

## Sermon Notes

### 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](mailto:hello@victorylutheran.com). (200-300 word limit)

### Daily Bible Readings (January 7-13)

Sunday: Mark 2:18-22  
Monday: Mark 2:23-28  
Tuesday: Mark 3:1-6  
Wednesday: Mark 3:7-12  
Thursday: Mark 3:13-19  
Friday: Mark 3:20-27  
Saturday: Mark 3:28-35

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

## Life Notes

### "The Light Embodied"

January 6 & 7, 2024

Mark 1:21-45

#### Opener:

Share a time when you met a person you considered to have "power."

#### Go Deeper:

1. What is the significance of Jesus exercising authority over evil spirits in the synagogue?
2. How does the demon's recognition of Jesus as the Holy One of God emphasize Jesus' divine authority?
3. After Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law, how does Jesus' healing ministry extend beyond physical healing to spiritual deliverance in the town?
4. Why do you think Jesus did not let the demons speak about who He was? (verse 34)

#### Live It:

1. In verse 41, Jesus tells the man with leprosy that He is willing to heal him. Share a time when you may have asked God yourself, "IF you are willing to heal..." What happened? What did you learn?
2. Jesus needed to strengthen His Kingdom connection through time alone with His Father in Heaven. How might you engage in spiritual practices like prayer and solitude to strengthen your connection with God?
3. Read John 17:1-5. How does Jesus' prayer provide insights into Christ's glory, particularly in relation to the cross?
4. What is God saying to you?
5. What specifically are you going to do about it this week?

### SAVE THE DATE!

JAN 14-21: Family Promise Host Week  
JAN 21: U32 Jazz Concert @ 3pm  
JAN 28: - New Member Class @ 12:30pm  
JAN 31: PLU Choir of the West @ 7pm

## Upcoming Week

### Sunday, January 7

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

### Monday, January 8

9-11:30am Food Pantry  
9:30am Grandparenting Course  
12:30pm GriefShare, C4  
5:30pm Grandparenting Course

### Tuesday, January 9

8:30am-2:30pm Quilters Group  
9:30am Esperanza Bible Study, FS  
10:30am Undecorate Church  
1:30pm Mary Bible Study, meet in home  
2pm Naomi Bible Study, FS  
7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS

### Wednesday, January 10

8:30am-12:30pm Quilters Group  
9-11:30am Food Pantry  
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4  
1pm Men's Bible Study, LR  
1pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, WC  
1:30pm Women's Bible Study, B7  
4pm I-HELP, C4  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC  
8pm AA Meeting, FS

### Thursday, January 11

10am PRAYER & PRAISE  
WORSHIP SERVICE, CH

11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS  
4pm I-HELP, C4

### Friday, January 12

Office Closed

### Saturday, January 13

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS  
8am Men's Bible Study, FS  
9am Stephen Ministry Training, B7  
4pm Worship, WC

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

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# KINGDOM POWER & GLORY



January 6 & 7, 2024

## "The Light Embodied"

Mark 1:21-45



Connect with us!





## GOD TIME: Epiphany

The Day of Epiphany officially falls on January 6, the day following the 12 days of Christmas counting from December 25th. Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "appearance" and refers to the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world. Epiphany is also called Kings' Day in which the Magi came from the east to Bethlehem in search of Jesus to offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The story of Epiphany proclaims: Christ has come to show us light in the midst of darkness!



## GATHER TIME: Celebration of Baptism

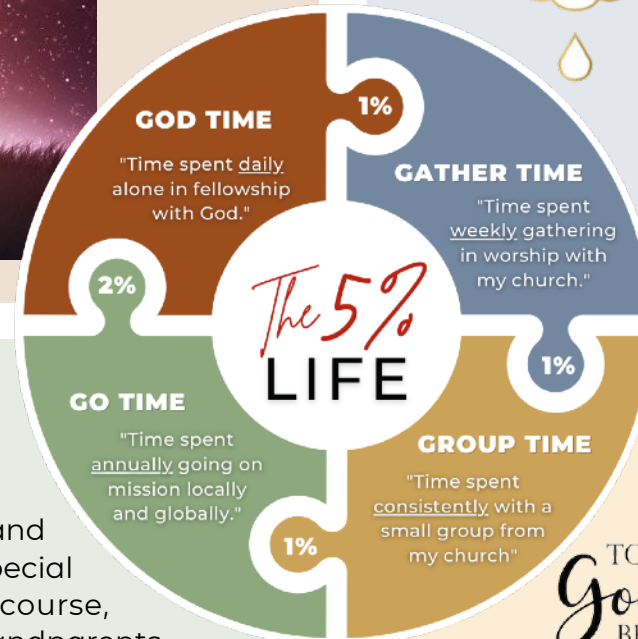
**Charlotte Marie Sanders**

**Parents: Jeremy & Jessica Sanders**

St. Paul writes in Romans 6:8: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.



December 23, 2023



## GO TIME: Grandparenting Matters Course

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

*Nurturing Faith in Future Generations*

Every Christian grandparent shares a common desire — to see their children and grandchildren of all ages love Jesus. Positioned uniquely by God, you have a special role in shaping the spiritual narrative of your family. Our upcoming course, "Grandparenting Matters," is designed to empower and inspire Christian grandparents through the exploration of biblical principles and specific strategies aimed at building a legacy of faith in your family. Secure your spot today by signing up at the Welcome Desk today.



"Kids learn from us and they are paying attention even when we don't think they are. One weekend I had my two grandkids (Aiden 7 yrs. & Athena 4 yrs.) overnight. We were getting ready to go on a special outing when I sat them down and told them first I wanted to read something to them that talks about how we are to behave and treat one another. I pulled out my Bible. Aiden said, 'Oh yes, I've seen you reading it in the morning when we are still sleeping.' So, I began to read the 10 Commandments from Exodus 20 when, to my surprise, Aiden asked, 'What's adultery?'"

"This became a perfect teaching opportunity to explain how God created marriage to be between a husband and wife and I was able to give him an example he could relate to." — Eileen Hernandez

## GROUP TIME: VLC Choir & Bell Choir

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High-quality music is definitely one of Victory's strengths. A huge part of it is our Choir and Bell Choir. That's why we want to wholeheartedly thank our Choir and Bell Choir members for their passion and commitment to the music ministry. THANK YOU. It's no small feat to come for practice and participate in our services every week, preparing for concerts, special services, Christmas Eve, and more. May God bless each of you, and may His name be glorified through your ministry.