

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 (May 12-18)

Sun: 1 Corin. 15:51-57 Mystery and Victory
Mon: 1 Corin. 16:1-9 Collection for the Saints
Tues: 1 Corin. 16:10-14 Timothy and Apollos
Wed: 1 Corin. 16:15-24 Final Greetings
Thurs: 2 Corin. 1:3-7 A Prayer of Blessing
Fri: 2 Corin. 1:8-14 The Travails of Paul
Sat: Acts 2:1-4 Pentecost

*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.

Life Notes

Power of the Holy Spirit #5: "Death, the Last Enemy" 1 Corinthians 15:12-26, 51-57

Opener:

Who was the first person whose funeral you attended?

Go Deeper:

1. What would be the problem if Jesus had not been raised from the dead?
2. How would you describe the essential nature of Jesus' resurrection as part of our Christian faith?
3. 1 Corinthians 15:23-26: What is the significance of Christ's reign and the defeat of death?
4. 1 Corinthians 15:51-53: How does Paul describe the transformation that will occur at the resurrection? What does this reveal about what life will be like after the resurrection?
5. 1 Corinthians 15:54-55: What is the significance of death being "swallowed up in victory," and how does this relate to the promise of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ?

Live It:

1. Would you be a Christian if there was no resurrection?
2. Based on 1 Corinthians 15:23-26, how does the reality of the resurrection influence your perspective on challenges and fears?
3. Considering 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, how does resurrection prepare you for the uncertainties and fears of life?
4. What is God saying to you specifically?
5. What step of faith is God calling you to live in this coming week?

Upcoming Week

Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day

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

Monday, May 13

9-11:30am Food Pantry
9:30am The Chosen: Season 4, FH
12:30-2:30pm GriefShare, C4

Tuesday, May 14

9:30am Women's Ministry
Combined Bible Study Groups, C4
6:30pm Women's Bible Study, LR
7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS

Wednesday, May 15

9-11:30am Food Pantry
12:30pm AI-Anon, C4
1pm Men's Bible Study, LR
1:30pm Women's Life Group, B7
8pm AA Meeting, FS

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

Thursday, May 16

10am Prayer Group, B7
11am AI-Anon Meeting, FS
11am Stephen Ministry Meeting, C4
3:30pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event
Outing to Organ Stop Pizza

Friday, May 17

Office Closed

Saturday, May 18

Pentecost Weekend - Wear Red!
New Member Commissioning
8am Men's Bible Study, FS
4pm Worship, WC



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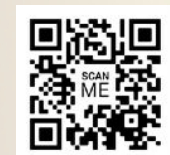
May 11 & 12, 2024

"Death, the Last Enemy"
1 Corinthians 15:12-26, 51-57



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

Connect with us!



GOD TIME: A Love that is Forever Faithful and Unchanging

Can there be any love more fierce and full than a mother's love for her own child? A mother's love is a profound and tender bond, often seen as the purest form of affection on earth. Her devotion is marked by endless sacrifice, unwavering support, and a nurturing spirit that cherishes and protects her children. This love is beautifully illustrated in Isaiah 49:15, where God compares His love to that of a mother's, saying, "Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!"

This verse highlights the deep and inherent love a mother has for her child, a love that is almost unimaginable to be absent. Yet, God's love surpasses even this. While a mother's love is steadfast and enduring, God's love is even more so—eternal and unchanging. He assures us that even if the unthinkable were to happen, and a mother could forget her child, He will never forget us.

God's love is constant, boundless, and always present, providing comfort and assurance beyond what any human relationship can offer. As we reflect on a mother's love, let it remind us of the even greater love our Heavenly Father has for us, a love that is forever faithful and unchanging.



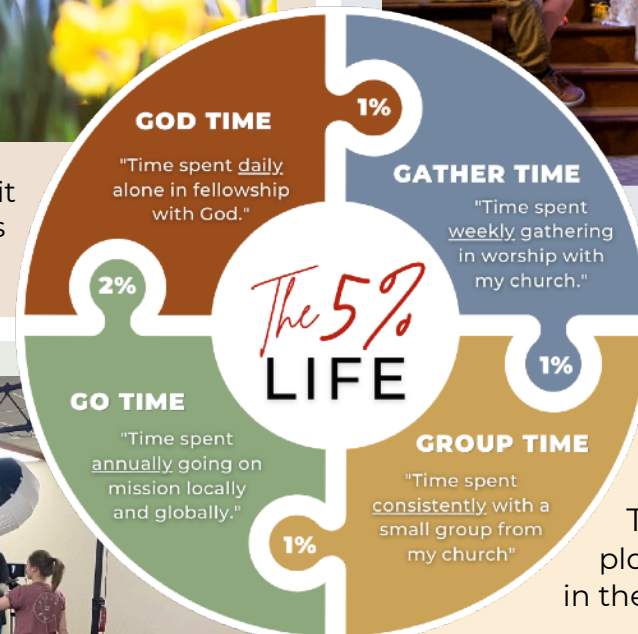
GATHER TIME:



"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him." - Psalm 127:3



"I tell you the truth, 'Anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.' Then He took the children in His arms and placed His hands on their heads and blessed them." - Mark 10:15-16



GO TIME: VLC Studio Update Digital greetings church family!

Our Online Campus has been growing and, with it, the demands and ideas have been popping up as well. With that in mind, we have been dreaming about a bigger and more professional studio to better serve the Lord and spread the gospel more effectively. After a long journey, we are very excited to announce that we have a new studio! We moved to a larger room, with more space, and it has been totally remodeled.

Special thanks to Richard Westland, Richard Lutz, Ron Anderson, Dean Senne, Preston Rochel, and especially to Roger Anhorn whose unwavering support and help were essential to this project. Also, many thanks to our church community for all the support given to us and to Pastor Todd Mathison who shared in our dream.

Enjoy a sneak peek with some behind-the-scenes photos of the process and don't forget to subscribe to our social media channels and to our Daily Hope devotionals.



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Receive a brief daily devotional and Bible verse directly to your phone.

GROUP TIME: Singles Activity Fellowship Events (S.A.F.E.)

The 1st Tuesday of every month, we play board games from 1:00-3:45pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Thursday, May 16 Organ Stop Pizza @ 4:00pm

The church bus will leave Victory at 4:00pm, for our 4:30pm reservation. On the 3rd Thursday of every month, we will alternate dinner one month, lunch the next month to satisfy everyone's time preferences.



Orpheus Male Chorus Outing 4/30/24



Wednesday, May 22

Feed My Starving Children @ 9:00am

This monthly mission trip will be to the Christian based, non-profit organization, Feed My Starving Children on the 4th Wednesday of each month, initially scheduled for May through October. Our first visit will be on Wednesday, May 22, 9:00-11:00am. You can stand and package the food, or sit and label it. Afterwards, it's our custom to make a Smash Burger stop in the same plaza! The church bus will be made available, or you can drive.

SIGN UP > Look for the sign-up table in the lobby to sign up for each event.