



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

October 2026

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✝ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✝

Sunday, October 4

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Breakfast, 8:45am

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, October 11

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

40th Anniversary Reception, 10:45am

Sunday, October 18

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

LMM Sunday

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Upcoming Events

- + Choir Practice every Wednesday
- + CBS, 10/6, 13, 20 and 27
- + Clergy Spiritual Group, 10/8
- + Lunch Bunch, 10/13
- + Church Council, 10/13
- + Jesse Kaiser Ensemble, 10/16 and 17
- + LMM, 10/17 and 20
- + Girl Scouts, 10/18
- + WELCA, 10/19, 20 and 26
- + Trunk or Treat, 10/24
- + November Newsletter Articles Due, 10/20

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES ENDING AUGUST 31:

1/1/26 – 8/31/26

General Fund Receipts: \$155,077
 General Fund Disbursements: \$183,992
 Year to Date Deficit: (\$28,915)

August 2026

General Fund Receipts: \$16,916
 General Fund Disbursements: \$19,684
 Monthly Deficit: (\$2,768)



Hi there church,

I'd like to share with you all the letter I wrote to the congregation of Cristo Rey, a Lutheran Latino congregation in Lexington. Members of CVLC joined me in worshipping with Cristo Rey, as they communed, prayed for members, and baptized a new sister into Christ. CVLC's presence was an expression of Christian solidarity in a time that is especially difficult for Latinos. Pastor Jorge Leon translated and read the letter aloud to the members of Cristo Rey. I think it can be an encouragement for all of us.

Here is the letter:

Dear sisters and brothers and family in Christ of Cristo Rey,

Grace and peace to all of you!

I write in Christian love and solidarity to every one of you who have experienced exclusion, threat, and fear. I write in Christian love and solidarity to every one of you who hope, and serve, and love anyway. I write in Christian love and solidarity to every one of you who grieve, and I write in Christian love and solidarity to every one of you who sing and dance anyway. I write to you who are angry, and who practice joy anyway. I write to you who are scared, and who are brave anyway. I write to you who know injustice, and who strive for God's steadfast love anyway.

I am humbled by you, and I am humbled by your witness to God's love that endures all things.

I bring greetings from your family in Christ at Christus Victor in Columbia. Our congregation's name means "Christ is the Victor" and your congregation's name means "Chris is the King." We are related through our baptisms into God's family through Jesus, and we are related also through the bold claims we make about Jesus in our very congregation's titles.

Christ is the King, Cristo Rey proclaims. There is no other king. And Christ is the king unlike any king that has ever existed. Christ is the victor, Christus Victor proclaims. No one else has done it. And Christ is the victor, unlike any victory ever won. In fact, Jesus Christ has redefined the words, king and victory. Christ is a king who serves, and Christ is a victor who experiences defeat. The cross of Jesus Christ stands as witness that God creates victory out of defeat, and God creates a king out of one thrown out. May we proclaim together that God redefines our struggles, our fears, and our grief into life, hope, and resurrection.

I look forward to our renewed friendship and kinship, Cristo Rey. We are yours and you are ours in Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Michael Price

and Christus Victor Lutheran Church in Columbia, SC



Greetings,

October is a big month for Christus Victor! On October 11th, we will observe the 40th anniversary of our Church! To mark the occasion, we'll be singing appropriate hymns and the handbells will be ringing as well!

On October 18th, in addition to it being Lutheran Men's Sunday, we'll have the third and final installment of our Hymn Study Faith Formation. Of the hymns that were requested, the section of the ELW that was most well-represented was Trust and Guidance, so we'll take a look at hymns from that section, including Amazing Grace, Be Thou My Vision, When Peace Like a River, How Can I Keep From Singing? And Children of the Heavenly Father.

Finally on October 25th, we'll celebrate Reformation Sunday with A Mighty Fortress and other appropriate selections. As always, if you would like to be involved in the Music Ministry, please feel free to reach out and I will be happy to find a place for you!

Blessings,

Robert



Please join us on **Monday, October 26th 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 6:30pm. 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, October 19th. The book selection for this month is The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick.** Sheryl Myers has copies of the book available if you would like one. If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, please contact Patti Addison or Edna Anderson or Sheryl.

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



As we enter October, we can see and feel the change from summer to fall. The cooler mornings, changing leaves, and beautiful colors are reminders of the wonderful world God has created for us to enjoy.

Our lives have seasons too. Some are filled with joy and celebration, while others bring change, challenges, or uncertainty. Even our church goes through different seasons. While preparing for our 40th church anniversary, we have reflected on the different seasons CVLC has gone through. From worshipping at Harbison West Elementary to ground breaking of the church addition.

But through every season, one thing never changes—God's love for us. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." What a comforting promise! While the seasons change and life around us changes, Jesus remains constant. He is with us in every season, walking beside us, giving us strength, and reminding us that we are never alone.

As we enjoy the beauty of fall, may we pause and give thanks for God's creation and for His unchanging love. Whatever season we may be experiencing, we can trust that our Lord is with us today and will be with us tomorrow.

May God bless you and your families this October.

In Christ's service,
Brenda Counts



FAITH & BLUE Community Event hosted by the Columbia Police Department will be held **Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at **Grace Christian Church**, 5010 Monticello Road Columbia. There will be a chili cook-off, kids' zone, community vendors, food and fun.



LUNCH BUNCH: The Lunch Bunch will meet at Lucky's, 7811 Broad River Rd., at **11:30am** on **October 13**. Please join us for fellowship, fun and good food. All are welcome!



LMM NEWS

Please make plans to attend service on **October 18** when we will celebrate Lutheran Men in Mission Sunday where our men will lead the service including the sermon. Come join us as we celebrate the role that men play in our congregation's unit as well as statewide.



Trunk or Treat offers a safe and joyful way to connect with children and families in our community. As we decorate, serve and welcome our neighbors, may every smile, conversation and piece of candy communicate kindness, generosity and the love of Christ. We will have a Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, **October 24 from 4-6pm** for our members' children, grandchildren and neighbors. In order for this to be successful, we need to have great support from our CVLC members to have cars in the parking lot decorated and ready to go! If you would like to participate, please sign up in the Narthex.



On All Saints Sunday, **November 1**, we will remember in prayer our loved ones and friends we have lost this past year. There is a sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for you to write the names of those you would like to remember, or you can email the church office at cvlc@bellsouth.net.



CURRENT

Katie Carter, *granddaughter of Jesse and Abbie Gates, who is undergoing treatment for cancer*

Jim Crisp, *the husband of Don Fairbanks' HS classmate Laurie Dovey, who is struggling with continuing health issues*

Jennifer Garner, *niece of Marie Bracanovich, who is hospitalized with an infection after surgery*

William J., *friend of Megan Schroeder, who was diagnosed with cancer*

Noelle Klinger, *niece of Parker Dominick, who has been diagnosed with Graves Disease, is pregnant and may not make it to term*

Abbie Kozomara, *niece of Judy Rowe, who is recovering from Stage 2 Melanoma surgery*

Professor Kermit Moss, LTSS, *who is taking time from his duties to address an undisclosed family emergency*

Neal Richardson, *cousin of Mary Ellis, who has stage 4 liver and colon cancer*

John Sandifer, *former co-worker and friend of Erika Dominick, who was diagnosed with Stage 4 liver cancer*

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

Mike Abee, Crystal Blackwell, Donna Brown, Edith Demass, Diana Edis, Jesse Gates, Herb Hickie, Nancy Hulon, Stan Kennedy, Linda Kriston, Monica McCutcheon, Sarah McDonald, Laura Nix, Shirley Nix

A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE

For expectant parents, Peyton Cannon and Sean Brooks

For veterans and those serving in the military

For law enforcement and first responders



3 Jimmy Addison

6 Mot Caulder

10 April Hornsby

10 Suzy Noblet

13 Marie Marszalek

16 Matthew Vinson

17 Bee Stoudenmire

21 Ashley Dinney

21 Emily Calvert

22 Amanda Niles

27 JD Hacker

31 Sabrina VanPutten

SERVING OCTOBER 2026

October 4 - Pentecost 19

Council Member – Nathan Stalbaum
Worship Leader – Don Fairbanks
Preaching – Sean Meade
Lay Reader – Mary Ellis
Usher – Nathan Stalbaum
Tellers – Suzanne Keller and Nathan Stalbaum
A/V – Scott Johnson

October 11 - Pentecost 20

Council Member – Katrina Davis
Altar Guild - Mary Ellis
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant – Mike Metzler
Usher – Tom McCoy
Tellers – Mark Lybrand and Peyton Cannon
A/V – Scott Johnson

October 18 - Pentecost 21 - LMM Sunday

Council Member – Becky Cannon
Altar Guild - Emily House and Lily Downs
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant – Randy Cannon
Usher – Scott Johnson
Tellers – Robyn Westphal and Marie Hutchison
A/V – Lane Kochert

October 25 - Reformation Sunday

Council Member – Maie Bracanovich
Altar Guild - Suzanne and Reagan Keller
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant – Sean Meade
Usher – Emily House
Tellers – Rich Burke and Mark Lybrand
A/V – Rick Bracanovich

◀ September October 2026 November ▶						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Church Clean Up Day
4 Pentecost 19 8:45am Breakfast 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation	5	6 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music);	7 Choir Practice, 7pm	8 Clergy Spiritual Group, 9:30am-12:30pm (Library)	9	10
11 Pentecost 20 9:30am In person/online service 11:00am 40 th Anniversary Reception	12	13 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); Lunch Bunch, 11:30am; Church Council, 6:30pm	14 Colearn Academy, 9am-noon (Fellowship Hall); Choir Practice, 7pm	15 Colearn Academy, 9am-noon (Fellowship Hall);	16 Jesse Kaiser Ensemble, 5-10pm (Choir Room)	17 LMM, 8am Jesse Kaiser Ensemble, 9am-9pm (Sanctuary)
18 Pentecost 21 LMM Sunday 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation Girl Scouts, 2-3:30pm (Fellowship Hall)	19 WELCA Book Club, 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)	20 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); LMM, 6:30pm; WELCA Zoom, 6:30pm 	21 Choir Practice, 7pm	22	23	24 Trunk or Treat 4-6pm 
25 Reformation Sunday 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation Girl Scouts, 2-3:30pm (Fellowship Hall)	26 WELCA, noon	27 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music);	28 Choir Practice, 7pm	29 Judy – out of office	30	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