30am In person/online service 	6	7	8 Choir Practice, 7pm	9	10	11
12 2 Easter 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation	13	14 CBS, 8:15am-2pm (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); Lunch Bunch, 11:30am; Church Council, 6:30pm	15 Choir Practice, 7pm	16 Clergy Spiritual Group, 9:30am-12:30pm (Library)	17 Jesse Kaiser Ensemble, 5-10pm (Choir Room)	18 LMM, 8am; Jesse Kaiser Ensemble, 9am-9pm (Sanctuary)
19 3 Easter 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation Girl Scouts 2-3:30pm Coffee & Games, 6pm	20 WELCA Book Club, 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall) 	21 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); LMM, 6:30pm; WELCA Zoom, 6:30pm	22 Choir Practice, 7pm	23	24	25 Judy Rowe, 11am-4pm (Fellowship Hall)
26 4 Easter 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation	27 WELCA, noon	28	29 Choir Practice, 7pm	30		



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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