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July 25, 2010: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! As we are gathered together we rejoice in the God who still comes to us and provides opportunity for us to bring prayer, thanks, and praise to him. With this invitation we sing, pray, and listen today; we communicate with our God. In this service and in your life, may you rejoice in our personal God and the gifts he brings.

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 give thanks for healing for Dylan, friend of Lauren Healey, as Dylan (16) recovers from an accident as he is able to walk again; we pray for Barbara Artelt as she recovers from knee surgery; Rick Hoffman, a friend of Steve Messner, as he recovers from his accident and adjusts to paralysis; for those facing health challenges: Dick Schermerhorn, Lois Mack, Jessikah Love, Ray Bower, Bearet Chapman and his family, Doris Nuss; those battling cancer: Mark Wessling; Pat Schermerhorn, Maryann Gentzel, and Alma Lukrafka; 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: Mike Capps, Ross George, and Sean Johnston.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Each Sunday morning we gather at 9:15am around God's Word to grow in faith and life as his people. Currently we are studying *Lutheranism 101: What makes Lutheran Lutheran?*. We hope you can join us!

Colossians: Identity: This summer we are studying the book of Colossians. We meet each Wednesday at 7:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

ARK: The ARK is an outreach for the greater Athens community that helps with various financial needs due to documented loss of income and/or exceptional necessary expenses. To provide such services it has fundraisers from time to time in addition to its ongoing donation base. Currently the ARK has two fundraisers: "Christmas in July" and "Swing Fore Hope". Please find specifics concerning these fundraisers on the porch or at www.athensark.org.

Outreach and Growth Planning: There are Christian Outreach and Growth planning meetings today, July 25, after church. We encourage you to attend and contribute to the discussion as we set goals for the coming year.

Portals of Prayer: Portals of Prayer are available in the back of the sanctuary for July through September.