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June 14, 2009: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! As we worship today we begin the long journey from Pentecost to the end of the church year. While this journey of life is long, we press forward rejoicing in our Father's mission. The lessons communicate it well; God plans to have all kinds of people rejoicing in his gracious reign and living with him eternally. May God help you to see his mission and be about his mission even when life is challenging and the life of witnessing difficult.

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 as you continue to grow in the joy of grace and mercy.

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 add to our prayers Susan Pettine, mother of Michael Pettine, as she has tests and possible surgery. We also pray for Ray Bower as he faces health difficulties; the needs of Johnnie Daniel as he recovers from an eye injury; Tim Spelbring as he faces various challenges; Bearet Chapman and his family as he faces some health challenges; Lucille Lowery as she faces health challenges; those fighting cancer: Virginia Piotrowski, Rev. Bill Womer and Maryann Gentzel; 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 as they train and serve in distant places: Elliott Geisler, Ross George, Gregg Koester, and Sean Johnston.

District Convention: The triennial Florida-Georgia District convention is this weekend. Pastor and Kelly Michael are in Florida representing Christus Victor as delegates. Please keep the convention and the delegates in your prayers. If you have an emergency while Pastor Michael is out, please contact him at 706.207.8684.

Special Thanks: Special thanks to Mike Hammer and Bart Hamburg for leading us in service today. Your service is appreciated!!

Lessons for the Summer: A Summer in the Lessons: This summer during our Bible study hour we will take a look at the appointed lessons for each Sunday. The study seeks to develop a deeper understanding of the texts we will be hearing that Sunday in worship so that these texts will influence our daily life. Whether you are in town all summer or have sporadic vacation plans, we hope you can join us as we dig into God's Word and grow in our faith and life. We meet **Sundays at 9:15am.**

Summer Visits: This summer Pastor Michael and Steve Messner, our Spiritual Lay Leader, will be making visits with each household in the congregation. We are looking to hear how things are going, feedback/input concerning the congregation, and to see how each member can participate in our collective mission as baptized people of God to live in and bring Christ's victory to UGA, the Athens area, and beyond. If you are a long term visitor or a student and committed to the mission of Christus Victor, we would love to meet with you as well. We have put some possible times up on the bulletin board in the porch. Please sign-up for a time that works for you and mark whether you would like to meet at church or at your home. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Michael or Steve Messner.

Fourth of July Picnic: Trinity has once again invited us to participate in their annual 4th of July picnic at the Adsit farm, 1361 Ruth Jackson Rd, 30622. The BBQ comes off the pit at noon and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, drinks, ice if needed, ice cream freezers, folding chairs or a blanket. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the porch if you are interested in attending so we can provide numbers for planning purposes.