



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

August 2026

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✝ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✝

Sunday, August 2

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, August 9

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, August 16

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, August 23

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, August 30

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Upcoming Events

- + Choir Practice every Wednesday
- + Lunch Bunch, 8/11
- + Church Council, 8/11
- + Clergy Spiritual Group, 8/13
- + LMM, 8/15 and 18
- + Coffee & Games, 8/16
- + WELCA, 8/17, 18 and 24
- + September Newsletter Articles Due, 8/20
- + CBS, 8/24 and 25



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

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES ENDING JUNE 30:

1/1/26 – 6/30/26

General Fund Receipts: \$120,894
 General Fund Disbursements: \$134,471
 Year to Date Deficit: (\$13,577)

June 2026

General Fund Receipts: \$24,088
 General Fund Disbursements: \$20,298
 Monthly Surplus: \$3,790



FROM THE PASTOR

Hi there church,

For the month of August, I'll be leading our Faith Formation time, teaching you everything you've ever wanted to know about Lutheran theology, answering all your questions completely to where you'll never have any more questions ever again...

If you know me, I hope you know I'm very much kidding.

But I'm not kidding about diving into some Lutheran theology during the month of August, using our confessional material (Freedom of a Christian, Luther's Catechisms, Augsburg Confessions, etc.). Maybe we'll call it "Augsburg August."

We'll open our first class with your questions, and lay out the Sundays in August diving into the ins and outs of the creeds, underlying theology of Holy Communion, and exploring the tension that exists in the freedom Christ affords us, along with where you all direct us where we should go.

I look forward to using the month of August to teach and explore a little more of the kinds of things you might not have learned since confirmation.

Peace,
Pastor Michael

CARRIED AND CALLED TO FOLLOW



Jesus the Good Shepherd is one of Christianity's most endearing images. Scenes of Jesus holding a small lamb bring comfort during times of trouble, reminding us of God's tender care when we are weak or hurting. In those moments, we are grateful to be carried.

Yet this image also points to a deeper truth. The Shepherd's role is not only to carry the lamb, but to lead the flock. When we are restored and strengthened, we are called to rise, to walk and to follow where He leads.

God meets us in our need with compassion, but He also calls us forward with purpose. The same hands that lift us up also guide us on the path ahead.

There is a time to be carried, and there is a time to follow.



Greetings,

It seems like the summer has only just begun, but the school year is about to begin again. There is not much news from the Music Ministry at this time, but there are some things coming up in the near future. On Sunday, August 30 we will observe a relatively new festival Sunday, the Feast of Creation in Christ with music to fit the theme.

It has also been brought to my attention that there is a desire for some more Hymn study during Faith Formation. If you have a favorite Hymn that you would like to learn more about, please let me know.

As always, everyone is welcome to try singing with the choir! If you would like to learn more about how you can be involved in the music of our Worship, please come talk to me.

Blessings,
Robert



Please join us on **Monday, August 24th at noon for our in-person meeting**, including study and fellowship. Feel free to bring your own lunch and beverage.

Our **women's book club** 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, August 17th.** Our book selection for August is Dial A for Aunties by Jesse Q. Sutanto. Please see Edna for copies of the book. If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, please contact Patti Addison or Edna Anderson or Sheryl Myers.

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

40 years in the making!

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

What were you doing 40 years ago?

Christus Victor Lutheran Church Was Established

A new ELCA congregation was established in the growing Harbison/Irmo area with a mission of sharing Christ's love through worship, learning, service, and fellowship. Today, 40 years later, that mission continues.

Irmo Was Growing Rapidly

The arrival of Interstate 26 and continued suburban expansion around Columbia brought new families and businesses to the Dutch Fork area. Throughout the 1980s, Irmo was transforming from a small railroad town into one of the Midlands' fastest-growing communities.

Harbison Was Still Taking Shape

In 1986, much of the Harbison area that we know today was still undeveloped. The shopping district was just beginning to emerge, and the Columbiana Centre Mall—now a regional landmark—would not open until 1990.

New Neighborhoods Were Appearing

Residential communities continued to expand throughout Irmo, Friarsgate, and the Dutch Fork area as families sought excellent schools, access to Lake Murray, and proximity to Columbia. Development and zoning issues became important topics for local leaders as growth accelerated.

The Okra Strut Was Already a Tradition

One of Irmo's most beloved community events, the Okra Strut, was drawing visitors from across the region and helping establish the town's unique identity and community spirit.

Around the Nation in 1986

- The Statue of Liberty celebrated its 100th anniversary.
- Space Shuttle missions resumed following the Challenger tragedy earlier in the year.
- Hands Across America united millions in a nationwide effort to fight hunger and homelessness.
- "Top Gun" was the year's biggest movie sensation.

A Foundation for the Future

As the Harbison and Irmo communities were growing and changing, the members of Christus Victor were laying a spiritual foundation that would serve generations to come. Through four decades of worship, outreach, fellowship, and faithful service, God has continued to bless this congregation and its ministry.



CURRENT

Mike Abee, *friend of Jack Taylor, who has multiple health issues*
Cathy Arrowood, *co-worker of Randy Cannon, who is undergoing treatment for Melanoma*
Katie Carter, *granddaughter of Jesse and Abbie Gates, who was diagnosed with cancer*
Londa Delgado, *wife of Erika Dominick's friend/coworker, who suffered a stroke*
Diana Edis, *former member*
Jesse Gates, *who has a heart valve issue*
Herb Hickie, *friend of Bear Schroeder, who is having problems related to Parkinson's*
William J., *friend of Megan Schroeder, who was diagnosed with cancer*
Stan Kennedy, *cousin of Nathan Stalbaum, who has multiple health problems*
Noelle Klinger, *niece of Parker Dominick, who was diagnosed with Graves' disease, is pregnant and may not make term*
Linda Kriston, *who is recovering from surgery after a fall*
Fran Lee, *friend of Mot Caulder, who has respiratory issues*
Sarah McDonald, *Janet Robinson's daughter, who is recovering from surgery*
Elizabeth Meade, *a measure of grace as she works in China*
Laura Nix, *niece of Randy and Becky Cannon, who is recovering from successful surgery on a brain tumor*
Shirley Nix, *sister of Randy Cannon, who is recovering from surgery*
Neal Richardson, *cousin of Mary Ellis, who has stage 4 liver and colon cancer*
Justin Robinson and family, *son of Janet Robinson, as they travel through Europe this summer*
Marie Stapleton, *friend of Janet Robinson, who has medical issues related to arthritis*
Mary Sundvold, *cousin of Doni Schroeder, who has been diagnosed with cancer*

HOMEBOUND

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

CONTINUING

Crystal Blackwell, Edith Demass, Nancy Hulon, Marie Stapleton

A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE

For expectant parents, Peyton Cannon and Sean Brooks
For family and friends of J. D. Cockrell, *friend of Nathan Stalbaum, who passed away*
For friends and family of Bonnie Houpt, *mother of Garnet Noblet, who passed away*
For veterans and those serving in the military
For law enforcement and first responders



1 Brenda Counts
6 Michael Patenaude
8 Tom McCoy, Jr.

15 Nancy Lail-Hulon
18 Edna Anderson
23 Dermon Sox, Jr.

24 Erika Dominick
25 Denise VanPutten
25 Cindy Hacker

SERVING AUGUST 2026

August 2 - Pentecost 10

Council Member - Don Fairbanks
Altar Guild - Sandy Reilly
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Len Lesslie
Ushers - Emily House and Lily Downs
Tellers - Rich Burke and Peyton Cannon
A/V - Rick Bracanovich

August 9 - Pentecost 11

Council Member - Nathan Stalbaum
Altar Guild - Suzanne and Reagan Keller
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Tom Counts
Usher - Rick Bracanovich
Tellers - Nathan Stalbaum and Suzanne Keller
A/V - Tom Counts

August 16 - Pentecost 12

Council Member - Peyton Cannon
Altar Guild - Mary Ellis
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Suzanne Keller
Usher - Rich Burke
Tellers - Marie Hutchison and Rich Burke
A/V - Scott Johnson

August 23 - Pentecost 13

Council Member - Becky Cannon
Altar Guild - Emily House and Lily Downs
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Mary Ellis
Usher - Nathan Stalbaum
Tellers - Mark Lybrand and Marie Hutchison
A/V - Lane Kochert

August 30 - Pentecost 14

Council Member - Marie Bracanovich
Altar Guild - Suzanne and Reagan Keller
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Suzanne Keller
Usher - Tom McCoy
Tellers - Suzanne Keller and Robyn Westphal
A/V - Rick Bracanovich

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September ►

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Pentecost 10 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation	3	4	5 Choir Practice, 7pm	6	7	8
9 Pentecost 11 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation	10	11 Lunch Bunch, 11:30am; Church Council, 6:30pm	12 Choir Practice, 7pm	13 Clergy Spiritual Group, 9:30am-12:30pm (Library)	14	15 LMM, 8am
16 Pentecost 12 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation Coffee & Games, 6-8pm	17 WELCA Book Club, 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)	18 LMM, 6:30pm; WELCA Zoom, 6:30pm	19 Choir Practice, 7pm	20 	21	22
23 Pentecost 13 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation	24 WELCA, noon; CBS, 2:15-4pm (Fellowship Hall)	25 CBS Leaders Trng, 7:30am-2:30pm (Fellowship Hall)	26 Choir Practice, 7pm	27	28	29
30 Pentecost 14 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation	31					



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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