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February 07, 2010: 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to Christus Victor! We give thanks that you have joined us for worship this day to celebrate all that our Lord has done and continues to do for us. Today we hear our Lord's call to go out and be about His task. He calls Isaiah; he calls the disciples; and he calls us. As you worship we pray that you will grow in your vocation as God calls you to serve Him in your daily life. 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 that you would rejoice in Christ's work! Information concerning our monthly activities is available in the back of the church and 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 those facing health challenges: Dick Schermerhorn, Lois Mack, Jessikah Love, Ray Bower, Bearet Chapman and his family, Doris Nuss; Maryann Gentzel as she battles cancer; Robbie Casten as she continues to battle cystic fibrosis; and David Orthman as he faces the challenges of hereditary pancreatitis; those in the military especially those serving in distant places: Ross George, Gregg Koester, and Sean Johnston.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: *I am Baptized: Living in the Joy of Our Baptisms: Sundays at 9:15am.* During this season of Epiphany we are looking at the significance of baptism in our lives. We will learn about the basic Scriptural teaching of baptism and then visit the implications on us. The study runs through February 14. We hope you can join us as we grow in the joy of our baptisms!

No Sunday February 7 Fellowship - Tonight we will not be having our normal Sunday night fellowship. Instead there will be a group of students watching the Super Bowl at Alyssa, Kelly, and Meagan's apartment in East Campus Village and you are welcome to join us! If you're interested just let Alyssa (amrinder@uga.edu) or Kelly (kehill@uga.edu) know. Thanks!

Small Groups: Small groups have begun. There are a variety of opportunities to gather around God's Word. If you are interested in participating please contact Emily Goff (emgoff@uga.edu) and she can direct you to an appropriate small group opportunity.

From Creation to Consummation: This class covers the foundations of the Christian faith and can lead to membership in our church. This is a ten week course and classes last about an hour and a half each week. Classes meet each **Thursday at 6:30pm**. Whether you are just interested in the faith, a new believer, or an old time Lutheran, this class is a great opportunity to learn or solidify the basics of the Christian faith. If you are interested in taking the class this semester, please contact Pastor Michael (pastor@christusvictor.net).

Spring Break: We have a group of students who are planning on going down to Biloxi to help with the restoration efforts in the Gulf Coast during spring break (March 6-13). If you are interested in participating, please contact either Jenn Smith (jsmith49@uga.edu) or Kelly Hill (kehill@uga.edu). Thanks!

Souper Bowl of Caring: We are collecting funds and non-perishable food items the next three weeks as part of our efforts to help people in need in Oglethorpe County. Funds raised will go to the Rural Outreach Center of Oglethorpe's efforts to fight hunger. Checks can be made to Christus Victor with Souper Bowl of Caring or Have a Heart for the Hungry in the memo line. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Michael.

Have a Heart for the Hungry: Along with Souper Bowl of Caring, each year we go into the community and collect non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Rural Outreach Center of Oglethorpe County. We need people both to get flyers out into the community and to go out and collect the donations. Have a Heart will be on February 21 at 3pm. We will meet at church at 3pm, break off into teams and leave for the communities by 3:15pm. We will come back to church around 5pm for a meal. We hope you can participate as we raise awareness in our community of hunger needs and collect resources to address those needs. Please contact Alyssa Rinderknecht (amrinder@uga.edu) for details concerning both pre-event distribution of flyers and for information on the event itself.

Life 173: We gather each Wednesday around God's Word and grow in the life he gives through it. Our first study this semester is *Light in Life*. We are rejoicing in the light of Christ that reveals God's care and will for us and the implications that has on daily living. We will discuss everyday issues such as budgeting, maintaining balance in life, our role in society, and sustaining our life in Christ. We hope you can join us as we grow in the joy of Christ's light and living out our faith in it. The study runs January 13-February 10 and begins at 7pm.

Rent a Student: We will be starting up Rent-a-Student again to raise funds for our spring break trips! If you need any assistance around the house or special projects that need to be accomplished, we can help! Just call or e-mail Jenn Smith at (410)733-7742 or jsmith49@uga.edu.

Announcements: If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please contact secretary@christusvictor.net with the announcement by Wednesdays at noon. If you have something for our website, please contact Kelly Hill at kehill@uga.edu. Thank you for helping us to keep others updated.

Notes on the Service: The salutation, "The Lord be with you," and response, "and also with you," reflects the Hebrew greeting found in such passages as Ruth 2:8 and Judges 6:12. It reminds us of God's presence with us and in the divine service introduces sacramental portions, portions where God comes to us in a special way. The salutation along with the collect introduce the readings of the day. As part of the preface it introduces the Service of Holy Communion.

Wood Sign: The outreach committee is working on replacing the wood sign in front of the church with a similar sign, and would like your input! If you have any ideas or thoughts regarding the art on the sign, please speak with Andy Wesche (adwfg8@uga.edu) or Kim Love-Myers (kimberly.love.myers@gmail.com). Sketches are welcome (and encouraged, if you are so inclined); the sign will be the size of the current sign, approximately 3' x 6 ft. Thank you!

Portals of Prayer: Portals of Prayer are available in the back of the sanctuary for personal use. Please pick one up if you would like an easy tool for daily devotions.

Helping Haiti: There are many ways to help the people of Haiti as they recover from the recent earthquakes. We encourage you to keep the people in your prayers; learn about the needs of the people at www.lcms.org/worldrelief; and donate to LCMS World Relief and Human Care noting "Haiti Earthquake Relief" (donations may be mailed to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861; called in to 1-888-930-4438; or contributed online at <http://givenowlcms.org>).

Project Connect - We now have a Project Connect display located at the outside entrance to the sanctuary. The display features various topical booklets from LHM that provide useful information and help to those in need from a Christ-oriented perspective. Please feel free to take these for your own use or to give to others you feel may benefit from them. If you have any questions regarding Project Connect, please ask Pastor Michael or Kim Love-Myers.