

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. (200-300 word limit)

Daily Bible Readings (March 3-9)

Sun: Isaiah 53:1-11
Mon: Psalm 73
Tues: Matthew 7:7-8
Wed: Jeremiah 6:9-15
Thurs: Psalm 80
Fri: John 7:37-52
Sat: Romans 5:1-11

*During Lent, the readings selected are taken from The Easter Experience Lenten Devotional.

Life Notes

The Ultimate Question #3: "Tortured by Romans"

Isaiah 53:1-11

Opener:

Have you ever watched the movie "The Passion of the Christ"? How did you react to the movie?

Go Deeper:

1. Reflecting on verse 3, how was Jesus treated by humanity during His earthly ministry? How does this align with the portrayal of Jesus in the Gospels?
2. According to verses 4-6, what was the purpose of Jesus' suffering and death? How does this relate to the concept of atonement for sin?
3. How does verse 8 emphasize the injustice of Jesus' suffering and death? What does this teach us about the nature of sin and humanity's need for redemption?
4. Reflect on verse 10. Why was it God's will for Jesus to suffer? How does this align with God's plan for salvation?
5. According to verse 11, what will be the outcome of Jesus' suffering? How does this offer hope and redemption to believers?

Live It:

1. How does reflecting on the suffering of Jesus deepen your understanding of the magnitude of God's love and grace?
2. In what ways can you incorporate the suffering of Jesus into your personal prayers and reflections, particularly during times of struggle or difficulty?
3. Reflect on any areas of unforgiveness or bitterness in your heart. How can the example of Jesus' forgiveness on the cross inspire you to extend forgiveness to others?
4. What is God saying to you?
5. What specifically are you going to do about it this week?

Upcoming Week

Sunday, March 3

COMMUNION WEEKEND

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

Monday, March 4

9-11:30am Food Pantry
9:30am Easter Experience, FH
12:30pm GriefShare, C4
5:30pm Easter Experience, FH

Tuesday, March 5

6:30pm Women's Bible Study, LR
7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS

Wednesday, March 6 - LENTEN WORSHIP

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
1:30pm Women's Life Group, B7

4pm Lenten Worship, WC

5pm Soup Supper, FH

4pm I-HELP, C4
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC
8pm AA Meeting, FS

Thursday, March 7

10am Prayer & Praise Worship Service, CH
11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS
11am Stephen Ministry, C4

Friday, March 8

Office Closed

Saturday, March 9

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 11: Estate & Planned Giving Seminar @ 1:30pm
MARCH 12: Dementia Seminar @ 1pm
MARCH 17: St. Paddy's Shindig! @ 3pm
MARCH 24: Handel's Messiah Concert @ 3pm

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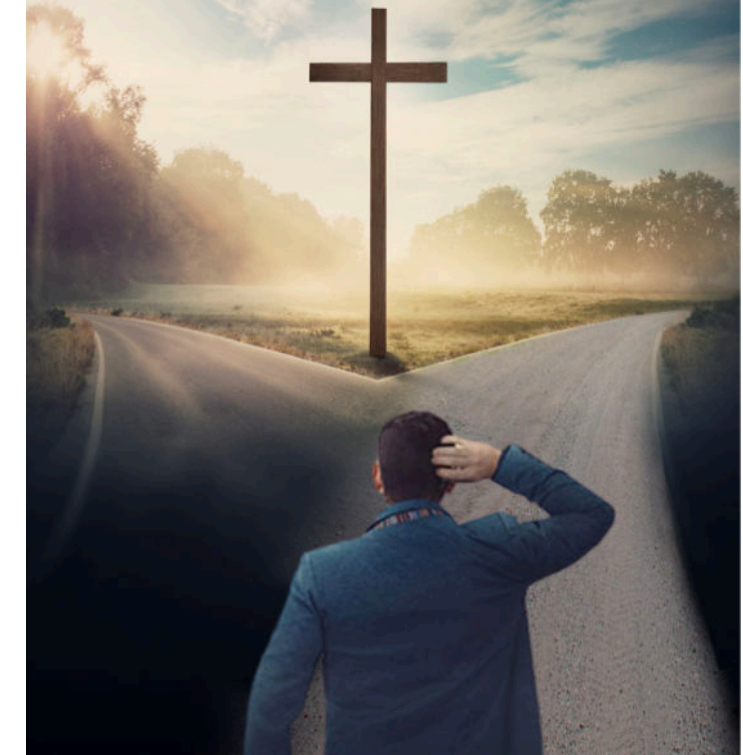
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CH = Chapel
FH = Fellowship Hall
FS = Fireside Room
LR = Luther Room
WC = Worship Center
C4 = Community Room

The ULTIMATE Question



March 2 & 3, 2024

"Tortured by Romans"

Isaiah 53:1-11



Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor
Susan Westland, Chaplain
Renee Bennett, Pastoral Intern

Connect with us!



GOD TIME:
Prayer & Praise Worship Service
Thursday, March 7 @ 10:00am

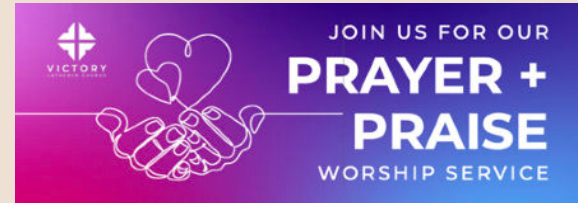
This gathering provides an opportunity for our community to come together in worship, prayer and gratitude. You are welcome to pray in silence or as you feel led. No need to RSVP, simply come as you are. We meet in the courtyard Chapel.

Weekly Prayer Group
 Meets Thursdays @ 10:00am



What is Intercessory Prayer?

It is praying on behalf of others. The direct translation from its Latin roots is "to go between." The Bible provides numerous examples of intercessory prayer and reminds us of those we should be praying for.



Whom Are We to Pray For?

Pray for . . .

- All people
- Citizens of our country
- Enemies
- All in authority
- Friends
- Ministers of the Gospel
- People of God
- People who abandon us
- Persecutors
- Health concerns

Scripture

- 1 Timothy 2:1
- Romans 10:1
- Jeremiah 29:7
- 1 Timothy 2:2
- Job 42:8
- Philippians 1:19
- Psalms 122:6
- 2 Timothy 4:16
- Matthew 5:44
- James 5:14

GATHER TIME:
St. Paddy's Shindig!
Sunday, March 17 @ 3:00pm

You won't want to miss this event!
 A Traditional Irish Meal with corned beef & cabbage, carrots, potatoes, dessert and FREE beverages!
 March 3rd is the last day to get your tickets! Cost \$20.
 Available online: VictoryLutheran.com



LIVE MUSIC: RoundTable

RoundTable performs a blend of traditional and contemporary folk songs. We are multi-instrumentalists, so we bring a range of instruments to our performances, including guitar, bagpipes, flutes, fiddle, vocals, and more. We look forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day with the music of Ireland!



GO TIME: Fair Trade (Lutheran World Relief)
Marla Trent

I spend most of the year in Arizona and during the summers I travel back to my other residence in Washington. I started attending Victory with my neighbors back in 2009. I've been in the service industry for many years with my school district job and then I started my business with Mary Kay as a consultant. I enjoy helping and serving people.

When I met Fran Toombs and Gloria Dibley they were working Fair Trade. I thought this is neat because we are helping all these global artisans with their small businesses. We help them by ordering, we in turn help our Women's Ministry and in turn help our community. That's a win, win situation. I love it doing it!

What is Fair Trade?

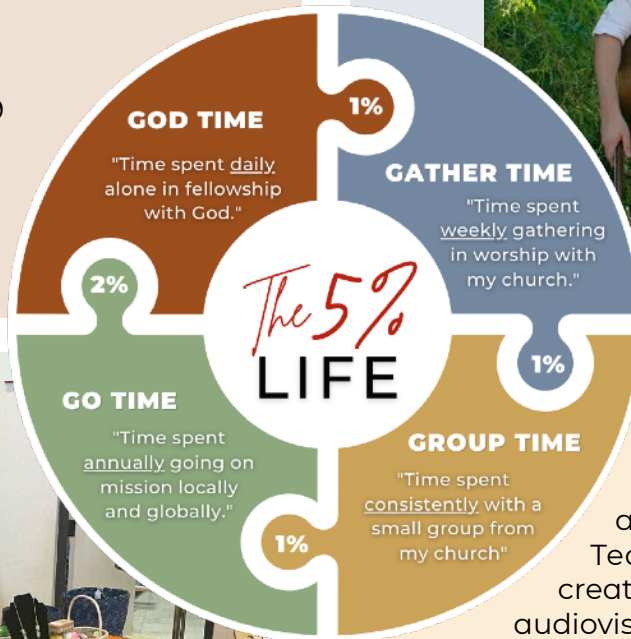
Fair Trade is a method of global trade that benefits farmers and artisans in developing countries and allows consumers to purchase products that are made in ethical conditions.

Who Benefits from Fair Trade?

Farmers and their communities benefit from sustainable sources of income, along with funding for things like wells, schools or health centers. We benefit not only from the purchase of quality products, but also in knowing that we made a real and lasting difference for farmers and their families around the world.



Items will be available at the Women's Luncheon on March 9th and March 10th in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:30am Worship Service.



GROUP TIME:
Victory's Creative Team

Here at Victory, we are privileged to have a great group that we call "The Creative Team." Our responsibilities include the creation of virtually all communication pieces, audiovisual resources, and web content that you see coming from Victory. It is so rewarding to work with a group of talented, responsible, and above all, godly people. We consistently witness God's guidance in every step of the creative process while we focus on the mission that Christ has given each of us. We welcome your prayers for this group and for all the production that aims for the Glory of God.

The Creative Team:
 Pastor Todd Mathison
 Gio Begano
 Eileen Hernandez
 Alisson Unglaub
 Mayelle Unglaub



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters . . . It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ~ Colossians 3:23-24