

Sermon Notes

EXPERIENCE  
**EASTER**



**TOUCH CARDS**  
available at the  
Welcome Desk!

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2025**  
Maundy Thursday\* 4pm & 6pm  
Good Friday Cantata 4pm & 6pm  
Stations of the Cross Experience  
April 17 & 18, 3-8pm

**EASTER SERVICES**  
Outdoor Sunrise\* 6am  
Traditional 8am, 9:30am, 4pm Saturday  
Continental Breakfast 6:45-7:45am  
Contemporary & Children's Church 11am  
\*with communion



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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
Fri:	Luke 23:32-47	Jesus Is Crucified
Sat:	Luke 23:44-56	Jesus' Death and Burial

\*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 "paqad" 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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FINAL WORDS  
**ETERNAL  
IMPACT**



APRIL 12 & 13, 2025

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!





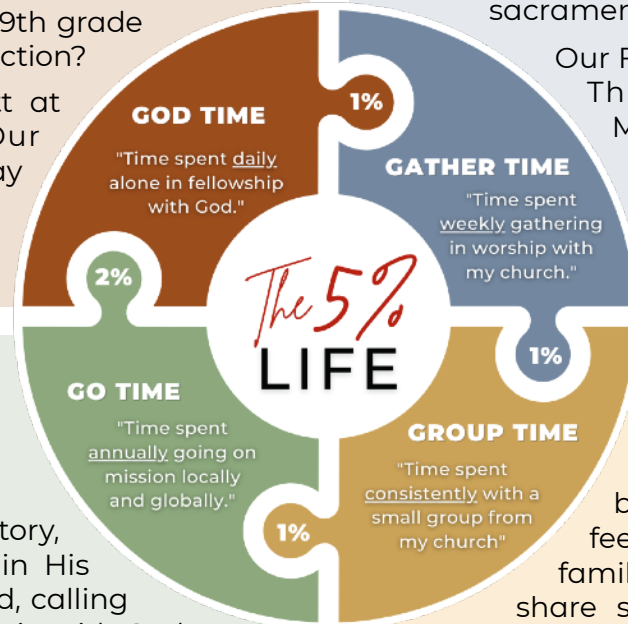
**Renee Bennett, Pastoral Intern**

A detailed wooden model of a castle or fortress, featuring multiple towers, battlements, and a central courtyard, resting on a wooden surface. The model is constructed from light-colored wood and includes various architectural details such as crenellations, windows, and internal structures. It is placed on a dark, textured wooden surface.

A photograph of two students, a girl and a boy, working on a project. The girl is standing and leaning over a table, placing small wooden blocks to build a structure. The boy is sitting at the table, looking at a map or drawing. The table is covered with a large sheet of paper showing a map or drawing, and there are several small wooden blocks and other materials on the table. The background shows a classroom setting with a clock on the wall and a whiteboard.



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



**Attention all children 7 years and up who have not received their First Communion!**

**April 13 @ 12:15pm & April 15 @ 5:00pm**

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

Sign up at the Welcome Desk  
or email Renee Bennett at [rbennett@victorylutheran.com](mailto:rbennett@victorylutheran.com)



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

WHO *Lead* OTHERS INTO GOD'S *Mission* FRONTIERS

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.

Pastor Todd Mathison

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 our stories, we are struck by the majesty, personal love and grace of God. We have each seen miracles in our lives and the lives of others whom we pray for. In our weekly Bible study, usually based on the Gospel of John, we have spirit-filled discussions with added information which we share with one another. We function as a loving, committed, close-knit family. With confidentiality, love and trust, we can share anything and know we will receive the nonjudgmental support of each other.

