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Welcome! We rejoice in your presence as we come together at the start of the week to rejoice in the Word that comes to us for life and salvation. We hear the promise made to Moses and the people of Israel that God would make a prophet arise like Moses who would speak God's words. We rejoice in our gospel lesson as Jesus reveals just that; He is the fulfillment of the promise. May you give thanks this day, as that Word continues to come to you in grace and mercy.

For those of you who are visiting with us, we rejoice in your presence. We pray your visit with us will not only be a blessing to us but also to you that you would always rejoice in Christ's victory. Information concerning our monthly activities is available at our website www.christusvictor.net. We also encourage you to contact Pastor Michael at 706.543.3801 or pastor@christusvictor.net if you have any questions about our church, our church body, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, or our confession of faith. Thank you for worshipping with us. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you again.

For those intending to commune: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, in the Sacrament Christ gives His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation to all who receive the bread and wine. The Sacrament also unites us with God and each other in our common faith and points us forward to our future hope, the last day when we commune with God and all the saints in perfect fellowship. In addition to the great blessings of the Sacrament, the Bible also teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink to their harm (I Corinthians 11:27-29). As a result, we view the Sacrament with great joy and seriousness.

With great joy we invite all those baptized Christians who share our confession of faith and who come forth repentant and in need of the forgiveness Christ gives at the Altar to join us in celebrating the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions concerning our faith or practice, the pastor would be glad to speak with you.

In our Prayers: We pray for the Berstler family, friends of Victoria Illnick, as their son Steve is missing; for John Dietze, father of Leann Dietze, as he recovers from surgery to remove melanoma; for Brandi, as she adjusts to pregnancy; for Emily Day as she adjusts to medical school; for Rick Hoffman, a friend of Steve Messner, as he continues to adjust to paralysis; for those facing health challenges: Rev. David Heller, Kelly Klaren, Warren Bower, Janet Reynolds, Dick Schermerhorn, Ray Bower, Bearet Chapman and his family, Doris Nuss; John Nuss; those battling cancer: Laurie Lynch, Phyllis Francis, Cathy Hutcheson, Marie Corrigan, Mark Wessling, Pat Schermerhorn, Maryann Gentzel, and Alma Lukrafka. We also pray for those serving in the armed forces overseas, especially Lesley Hawley.

This Week at Christus Victor:

<i>Today:</i>	9:15 am	Sunday School Hour
	10:30 am	Worship
	7:00 pm	Student Fellowship
<i>Monday:</i>	7:00 pm	Women's SG: Fearless
<i>Tuesday:</i>	7:00 pm	Women's SG: Relationships
<i>Wednesday:</i>	No Life 173	
<i>Thursday:</i>	7:00 pm	Thursdays in the Scriptures

Pastor Out: Pastor will be in the Bahamas Tuesday through Thursday (Jan 31-Feb 2) discussing arrangements for our work with Nassau Lutheran Church during our spring break mission trip. If you have an emergency, please contact our spiritual lay leader Andy Wesche (706.835.9359).

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Sundays at 9:15am we are studying the book of Revelation. As we go through the book we will discuss its meaning and see how Christ is revealed therein. We will see how the book of Revelation is a great encouragement for us. Please come and join us each week for the encouraging Word as we face the present challenges of our life of faith.

Life 173: There will be no Life 173 Wednesday, February 1. We will continue our study *Life of Christ, Life of the Church* February 8. Through this study, we are discussing the life and ministry of Christ and how the Church is called to reflect Christ's life. Our final meeting prior to Ash Wednesday will be February 15.

Thursdays in the Bible: Thursdays at 7pm we gather to study the Scriptures. The study intends to be an in-depth look at various books of the Bible. This semester we will work through Revelation. We hope you can join us as we are engaged by God's Word and shaped for our daily life. Please contact Pastor Michael if you have any questions.

Student Fellowship/Q&A: Our student fellowship time is a mix of opportunity for asking and addressing questions in conjunction with our usual meal and an opportunity for activity oriented fellowship. If you have questions you would like addressed, let Pastor Michael know or put them in the Questions (also known as Qetos Usin) box in the fellowship area.

Spring Retreat: Our annual LSF Region 12 spring retreat is fast approaching. We will be gathering with students from the UF, FSU, UCF, and others in our region at Laura S. Walker State Park February 24-26. Details are forthcoming. Please notify Katie Wesche (ktw5490@uga.edu) if you are interested.

Spring Break meeting: Our next spring break mission trip meeting will be February 8 at 6pm. Please notify Pastor Michael if you are unable to attend.

Rent-a-student: If you have a task with which you desire help or could use a student, we encourage you to consider 'renting' a student to help support our spring break mission trip to the Bahamas as we team up with Nassau Lutheran Church to reach out in their community. Please talk to Pastor Michael for details or possibilities.

Portals of Prayer: If you have not yet picked up a Portals of Prayer for January through March, there are still some available in the back of the sanctuary.

Sermons online: If you are unable to make a worship service because you are sick or out of town, the Sunday sermon is placed online at our website www.christusvictor.net each week. In general the sermon goes up on Tuesday. If you find that not to be the case, feel free to contact Pastor Michael for an update on when it might be available.

Announcements: If you have an announcement to include in the weekly bulletin or the website, please get the information in an announcement form to Pastor Michael (pastor.christusvictor@gmail.com) by noon on Wednesdays. Thank you for helping us all stay informed!

Fan into Flame: When we have a fifth Sunday in a month, e.g. January, we participate in Fan into Flame with a special offering. Fan into Flame is our synodical effort to raise \$100 million dollars to help fund our missional goals as a church body. These goals are to share the gospel worldwide, in partnership with our sister churches throughout the world, with 100 million people who do not know the salvation brought through Jesus Christ by the 500th anniversary of the nailing of the 95 theses (October 31, 2017); to plant 2,000 new mission starts; to revitalize 2,000 congregations; and to have 200 covenant congregations (congregations committed to starting three or four daughter congregations by 2017).

Today, January 29, is a fifth Sunday. We encourage you to prayerfully consider contributing to the effort. We have set a goal of \$110 dollars for each member/congregant given over the span of three years. We know that some are not as able to reach that goal and others are able to surpass that goal. We encourage you to contribute as you are able. Thank you for being conscientious stewards and for supporting the mission!

So You Prayed for a Miracle: *So You Prayed for a Miracle* is one of the many Project Connect booklets produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries aimed at connecting with people at their point of need. It deals with the reality that sometimes miracles happen and sometimes they don't and addresses how to approach and understand miracles in that light. Consider utilizing this book for yourself or others as you/they question what they should do with their lives and/or how God is using them. Take a look at the other books that are on the rack in the back of the church as well as they may be of benefit for your own personal needs or the needs of a friend to whom you could give the booklet.