

Sermon Notes

New Sermon Series: "Hope Has a Name" December 2 & 3, 2023 Jeremiah 33:10-18

Opener: Share a personal experience where you have felt God's discipline in your life. How did you respond, and what lessons did you learn through that experience?

Go Deeper:

1. What specific circumstances does Jeremiah describe about Jerusalem and Judah in verses 10-12 that reflect a desolate and devastated state?
2. Read verses 17-18. How does Jeremiah connect the arrival of the Messiah with the embodiment of God's eternal covenant? In what ways does Jesus fulfill God's promises across the ages and scriptures?
3. Read Isaiah 53:2-6 and 10-12. How does the sacrifice of Jesus relate to the restoration mentioned in Jeremiah's prophecy?
4. Explore the recurring pattern of judgment and redemption, destruction and restoration, as mentioned throughout Jeremiah 33. How does this pattern manifest in both the historical context of Judah and our spiritual lives today?

Live It:

1. How might the promise of restoration and the Messiah's coming bring hope to your life?
2. Remembering the specific promises of God of restoration, righteousness, and the eternal covenant, how can you live in the light of these fulfilled promises in your faith journey?
3. Explore the concept of transformation through faith in Jesus the Messiah. How does having eyes of faith contribute to seeing beyond desolation and recognizing God's promises in challenging times in your own life?
4. What is God saying to you?
5. What specifically are you going to do about it this week?

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 3-9)

Sunday: Jeremiah 33:14-18
Monday: Daniel 1:1-7
Tuesday: Daniel 1:8-17
Wednesday: Daniel 1:18-21
Thursday: Daniel 3:1-7
Friday: Daniel 3:8-18
Saturday: Daniel 3:19-30

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

Life Notes

Upcoming Week

Sunday, December 3 1st Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 4

9-11:30am Food Pantry
12:30-2:30pm GriefShare, C4

Tuesday, December 5

7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

10am Prayer & Praise Worship Service, CH
11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS

Friday, December 8

Office Closed

Saturday, December 9

8am Men's Bible Study, FS
9am Stephen Ministry Training, B7
11am Women's Ministry Luncheon, FH
4pm Worship, WC

SAVE THE DATE!

12/13 - Advent Communion Service, 4pm
12/17 - Christmas Concert, 3pm
12/12 - Christmas Bus Lights Tour, 5:30pm
12/14 - Christmas Bus Lights Tour, 5:30pm

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

Has a Name

Advent

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THE PULSE

VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GOD TIME: FINDING GOD ONLINE

Linda Heyman

Have you ever wondered why our pastors try to make sure they welcome people who are watching online? Perhaps it is because of people like Linda Heyman, our first online community member who appreciates her pastors acknowledging her as she joins us from her home each week.

A few years ago, Ruthie and Jim Beutel met Linda who lives in the same retirement facility they do. Soon Linda and Ruthie began offering a weekly small group Bible study for people in their facility. As they taught the class together, they became friends and Ruthie discovered it had been a while since Linda was able to physically attend church. So, Ruthie invited Linda to check out Victory's on-line worship services. Linda did, and soon she began watching Victory's services on a regular basis. The more she watched, the more she felt a connected to God through her online worship experiences. As she watched from home, Linda was happy to find sermons filled with the Word of God's truth, liturgy she hungered for, and traditional worship music that warmed her heart.

During the past couple of years Linda has been an online worshiper at Victory, she has also found our Daily Hope broadcasts and other on-line content such as the broadcast of our concerts. Linda told me that on the Sunday we received new members, when she heard her name being spoken, it reminded her of Isaiah 43:1 when God said, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine." It was then Linda realized the Holy Spirit led her to Victory and helped her be part of a community of believers again. Praise God for bringing Linda and other on-line worshipers to Victory!

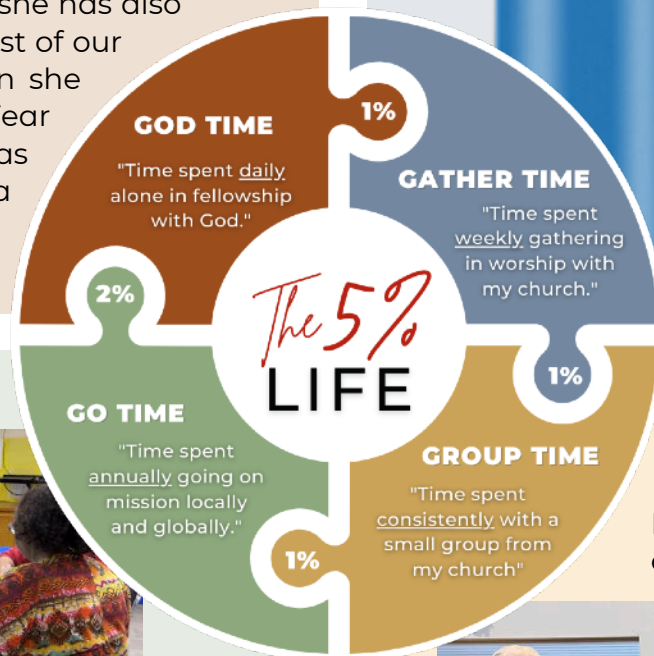


GATHER TIME: NEW SERMON SERIES

"Hope Has a Name"

This month, prepare to be inspired, uplifted, and transformed as we collectively discover that, indeed, "Hope Has A Name" and that name is Jesus, Who can redefine our perspectives, renew our spirits, and lead us to a future filled with purpose and promise. Be part of each worship opportunity to encounter the transformative power of hope and unveil the name that holds the key to a life of lasting significance: Jesus Christ!

- Hope Has A Name (Jeremiah 33)
- God's Promise of Comfort (Isaiah 40)
- Responding To God's Open Doors (Ezra)
- Trusting God's Word in Every Season of Life (Luke 1)
- When Hope Arrived (Isaiah 9)
- From Barn Manger to Communion Table (Luke 2)
- Jesus' Main Message (Mark 1)



GO TIME: I-HELP STAYCATION RECAP

"Hello everybody, I'm sending out my heartfelt thanks for inviting us to Victory Lutheran for a few days of not having to run around all day and letting us just relax and be a normal person. My heart is filled with joy and love for each one of you ladies for taking time out of your busy life filled with your family and friends.. You are truly all a blessing! It's an honor to be with each and everyone of you."

~ Dottie, I-HELP Participant



"Thank you, Victory, for the wonderful gift you provided for our I-HELP ladies over Thanksgiving weekend. All of them deeply appreciate the opportunity to rest, relax, sleep in, eat delicious healthy meals and most of all, STAY in one place for three nights. The generosity of this congregation and the support of Victory staff and Council made Staycation a true blessing for everyone involved. One volunteer commented: 'This needs to be an annual affair.' All volunteers left smiling and with a greater understanding of the daily challenges facing our ladies. His work, our heart and hands."

~ Bev Locke, I-HELP Coordinator

GROUP TIME: WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Ministry has three Bible Study groups and a Quilters Group that meet monthly. We take a break in December and resume in January.

For more information on times and locations contact the office at 480-830-5024.

