

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 (April 28-May 4)

Sun: Acts 18:1-4 The Church at Corinth
Mon: 1 Corin. 1:10-18 An Appeal for Unity
Tues: Acts 18:5-11 Proclaiming the Word
Wed: Acts 18:12-17 Dragged before Gallio
Thurs: Acts 18:18-23 Paul Leaves Corinth
Fri: 1 Corin. 1:19-31 The Source of Life
Sat: 1 Corin. 11:17-26 Eating the Lord's Supper

*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.

Life Notes

Power of the Holy Spirit #3: "Is What Paul Said True?" Acts 17:1-5, 10-11

Opener:

What is Truth? Realitive Truth, Absolute Truth. Define what is the difference? Are both useful? Which one is followed the most today?

Go Deeper:

1. What is Truth? (See John 19)
2. What was Paul's message when he came to Thessalonica? (Acts 17:1-4)
3. What was the reaction to his message? Some believed? Some Jews were jealous, and then what happened?
4. After the riots, Paul and Silas snuck out of town and went to _____?
5. The Bible says that those people were of _____ character. What does that mean?
6. Where is the one place we find absolute truth?
7. Who or what teaches the truth? Can we trust them?
8. How do we know whether they are teaching God's truth?

Live It:

1. Why is truth important in the Christian life?
2. How does Romans 1:24-25 relate to the original sin in Genesis 3? How did Eve exchange the truth about God for a lie?
3. What truths about God are you tempted to exchange for a lie?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. What does it mean to take every thought captive to obey Christ?
5. Why is it important for a Christian to control his or her thoughts? What happens when we let our minds wander without controlling our thoughts?
6. Do you tend to think the best of people or the worst of people when you let your thoughts wander?
7. How does the idea of taking every thought captive relate to 1 Corinthians 13:7? What are some practical ways you can control your thoughts when it comes to others?

Upcoming Week

Sunday, April 28

7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC
11am Contemporary Worship, WC
12:15pm Africa Info. Meeting, B7



ORCHARD: AFRICA
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Monday, April 29

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



Tuesday, April 30

6:30pm Women's Bible Study, LR
7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS
7:30pm Orpheus Male Chorus (off-site)

Wednesday, May 1

9-11:30am Food Pantry
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4
1pm Men's Bible Study, LR
1:30pm Women's Life Group, FS
8pm AA Meeting, FS

Thursday, May 2

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



Friday, May 3

Office Closed

Saturday, May 4

Communion Weekend
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

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5: New Member Class @ 12:15pm
May 5: Violin, Piano & Organ Concert @ 3pm
May 6: The Chosen Season 4 @ 9:30am
May 7: S.A.F.E. Event Board Games @ 1pm
May 11/12: Mother's Day Weekend



We INVITE ALL to wear a special hat or fancy outfit to mark the occasion!

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POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



April 27 & 28, 2024

"Is What Paul Said True?"

Acts 17:1-5, 10-11



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

Connect with us!



GOD TIME: What is Truth?

What we believe about the Bible affects the way we act and react. Personally. Spiritually. Emotionally. Paul states, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16, NIV). The Greek word for "God-breathed" or as some translations say, "breathed out" is "theopneustos," which means "inspired by God" or literally the very "breath of God."

God-breathed means that every word in the original text of the Bible originated in the heart of God and was breathed into the heart of man so that they could write down exactly what God wanted to communicate. Billy Graham said it so well, "The Bible has stood the test of time because it is divinely inspired by Almighty God, written in ink that cannot be erased by any man, religion, or belief system."

God tells us in 2 Timothy 4:3: "For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear."

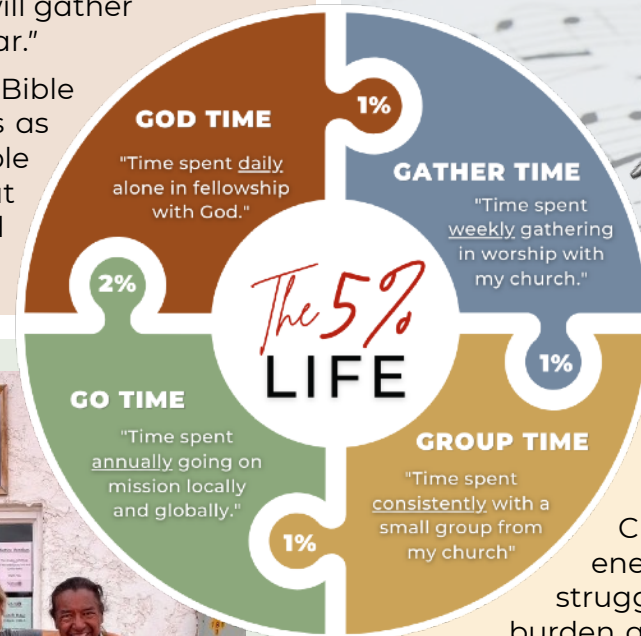
Never have we seen Scripture more distorted than in this last decade. What the Bible clearly states as wrong is now considered right. And what the Bible clearly states as right is now considered wrong. How it must break God's heart when His people ignore parts of The Truth that don't align with what they want to be true. Let that never be us. May we cling to God's Word as the ultimate truth — infallible and inerrant. God's Word is true!



GATHER TIME:

Duet or Duel: Battle of the Ages Sunday, May 5 @ 3pm

You are invited to hear Dr. Alisson Unglaub and Dr. Kristin Holton Prouty as they share a program of diverse music for violin, piano and organ. Through composers as well-known as Mozart and Sibelius to not so familiar works by Vitali and Nobre, Alisson and Kristin will be exploring the dynamic relationship between instruments in that age old question of whether these works are for solo and accompaniment or if the parts are equal? Come listen and decide for yourself! Entrance is free, and donations are always appreciated. Reception to follow.



GO TIME: Navajo Lutheran Mission • Rock Point, AZ

by Renee Bennett, Pastoral Intern

Upon returning from the Navajo Lutheran Mission on Sunday night, everyone has anxiously approached me with the question, "How was Navajo?" The quick answer is, "It's complicated." Jeff and I have worked with the Navajo families for years and have been blessed by developing some very close relationships with a few of the families there. The poverty is evident and yet so is their resiliency. They have a deep rooted faith in God as the Creator but not all are aware of the Gospel promise of forgiveness and eternal life. As we are called to "Love thy neighbor" it is important for us to remember that whether our neighbor lives in Navajo or in our own church community, we need to first listen to their needs and not to rant about what

needs to be done. When we try to rush in to fix things instead of first listening to what our neighbor needs we reduce God to a to do list instead of focusing on what God has called us to do which is to "baptize and teach"(Matthew 28:19). We need to be cautious of our own self righteousness and our desire to fix things that may not need to be fixed. I look forward to having many conversations with you about what God is doing in Navajo and how we as the church at Victory can listen and learn and love on the precious saints in Navajo.



GROUP TIME: The Chosen Season 4 Coming Soon! May 6 @ 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall

Clashing kingdoms. Rival rulers. The enemies of Jesus close in while His followers struggle to keep up, leaving Him to carry the burden alone. Season 4 promises to deliver where last season's emotional walking on water finale left off.

- Episode 1: Promises
- Episode 2: Confessions
- Episode 3: Moon to Blood
- Episode 4: Calm Before
- Episode 5: Sitting, Serving, Scheming
- Episode 6: Dedication
- Episode 7: The Last Sign
- Episode 8: Humble

Watch this 8-episode premier with us on Mondays!

Snacks include soda, candy and popcorn!

Discussion to follow.



THE CHOSEN

SEASON FOUR

May 6 - July 1, 2024

Mondays @ 9:30am

Note: We will not meet Memorial Day, May 27