

Sermon Notes

Life Notes

Upcoming Week

Hope Has a Name #3: "God is Here" December 16 & 17, 2023 Ezra 3:10-13

Opener:

Is there a difference between "happy" and "joy"? If so, what is it?

Go Deeper:

1. Ezra lived under what captivity?
2. What is the year when the Babylonian Captivity began? (Circle one)
 - a) 723 B.C.
 - b) 586 B.C.
 - c) 70 A.D.
 - d) 123 A.D.
5. Kingdom of Judah: The name of the group taken captive by the Babylonians? True or False?
6. After how many years in captivity in Babylon did a remnant return to Jerusalem?
7. In what year and by whom was Jerusalem and the Temple destroyed, never to be built again?
8. What kind of temple did the Israelites have before Solomon built the first permanent temple?
9. What 3 items were contained inside the Ark of the Covenant?
10. What was the cover on the Ark called?
11. Where is the Ark of the Covenant today?
12. "Hope has a Name" - What was the name that Ezra used for God?
13. Explain the connection of the names: Jahwe, Jehovah, and LORD. Do you know the root meaning of the Hebrew word that these names come from?
14. Why do the angels in heaven praise God? (See Isaiah 6)
15. Where is GOD in your life?
16. Where is the "temple of God" today?

We would love to hear your story!

If you have a story to share of healing, praise, gratitude, serving in a mission or ministry at Victory, please send to hello@victorylutheran.com. (200-300 word limit)

Daily Bible Readings (December 17-23)

Sunday: Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13
Monday: Ezra 6:1-12
Tuesday: Ezra 6:13-18
Wednesday: Ezra 6:19-22
Thursday: Zechariah 8:1-8
Friday: Zechariah 8:14-23
Saturday: Zechariah 9:9-17

*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar our sermon series is based on.

Sunday, December 17

7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC
3pm Christmas Concert, WC

Monday, December 18

9-11:30am Food Pantry

Tuesday, December 19

3pm Council Meeting, B7
5:30pm Christmas Lights Bus Tour (FULL)
7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS

Wednesday, December 20

9-11:30am Food Pantry
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4
1pm Men's Bible Study, LR
1:30pm Women's Bible Study, B7
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC
8pm AA Meeting, FS

Thursday, December 21

10am Prayer Group, B7
11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS
11am Stephen Ministry Training, CH
5:30pm Christmas Lights Bus Tour (FULL)

Friday, December 22

Office Closed

Saturday, December 23

8am Men's Bible Study, FS
4pm Worship, WC

CH = Chapel
FH = Fellowship Hall
FS = Fireside Room
LR = Luther Room
WC = Worship Center
C4 = Community Room



CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE

1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm

(Choir at 3 & 5pm)

9pm with communion

Staffed Nursery available at 1, 3, 5 & 7pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

10am with communion

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GOD TIME:

DURING THIS ADVENT SEASON, LET EACH DAY BE A STEP CLOSER TO GOD, FILLING YOUR HEART WITH HIS LOVE AND PEACE.



CHRISTMAS HELPERS needed to greet, usher and serve refreshments at all Christmas Eve Services: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9pm. Sign up in the Lobby.



TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON HIS WORD AND LET THE PROMISE OF PEACE AND JOY FILL YOUR HEART.

GATHER TIME: YEAR-END APPEAL

Dear Victory Church Family,

Reflecting on my teenage years as a sprinter, I draw parallels between the exhilarating 4x100 relay and the joy of giving. As the anchor, the final leg of the race, I found an extra burst of speed during the actual competition, spurred on by the adrenaline of the moment. Similarly, the Apostle Paul likened the Christian journey to a race, urging us to run for a lasting crown.

You know that many runners enter a race, and only one of them wins the prize. So run to win! Athletes work hard to win a crown that cannot last, but we do it for a crown that will last forever.
(1 Corinthians 9:24-25, CEV)

Just as athletes strive for an impermanent crown, I humbly ask you to prayerfully consider making an above-and-beyond contribution to Victory before the new year. We stand on the brink of a financially successful year, and with your support, we can finish strong.

Thank you for your financial support of Victory. May God bless you abundantly for your willingness to share His love with others. Let us finish this year strong, united in purpose, and brimming with the joy of Jesus.

With gratitude,
Pastor Todd Mathison



Ways to Give

BY PHONE

Use your smart phone's camera to scan QR code & tap the link

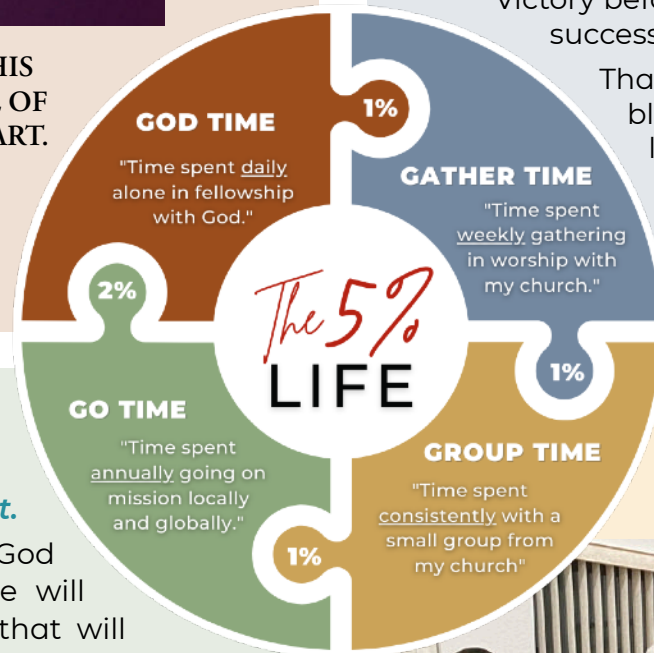


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GO TIME: GRANDPARENTING MATTERS COURSE

Mondays @ 9:30am or 5:30pm, Jan. 8-Feb. 12, 2024

Grandparent on purpose so your grandchildren's grandchildren will follow Christ.

Is this not the heart of every grandparent? And you are positioned uniquely by God for a special role in shaping the spiritual legacy of your family. This course will encourage and equip Christian grandparents by teaching Biblical principles that will inspire you to leave a legacy of faith to your grandchildren. For some of you, this course will affirm the good things you are already doing with your grandkids. For others, it will shake your world and give you a brand new perspective on what it means to be a grandparent.

Get ready to embark in the new year on an incredible journey. Discussion table group breaks will enable you to share with and learn from other grandparents. Mondays at Victory offered **twice each Monday: 9:30-11:00am** with a continental breakfast, **and 5:30-7:00pm** with a light dinner. This course is offered free of charge. Sign up online or at the Welcome Desk or online to reserve your workbook.

SEEKING TABLE LEADERS!

Table Leaders needed to help facilitate. If interested, sign up at the Welcome Desk. Study guides will be provided.

GROUP TIME:

Victory's Council, staff and spouses gathered together for an early Christmas celebration!



Church Council:

- Andrew Lund, President
- Ginger Kuemmerle, V.P.
- Ron Bickle, Treasurer
- Emilie Duffy, Secretary
- Roger Anhorn
- Sue Borrowdale
- Jim Grosnick



Full-Time Staff:

- Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor
- Susan Westland, Church Chaplain
- Diane Snyder, Church Admin
- Kathy Michel, Admin Assistant
- Kristin Prouty, Worship & Music
- Alisson Unglaub, Online Campus
- Eileen Hernandez, Communications
- Gio Begano, AVL Coordinator
- Preston Rochel, Head Custodian



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