



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

November 2026

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✝ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✝

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day

Breakfast, 8:45am

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, November 8

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, November 15

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, November 22

Christ the King

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Friendsgiving Potluck Brunch, 11:00am

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday in Advent

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Upcoming Events

- + Choir Practice every Wednesday
- + CBS, 11/3, 10 and 17
- + Girl Scouts, 11/8 and 22
- + Lunch Bunch, 11/10
- + Church Council, 11/10
- + Clergy Spiritual Group, 11/12
- + WELCA, 11/16, 17 and 23
- + December Newsletter Articles Due, 11/20
- + LMM, 11/21 and 24
- + Friendsgiving Potluck Brunch, 11/22
- + Office Closed, 11/26

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES ENDING AUGUST 31:

1/1/26 – 9/30/26

General Fund Receipts: \$171,404
General Fund Disbursements: \$203,964
Year to Date Deficit: (\$32,559)

September 2026

General Fund Receipts: \$16,327
General Fund Disbursements: \$19,971
Monthly Deficit: (\$3,644)



Hi there church,

The Bible is a communal book. Faith is a communal act. God speaks to us in a communal way. Our creeds and prayers in worship are communal, and in fact the main act of our worship every Sunday is communion.

We share the burdens and the joys of faith together. When your individual faith isn't enough, God, through the gift of shared ministry, worship, and call supplies more than you will need. When you are strong in your faith, you can know the joy of giving and loving and serving together with others. I am personally thankful for this prevailing truth that we are not alone in our faith. God is present with us.

It's why at Christus Victor, we experience Christ together. Together might be another word to help us understand the Trinity. Within the very unity and oneness of God is the togetherness of the three persons, or the togetherness of divine community. Even within the holy act of creation, God is not alone, but rather in divine community. "Let us make," says God. And since we are marked with the image of God, we ourselves are not meant to be alone, that our being alone is, as God put it, "not good."

Take heart when your faith is full, and take heart when it is empty. Either way, you are not alone.

Peace,
Pastor Michael



Greetings,

November will begin with All Saints Sunday where we remember those we have lost in the last year with music that will allow us to reflect and take comfort in the knowledge that death is not the end. Then, November 22 will be Christ the King Sunday which marks the end of the Church Year.

The choir has begun working on our Christmas Cantata. If you have ever considered joining the choir, now is a great time! We will be singing a Cantata that has been done before and contains many familiar tunes. That being said, there will be no choir practice on Wednesday, November 25 because of Thanksgiving.

Finally, at the end of the month we will enter into the season of Advent. Beginning on Sunday, November 29, we will change our Liturgy to ELW Setting Four which contains a lot of familiar music. This music will bring us through the seasons of Advent and Christmas and lead us into Epiphany where we'll start to explore some new music. More to come on that later. As always, thank you for your support of the Music Ministry of Christus Victor.

Blessings,
Robert



Please join us on **Monday, November 23rd 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, November 16th. The book selection for this month is Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee.** Edna Anderson 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 or Sheryl Myers.

Our **annual women's beach retreat at the Coastal Retreat Center, Isle of Palms, SC, is scheduled for January 15-17, 2027**. There will be plenty of Bible study, food and fellowship over the weekend. Our program will be "What Love Is: The Letters of 1, 2, 3 John" by Kelly Minter. (See description below.)

The cost is \$115 per person for the weekend (double occupancy) or \$220 per person if you would like a private room. If you would like more information, please contact Patti Addison or Becky Cannon – patti.addison@gmail.com or bcannonsc@aol.com

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please indicate whether you want a private room, have a roommate or need a roommate. **The deadline to sign up is December 13th** as we need to give the Retreat Center our final count on rooms the following week.

The Letters of 1, 2, 3 John were written to encourage followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the truth. We will be challenged to look at contrasting themes such as walking in the light instead of darkness, truth versus lies and deception, loving God more than loving the world, and the meaning of true fellowship and community rather than shallowness.



A Season of Gratitude

As the leaves change colors and fall gently from the trees, November reminds us that change is a natural part of life. Our church has experienced many changes over the past 40 years, but one thing has remained constant—God's love and the faithfulness of His people.

Our 40th Anniversary Celebration on October 11 was a beautiful reminder of that faithfulness. I want to offer my heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special. From planning and preparing to decorating, cooking, sharing memories, welcoming guests, and cleaning up, so many people gave their time and talents. I am truly grateful for each of you.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who came to celebrate. You are what makes Christus Victor a church family. As we look back with gratitude, we can also look ahead with hope, trusting God to guide us through the changes and new opportunities before us.

As we continue this season of thanksgiving, I hope you will join us for Friendsgiving on November 22. It will be another wonderful opportunity to gather around the table, enjoy good food and fellowship, and give thanks for the blessing of one another.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Your sister in Christ,
Brenda Counts

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

If you are interested in serving on council for the 2027-2029 term, please contact Don Fairbanks. Time commitment includes attending a monthly council meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. These meetings usually last 1 hour, and Zoom is available if needed. Each council member serves as a liaison for one of the committees, so there is an additional time commitment for committee meetings. We will be taking nominations from the floor after worship on **November 8**. Council elections will be held on **November 15** after worship.



LUNCH BUNCH: The Lunch Bunch will meet at Schooners Bar & Grill, 6226 Bush River Rd. (close to the dam)., at **11:30am** on **November 10**. Please join us for fellowship, fun and good food. All are welcome!



FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK BRUNCH

Invite friends (!) for an **11am** bring-a-little something brunch on **Sunday, November 22** and enjoy some time together! We will also be decorating our Chrismon tree in preparation for Advent.



The first Sunday of Advent is Sunday, November 29, 2026.

During the season of Advent, please join us in-person or virtually for the *Holden Evening Prayer* service at 6:30pm (December 2, 9, 16 and 23). **Dinner will be held at 5:45pm prior to the service, with the exception of December 23.**



During Advent, we will be having supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45pm on Wednesday evenings before the Holden Evening Prayer 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 **December 2, December 9 and December 16**. Some ideas are pizza, subs, salads, chicken tenders, chili, tacos, sloppy joes....something easy.



A big thank you to all who decorated, provided food and participated in our 40th Anniversary Celebration. They say it takes a village and the village showed up. With much gratitude for all.



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*

Steve Derrick, *brother of Judy Rowe*

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

Jonathan Joiner, *nephew of Judy Rowe*

Ali Miller, *daughter of Rick and Marie Bracanovich, who is undergoing treatment for cancer*

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 veterans and those serving in the military

For law enforcement and first responders



1 Tom Counts

1 Erin Lesslie

2 Robert Arcovio

2 Peyton Cannon

3 Jean Sox

4 Lily Downs

9 Jessica Kochert

10 Blythe Lybrand

11 Jack Taylor

15 Kathy Strom

17 Steve Abrams

17 Kathy Patnaude

17 Christine Meade

18 Pat Abrams

24 Zora Howard

28 Troy Chapman

SERVING NOVEMBER 2026

November 1 - All Saints Sunday

Council Member – Katrina Davis
Altar Guild - Lane Kochert
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Lora Price
Usher – Rick Bracanovich
Tellers – Nathan Stalbaum and Peyton Cannon
A/V – Tom Counts

November 8 - Pentecost 24

Council Member – Tony Kochert
Altar Guild - Tom McCoy
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant – Len Lesslie
Usher – Rich Burke
Tellers – Marie Hutchison and Suzanne Keller
A/V – Scott Johnson

November 15 - Pentecost 25

Council Member – Brenda Counts
Altar Guild – Emily House
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant – Tom Counts
Usher – Nathan Stalbaum
Tellers – Robyn Westphal and Rich Burke
A/V – Lane Kochert

November 22 - Christ the King

Council Member – Don Fairbanks
Altar Guild – Sandy Reilly
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant – Mike Metzler
Usher – Tom McCoy
Tellers – Mark Lybrand and Nathan Stalbaum
A/V – Rick Bracanovich

November 29 - 1 Advent

Council Member – Nathan Stalbaum
Altar Guild – Laura Vinson
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant – Mary Ellis
Usher – Scott Johnson
Tellers – Marie Hutchison and Peyton Cannon
A/V – Tom Counts

November 2026						
◀ October						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day 8:45am Breakfast 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation 	2 Judy – out of office	3 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); Judy – out of office	4 Choir Practice, 7pm	5	6	7
8 Pentecost 24 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation Girl Scouts, 2-3:30pm (Fellowship Hall)	9	10 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); Lunch Bunch, 11:30am; Church Council, 6:30pm	11 Choir Practice, 7pm  ★ Veterans Day: ★ Thank You for Your Service!	12 Clergy Spiritual Group, 9:30am-12:30pm (Library)	13	14 Laura Vinson, 8am-2pm (Fellowship Hall)
15 Pentecost 25 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation	16 WELCA Book Club, 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)	17 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); WELCA Zoom, 6:30pm	18 Choir Practice, 7pm	19	20 	21 LMM, 8am
22 Christ the King 9:30am In person/online service 11:00am Friendsgiving Brunch Girl Scouts, 2-3:30pm (Fellowship Hall)	23 WELCA, noon	24 LMM, 6:30pm	25	26 Office Closed 	27	28
29 1 Advent 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation	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