Sermon Notes



Daily Bible Readings (April 13-19)

Sun: Luke 19:29-44 The Triumphal Entry Mon: Luke 19:45-48 Jesus Cleanses the Temple Tues: Luke 21:5-18 The Time is Near Wed: Luke 21:25-38 Watch for His Coming Thurs: Luke 22:1-27 The Lord's Supper Luke 23:32-47 Jesus Is Crucified Luke 23:44-56 Jesus' Death and Burial Sat:

> *The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.

Life Notes

Final Words - ETERNAL IMPACT #6: "Redeemed to New Life"

Luke 23:44-46

Opener:

What line from a movie instantly transports you to an entire understanding of what that movie was about?

Go Deeper:

- 1. Read Luke 23:44-46. What stands out to you about Jesus' final words on the cross? How does the context of this passage deepen your understanding of His sacrifice?
- 2. Compare Luke 23:46 with Psalm 31:5. Why do you think Jesus chose to quote this specific Psalm in His final moments? What is the significance of this connection?
- 3. Discuss the meaning of the word "commit" in Psalm 31:5. How does understanding the original Hebrew word "pagad" enhance your perception of trust and surrender?
- 4. Peter speaks of the prophets and angels longing to understand the salvation we now experience (1 Peter 1:10-12). How does this perspective influence your appreciation of the redemption story?
- 5. Reflect on the phrase "you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God" from Psalm 31:5. How does this declaration shape your view of God's character and His plan for humanity?

Live It:

- 1. In what areas of your life are you struggling to trust God completely? How can Jesus' example of surrender on the cross inspire you to commit those areas into God's hands?
- 2. Redemption means liberation from bondage. How has Jesus set you free from personal struggles or sins? Share a testimony of how this freedom has impacted your life.
- 3. How can you live out your identity as a "new creation" in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)? What practical steps can you take to reflect this transformation in your daily life?
- 4. Consider the concept of living with grateful hearts. How does recognizing redemption as a gift, rather than something earned, change your attitude towards God and others?
- 5. We are called to be a "royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9). In what ways can you actively participate in God's kingdom work, both within your community and beyond?

Upcoming Week

Sunday, April 13 - PALM SUNDAY

7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH 8am Worship & Communion, WC 9:30am Worship, WC 11am Contemporary Worship, WC 11am Children's Church, NR 12:15pm 1st Communion Class, B7

Monday, April 14

9-11:30am Food Pantry 4pm Confirmation Class, LR

Tuesday, April 15

3pm Council Meeting, B7 5pm 1st Communion Class, B7 6:30pm Women's Bible Study, LR 7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS

Wednesday, April 16

9-11:30am Food Pantry 12:30pm Al-Anon, C4 1pm Men's Bible Study, LR 1pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, CH 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC 8pm AA Meeting, FS

Thursday, April 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

10am Prayer Group, B7 11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS 11:30am Stephen Ministry, C4 3-8pm Stations of the Cross (self-guided), FH 4pm Maundy Thursday Svc, WC with Communion 6pm Maundy Thursday Svc, WC with Communion

Friday, April 18 - GOOD FRIDAY

3-8pm Stations of the Cross (self-guided), FH 4pm Good Friday Cantata, WC 6pm Good Friday Cantata, WC

Saturday, April 19 - EASTER WEEKEND

8am Men's Bible Study, FS 4pm Worship, WC

> CH = Chapel FH = Fellowship Hall

FS = Fireside Room

LR = Luther Room

NR = Nursery

WC = Worship Center

C4 = Community Room

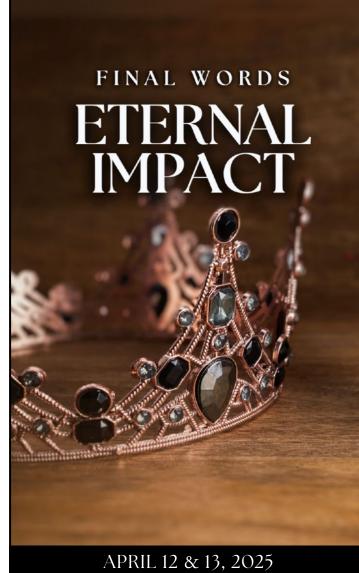
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REDEEMED TO NEW LIFE Luke 23:44-46



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



Connect with us!









GOD TIME: From the Temple to Today — No Barriers to God's Presence Renee Bennett, Pastoral Intern

William and Jacob Bedoya are just about to complete their first year of Confirmation class. They have been walking through the Old Testament and learning how the entire Bible points to Jesus as the Messiah. Recently they worked together on a model of the Solomon Temple. The actual temple took 7 years to complete. After many false starts on this model whose directions were in Hebrew and in very small print, I think the boys began to wonder if this would also take 7 years to build!



Through this project the boys have come to a better understanding that our *God Time* is very important to us as Christians. Unlike during the time of the Temple, where only the High Priest was able to enter beneath the curtain into the Holy of Holies to be in the presence of God (and this was only once a year on the Day of Atonement), we are now able to spend alone time in direct fellowship with God anytime



we want because the temple curtain was torn in half when Christ died on the cross for the once and forever forgiveness of our sins. We now have no barriers to be in the presence of God! What a blessing!

Do you know of a young person in 7-9th grade who could benefit from Biblical instruction?

If so, please contact Renee Bennett at rbennett@victorylutheran.com. Our Confirmation Classes will end in May but will resume again in August.

GOD TIME

"Time spent <u>daily</u> alone in fellowship

GO TIME

GATHER TIME
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GROUP TIME

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

GATHER TIME: First Holy Communion Class
Attention all children 7 years and up who have not received their First Communion!

Two options: April 13 @ 12:15pm & April 15 @ 5:00pm

We will meet in room B7 for First Communion training for all children 7 years and up along with their parents. During the class we will explain the Last Supper, Jesus' death and resurrection, and the Meaning of Communion. The Lord's Supper gives us the promise through the earthly elements of bread and wine that our sins are forgiven. We are the passive recipients of God's forgiveness. We do nothing to deserve this. It's Christ's words that through His body and blood our sins are forgiven, that makes it so. Our faith and our conduct have nothing to do with the efficacy of the sacrament.

Our First Communion will be held on Thursday, April 17 during our Maundy Thursday service at 6:00pm.



VICTORY

Sign up at the Welcome Desk or email Renee Bennett at rbennett@victorylutheran.com



GO TIME: "...who lead others into God's mission frontiers..."

Go Time = 2% of your year (seven days)

Our vision reaches beyond individual spiritual growth. At Victory, we believe Christ-centered disciples are called to join God in His ongoing mission—because God is already at work in the world, calling people to faith in Jesus Christ. As followers of Jesus, we get to join with God in His mission.

The Bible directs us in 2 Timothy 2:2 to pass along what we have learned to trustworthy people who will teach others as well. This is how disciples multiply—by sharing, serving, and sending. The Holy Spirit not only calls us to faith, but equips and sends us out with the message of God's love given in Jesus Christ, giving us a heart and purpose that reaches across the street and around the world.

We invite you to live "The 5% Life," committing 2% of your year—about seven days—to engage in God's mission. Whether you serve locally, nationally, or globally, you step into a story bigger than your own. Join our mission partners in hands-on service, give financially to support others, or simply say, "Here I am, Lord—send me." When each of us brings our time, energy, and resources, Victory becomes more than a church—it becomes a launchpad for the Gospel.

When you invest in Kingdom work, you're doing more than helping others—you're honoring God, participating in His grace, and making an eternal impact. Come join us as we respond to God's call and step boldly into His mission—one relationship, one moment, one life at a time.

Pastor Tooks Mathison

GROUP TIME: A Small Group Journey Carol & Nob Masslich

God started our small group about 20 years ago. There has been very little turnover. New people find that instead of feeling like members they quickly become friends and then family. Our relationship to God is key. As we grow spiritually and share stories, we are struck by the majesty, personal love and provision of God. We have each seen miracles in our lives and the lives of those for whom we pray. In our weekly Bible study, usually based on Life Notes, we have spirit-filled discussions with added information which we apply to our lives. We function as a loving, committed, close-knit family. Because of confidentiality, love and trust, we can share anything and know that we have the nonjudgmental support of each other.



The first half hour is devoted to prayer requests for each other and intercession for others. The last hour is devoted to our Bible study and spiritual growth. We deal with very serious issues but have great laughter and fun as we enjoy being together with occasional



potlucks. We are comprised of singles and couples; year-round residents and winter visitors. When we are apart in the summer, we share our lives and prayer concerns in a weekly email communication as well as texts and phone calls. In the fall, we are eager to get together as it feels like coming home. Our name is God's Growing Grandparents. Our goal is to grow deeper in our faith and relationship with God and each other as well as in doing God's will for our lives. God is the head of our family. We encourage everyone to join a Small Group where you can apply the broader concept of family to your own life.