



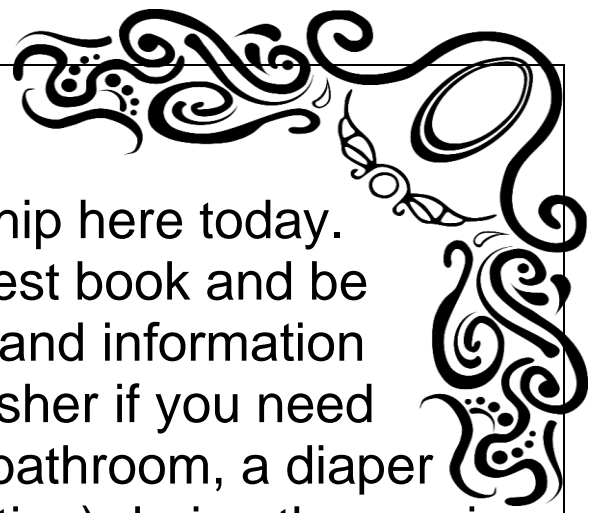
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 9, 2025  
Celebrating Valentine's Day  
Superbowl Sundae**

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**Mission Statement: God calls us to unite in Christ, grow in faith, serve in love, and share the good news.**

WELCOME TO ALL,  
ESPECIALLY OUR VISITORS.



We praise God for all who worship here today. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book and be sure to take a visitor's bag of goodies and information about our church. Be sure to see an usher if you need anything (a quiet room for children, a bathroom, a diaper changer, or the parlor for quiet meditation) during the service.

Absolutely everyone is welcome to take communion. Lutherans believe that the very presence of Jesus Christ means the bread is his body and the wine is his blood. Communion is a meaningful vehicle for the Holy Spirit to enter us fully and have us participate in Christ's death and resurrection. God invites you to God's own table for love, forgiveness, and fellowship. Parents may decide if they want their young children to commune or receive a blessing, but please know that all ages are welcome to commune in the Evangelical Lutheran faith.

You are absolutely invited to everything Christus Victor Church does, including all fellowships, events, and after-worship activities. La casa de Dios, tu casa.

**Note to Everyone: Please, please, please read the announcements at the end of this bulletin!!!**

WORSHIP NOTE: THE \* MEANS "PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE" FOR THAT PART OF THE WORSHIP. YOU MAY SIT WHENEVER YOU FEEL THE NEED.

**God's blessings on all who serve:**

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**ACOLYTE:** Hailey Willis

**ALTAR GUILD:** Andrea Zahirsky, Irene Ruby, Virginia McCurdy, Cathleen Burkins, Ellen Marsheck



## PRELUDE:

### \*GATHERING

*Please stand as you are able and face the cross in the back of the sanctuary.*

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P.** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**P.** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**P.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P.** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG: *Let the Whole Creation Cry* (ELW 876)**

**\*GREETING**

**P.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (ELW 671)**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A.** Let us pray.

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING OF THE RINGS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY**

*Pastor calls couples forward by years married and blesses each couple's rings, praying for continued years of togetherness and abundant living.*

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13] (sermon text)**

A reading from Isaiah.

*Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"*

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one

called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 138 (SUNG)**

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>l</sup> my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>l</sup> sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast <sup>l</sup> love and faithfulness;**

**for you have glorified your name and your word a- <sup>l</sup>bove all things.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you <sup>l</sup> answered me;  
you increased my <sup>l</sup> strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>l</sup> you, O LORD, when they have heard the words <sup>l</sup> of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways <sup>l</sup> of the LORD,  
that great is the glory <sup>l</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD is high, yet cares <sup>l</sup> for the lowly, perceiving the haughty <sup>l</sup> from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>l</sup> keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right <sup>l</sup> hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup> **You will make good your pur- <sup>l</sup> pose for me;**

**O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works <sup>l</sup> of your hands.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.*

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW page 205)**

## **\*GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.*

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Here I Am, Lord* (ELW 574)**

## **YOUTH SERMON**

### **\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P.** With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray  
for the church, the world, and all of creation.

**A.** God of surprising abundance, you call your people to  
enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call,  
gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A.** God of creation, provide protection from the elements and  
other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for  
fishers, farmers, line workers, and construction crews. For



first responders and all who help rescue people from hazards of nature. Thank you that our gardeners have already been using good weather to keep Christus Victor's grounds honoring you. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A.** Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A.** Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind. We pray for all on our parish prayer list.... and others we name before you... Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A.** Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. Thank you for all who signed up to volunteer for this church's good work last year at the social hour. May their efforts meet with welcome and great success. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A.** We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith. May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A. We thank you for those having birthdays this week,** Joyce McMahan and Lily Marsheck. On their special day, please shower them with blessings of joy and peace. May all hardships and sadness be replaced with love from family

and friends who give generously of their time to celebrate these two beautiful women. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**P.** We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

## **MUSICAL MEDITATION**

**\*OFFERTORY: *We are an Offering (ELW 692)***

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**A.** Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#### **\*DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*SANCTUS (ELW page 207)**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.**

## **COMMUNION**

**AGNUS DEI (ELW page 208)**

**COMMUNION HYMN: *One Bread, One Body* (ELW 496)**

**\*HYMN: *God Be with You Til We Meet Again* (ELW 536)**

## **\*THE FINAL BLESSING**

**\*SENDING SONG: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (ELW 414)**

## **\*DISMISSAL**

**Share the Good News.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE:**

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## Care and Concern

**Gayle Amrhine** – Fighting breast cancer (Former member of Christus Victor)

**JoAnn Bakie** – Health Issues (Bea Walshinsky)

**Daniel Beauford** – Health Issues (Obinemes)

**Greg Bryant** –(Stansburys)

**Kelly Stansbury Bryant** – (Stansburys)

**Janet & Tommy Burkhart** – (Stansburys)

**Daryl Burman** – (Howard Stansbury)

**Rob Coppage** – Battling cancer (Nephew of Birdie Patrick)

**Luzetta DeBoe** – broken bones from a fall; in rehab (friend of Pastor Ellen's)

**Ola Denues** – Recuperating from surgery (Cousin of Karen Biedronski)

**Dawn Dipietro** – (Stansburys)

**Helena Discher** – Failing kidney (Friend of Jan Williams)

**Anna Fowler** – Pray for healing that she might no longer need oxygen (Jan Williams)

**Albert Galinn** – Recovering from surgery (Friend of Karen & Phil Biedronski)

**George** – Bone marrow cancer. (Joyce McMahon).

**Loretta Gleason** – Pray for healing. (Birdie Patrick)

**Marie Greb\*** - Pray for her left leg to be healed from pain and strengthened enough for standing and walking.

**Jessie** – Pray for strength. (Len & Sandy Petrovich)

**Nancy Kiefner** – Health Issues (Stansburys)

**Robert Kruelle** – Kidney health issues (Neighbor of Irene Ruby)

**Jacqi & Lacey Lockard** – (Stansburys)

**Family and Friends of Joe Marsheck\*** - Pray for comfort and peace at his passing and all good memories.

**Brian Martel** –Stage 4 Melanoma (Friend of Phil Biedronski)

**Roger McPherson** – (Kelly Ruby and Joan Ruby).

**Pam** – Brain tumor (Friend of Virginia McCurdy)

**Rosemary** – Stage 4 pancreatic cancer

**Erika Scarcella** –Seizures (McCreas).

**Jake Sittler\*** - Pray for strength and continued wellness.

**Rosemary Sommers** – Stroke (Pat Eichner).

**Terrie Sommers** – Health Issues (Pat Eichner).  
**Nick Spinnato** – Health concerns (Linda Meyer)  
**Ginny Thompson** – Numerous ongoing health issues  
(Merle Vogel)  
**Michele Thompson** – Health Issues (Bea Walshinsky)  
**Carol Tracey** – Serious Health Issues (Friend of Jane  
Bowie)  
**Tyler Walsh** – Motorcycle accident (Linda Meyer)  
**Molly Ward** – Health Issues (Leights)  
**Grace Webb** – Friend of Virginia McCurdy  
**Billy Wilhelm** – Fighting blood cancer (Karen Biedronski)

\*member CVLC

Members at Home or in Rehab:

Diane Frederick	Jeanne George	Susan Parker
Jim Umerley	Bea Walshinsky	Jack Zimmerman

**Attendance: 2/2/2025**

Sanctuary/In-Person Worship 10:00AM – 64  
Sunday School – 14  
Facebook Live – 65

**Count Our Blessings: 2/2/2025**

Weekly Offering - \$5,189.00  
Online Giving 1/31/2025 – \$400.00  
Victor's Vittles - \$475.00  
FFF – \$255.00  
Hall Usage - \$300.00  
Altar Guild -\$100.00

***Thank you for your support!***

**Please remember to take your offering envelopes from  
the narthex if you are not an online giver.**

**Happy Birthday Wishes: Feb. 9 – Joyce McMahon; Feb. 12  
– Lily Marsheck**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Sunday, Feb. 9** – 9:00AM Sunday School, 10:00AM Service  
**Monday, Feb. 10** – Council 7:00PM  
**Monday, Feb. 10** - Women's and Men's NA Group 7:00PM  
**Tuesday, Feb. 11** - Christus Comforters 9:30AM  
**Tuesday, Feb. 11** – Victor's Vittles Volunteers 11:00AM  
**Tuesday, Feb. 11** – Christus Victor Men's Group 3:00PM –  
POSTPONED UNTIL A LATER DATE  
**Tuesday, Feb. 11** – Scouts 6:30PM  
**Wednesday, Feb. 12** – Youth Group 6:00PM  
**Friday, Feb. 14** – New Beginnings 7:00PM  
**Saturday, Feb. 15** – Victor's Vittles 9:00-11:00AM  
**Monday, Feb. 17** – Office Closed – Holiday  
**Monday, Feb. 17** – Oakleaf Articles Due  
**Wednesday, Feb. 19** – LMS Pick-up

**Please note:** The altar candle bases and tops are out along with the vases for refinishing. We will be improvising in the meantime.

### **VICTOR'S VITTLES:**

**February 15th** – Renee Norman, Nancy Yeager  
**Driver Pick-up February 14th** – Howard Stansbury  
**More drivers are desperately needed.**

### **Victors Vittles Food Drive!**

Please help us stock up our regular family foods by bringing in the following:

**February:** Rice/Rice packet dinners

**March:** Peanut Butter

## **2025 CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

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### **Announcements:**

#### **Today is Superbowl Sundaes**

Please plan to stay after the service today to enjoy a sundae with all the trimmings, compliments of FFF. Enjoy the sweet treat and the sweet fellowship.

## **Sign-up to Join Teams**

Thank you to all who signed up to help with church teams last week. The team chair will be in touch with you about next steps. In the meantime, it is NEVER too late to sign up for a team that interests you and that can use your gifts and your passion, whether it be for crafting, for planning fellowship events, for singing, for playing an instrument, for cooking or baking, for helping bring new members into the church, for sponsoring youth at college or confirmation students. Want to write articles for *The Oakleaf*? Want to help Victor's Vittles? The opportunities are broad and varied. The church needs YOU!! The team leaders are listed in the bulletin and would love to hear from you!