# **Sermon Notes**

# **Life Notes**

Kingdom, Power & Glory #4: Deliverance January 27 & 28, 2024 Mark 5:1-20

#### Opener:

Do you think demon possession happens today?

#### Go Deeper:

- 1. What details from the passage highlight the severity of the man's demon possession?
- 2. How did the demons react when they encountered Jesus, and why is this significant?
- 3. Explore the symbolism of the pigs in the passage. What might they represent?
- 4. Reflect on the belief of demons mentioned in James 2:19. Why is mere belief in one God not enough for salvation?

#### Live It:

- 1. According to 1 John 4:4, why is there no need for believers to fear the devil?
- 2. What practical advice does James 4:7 offer for resisting the devil, and how does it connect with 2 Timothy 2:22?
- Reflect on the significance of the cross in relation to forgiveness and deliverance, as mentioned in 1 John 2:1 and Psalm 85:10. Why is forgiveness the ultimate power of God in Jesus Christ?
- 4. How have you experienced liberation and forgiveness through the power of Jesus?
- 5. What is God saying to you?
- 6. What specifically are you going to do about it this week?

# **Upcoming Week**

#### Sunday, January 28

7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC
11am Worship, WC
12:30pm Discovering Victory New Member Class rescheduled to February 4th

# Monday, January 29

9-11:30am Food Pantry9:30am Grandparenting Course, FH12:30pm GriefShare, C45:30pm Grandparenting Course, FH

# Tuesday, January 30

7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS

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

# Wednesday, January 31

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 Life Group, B7 **7pm PLU Choir of the West, WC** 

8pm AA Meeting, FS

#### Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2 Office Closed

Saturday, February 3
8am Men's Bible Study, FS
9am Stephen Ministry Training, B7
2pm Valley Chamber Chorale, WC
3pm Mission & Ministry Fair, FH
4pm Worship, WC

#### SAVE THE DATE!

FEB 3 & 4: Mission & Ministry Fair FEB 6 & 7: Quilters Group @ 8:30am FEB 12: Estate & Planned Giving Seminar FEB 14: Ash Wednesday @ 4pm & 6pm FEB 18: Talent Show @ 3:00pm

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#### 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 (Jan 28-Feb 3)

Sun:	Mark 5:35-43	A Girl Raised
Mon:	Psalm 46	God is Our Refuge
Tues:	Psalm 100	A Joyful Noise to the Lord
Wed:	Psalm 121	Help Comes from God
Thurs:	Psalm 126	The Lord Restores Us
Fri:	Mark 6:1-6	A Prophet Comes Home
Sat:	Mark 6:7-16	Sending out the Twelve

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

# KINGDOM POWER & GLORY



January 27 & 28, 2024 "DELIVERANCE" Mark 5:1-20

Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor Susan Westland, Chaplain

#### Connect with us!





#### GOD TIME:

#### Our God is a God of Miracles

The Bible teaches us that our God wants to have a personal relationship with each one of us. We also find that throughout Scripture that God is continuously communicating with His children through their prayers. We know this in part because the Bible tells us that after God created Adam and Eve, He walked with them in the cool of the day as He came to spend time with them. For us as disciples of Christ, prayer is the primary way for us to communicate our emotions and desires to Jesus and to fellowship

with Him. We believe God not only hears our prayers, but He answers us. Our God is still a God of miracles.

We find evidence of God hearing our prayers in the recent thank you card we received from the family of Jordin and Kari Van Wyk. Jordin is We can't thank you all enough for your prayors and generosity. There is so many good people in the world & we got to experience them figt hand. God is good!

GOD TIME

"Time spent <u>daily</u>

alone in fellowship

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-Kari & Jordin Van Wyp

the grandson-in-law of Luann and Bruce Flygare who asked us to pray for Jordin back in the fall when Jordin was badly burned in a farming explosion. As you can tell from the pictures, God has miraculously answered our prayers for Jordin and his family. So, thank you all for your faithful service to God's people we lift up each week in prayer.

Victory's Prayer Group meets each Thursday @ 10:00am. All are invited! "Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart." ~ Colossians 4:2

### GO TIME: Victory's Mission & Ministry Fair | Feb. 3 & 4

Here's your chance to learn more about all the ministries going on at Victory. You'll receive a Passport to Mission and be invited to stop by the mission outposts in the Fellowship Hall, and learn more about what's going on at and through Victory. If you get your passport stamped at every outpost, you'll be entered in a drawing for one of two \$50 gift cards to Red, White, & Brew Dining.

At the Tech Corner you can earn a bonus entry! You will have an opportunity to add a new or updated photo to our online directory, learn how to live-stream worship, sign up for Daily Hope devotionals and receive our weekly e-blast newsletter.



# GATHER TIME: Pacific Lutheran University The Choir of the West Wednesday, January 31 @ 7:00pm

The Choir of the West was established in 1926 and has a long history of excellence. The choir was one of the first Lutheran college choirs to tour regionally, nationally and internationally, and has appeared at numerous prestigious choir conferences. The 2024 tour marks the first major tour in four years, and is the first under the leadership of Brian Galante, Director of Choral Studies and Associate Dean for the newly established School of Music, Theatre & Dance.

GATHER TIME "Time spent weekly gathering in worship with my church."

# GROUP TIME: Growing Your Christian Life in a Life Group

GROUP TIME Time spent sistently with a all group from my church" Being part of a community where we can find support, grow, and contribute is essential in our lives. As a church, we offer those essential ingredients. However, it is in smaller groups, like a Life Group, that these aspects are expanded exponentially.

Today, we are happy to feature a Life Group led by Carol Masslich, which meets mostly during the high season. They consider themselves a very united family that has been meeting for a very long time. The study of the Bible is the central focus of their meetings. "We have a Bible study which we are all very serious about, and yet we also do a lot of laughing," says Carol. Having a good time together and feeling like you are in a safe space are great characteristics shared by this group. This and other groups in our church have been making a real impact on people's lives, especially in their spiritual lives.

If you are not part of a group yet, Victory offers plenty of opportunities! Whether in a Life Group, in the Music Ministry, as a volunteer, or in any other capacity, get involved, grow, be blessed, and be a blessing.





# Valley Chamber Chorale Saturday, February 3 @ 2:00pm

Under the direction of Dr. Christopher Samuel, the Valley Chamber Chorale is the longest running not-for-profit choral organization in the Valley. It is an auditioned community choir enriching the Phoenix area through its performances of a wide range of repertoire. Come hear them perform as they celebrate their 36th season of sharing the joy of music!



This Life Group meets Wednesdays @ 1:30pm in Fireside Room