

Sermon Notes

Life Notes

Upcoming Week

ALLELUIA
HE IS RISEN



APRIL 19 & 20, 2025

THE MOMENT THAT
CHANGED EVERYTHING
Matthew 28:1-10



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Daily Bible Readings (April 20-26)

Sun: Luke 24:1-12 Jesus Has Risen!
Mon: Romans 5:12-21 Adam and Christ
Tues: Romans 6:1-11 Dying and Rising with Christ
Wed: 1 Cor. 11:23-26 Institution of the Lord's Supper
Thurs: 1 Cor. 15:1-11 The Resurrection of Christ
Fri: Hebrews 1:1-4 God Has Spoken by the Son
Sat: Hebrews 10:1-10 Christ's Sacrifice Once for All

*The readings selected come from the
Narrative Lectionary calendar.

Eyewitness News #1:
"The Moment That Changed Everything"
Matthew 28:1-10

Opener:
Where do you want your body/remains to be
laid to rest?

- Go Deeper:
1. What stands out to you in the way the women respond to the angel's message? How would you have responded if you were there?
 2. Why do you think God chose a violent earthquake to mark the resurrection? How does that shake up your own view of what God is capable of?
 3. The angel says, "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." What does this phrase tell you about the character and reliability of Jesus? (See also Luke 24:6-8)
 4. When Jesus meets the women, He tells them, "Do not be afraid." Why might fear still linger — even when we have seen God's power firsthand?

- Live It:
1. If someone asked you this week why Easter matters to you personally, what would you say? (Try putting it in a single sentence first. Then share it with the group.)
 2. Ephesians 1:19–20 and Romans 8:11 both speak about the same power that raised Jesus living in us. What does resurrection power look like in your everyday life?
 3. What "unmovable stone" are you facing right now in life—something that seems impossible? How might you entrust it to God's resurrection power this week?
 4. The women "ran to tell the disciples" (v.8). Who is someone in your life that needs to hear a word of resurrection hope? What is one way you could lovingly share that?

- Sunday, April 20 - **EASTER WEEKEND**
6am Outdoor Sunrise with Communion
6:45-7:45am Continental Breakfast, FH
8am Worship, WC
9:30am Worship, WC
11am Contemporary Worship, WC
11am Children's Church, NR
- Monday, April 21
OFFICE CLOSED
9-11:30am Food Pantry
- Tuesday, April 22
1:30pm Book Club, B7
6:30pm Women's Bible Study, LR
7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS
- Wednesday, April 23
9-11:30am Food Pantry
9am S.A.F.E. Singles Event (off-site)
Feed My Starving Children, Bus leaves @ 8am
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4
1pm Men's Bible Study, LR
1pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, CH
8pm AA Meeting, FS
- Thursday, April 24
10am Prayer Group, B7
11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS
- Friday, April 25
OFFICE CLOSED
5pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event (off-site)
Dinner at Sizzling House, Bus leaves @ 4pm
- Saturday, April 26
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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GOD TIME: "...Empowered by the Holy Spirit"

God Time = 1% of your day (15 minutes)

At Victory, we deeply believe everything we do must be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Psalm 127:1 clearly reminds us, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."

That's why our church family embraces what we call "The 5% Life," beginning each day with just 1%—15 precious minutes—in intentional God Time. In those quiet moments of Scripture and prayer, we find our lives profoundly shaped by God's word and presence, aligning our hearts and priorities with His own.

Jesus tells us plainly, "If you remain in Me and My words remain in you..." (John 15:7). This "abiding" transforms each day, renewing our hearts, guiding our steps, and fueling an unwavering faith. Because what matters most to God is people—especially those far from Him—we dedicate ourselves to passionately praying, generously giving, and actively going, sharing His relentless love locally and globally.

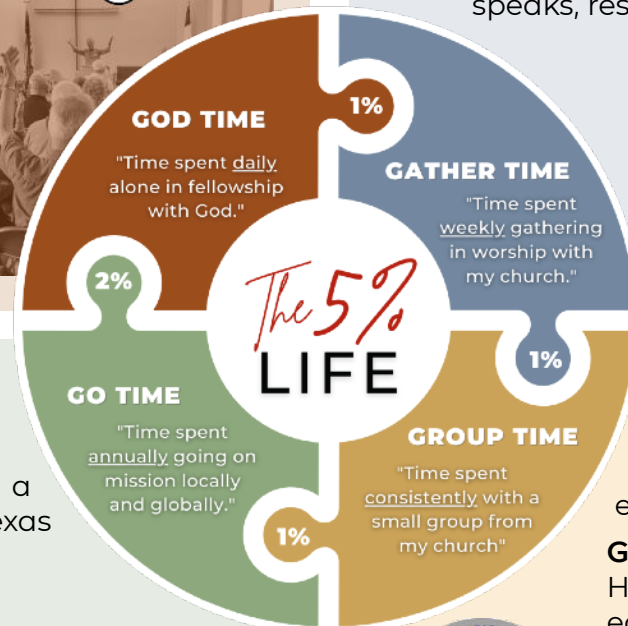
Join us in living this Spirit-empowered journey, letting God's Word shape every aspect of our lives. Together, we become vessels through whom God builds His kingdom, not by our strength, but by His grace.

Joyfully in Christ,

Pastor Todd Mathison



To learn more about Victory's Vision, pick up a pamphlet in the lobby!



GATHER TIME: New Sermon Series — Eyewitness News

What if the resurrection wasn't just a story told—but one still being lived?

Join us for our powerful sermon series, **Eyewitness News**, as we step into the shoes of those who encountered the risen Jesus face-to-face. These eyewitness accounts reveal not only that Jesus lives, but that He changes *lives*.

In each message, we'll discover the *Gospel*—the *Good News*—through the eyes of real people:

- A Savior revealed through Scripture and Communion
- A fallen friend forgiven and restored
- Doubters still called and sent
- A church launched with power and purpose

And the best part? This *good news* isn't just for them—it's for *you*. Come and see how the risen Christ still walks, speaks, restores, sends, and empowers today.

**You've heard the headlines.
Now come experience the story.
Eyewitness News — The Good News
of Jesus Christ.**



GO TIME: Spread the Good News—And Win a \$50 Gift Card!

Jesus is Risen—and we have a fun way for you to share the joy this Easter!

Did you see the beautiful photo backdrop in the lobby? It's perfect for snapping a festive Easter picture! And here's the best part: your photo could win you a \$50 Texas Roadhouse gift card!

HERE'S HOW TO ENTER:

1. Take a picture in front of the Easter backdrop
2. Post it on Facebook or Instagram
3. Include the hashtag **#victorylutheraneaster** in your post
4. That's it—you're entered!

After Easter, we will draw two winners from the hashtag entries—each will receive a \$50 gift card!

It's a joyful way to spread the good news: Jesus is Risen!

We can't wait to see your Easter smiles and celebration!

He is Risen



Pastor Todd & Anne Mathison

GROUP TIME: Upcoming this Summer — Save the Date!

Discovering Victory: New Member Class, April 27, 12:30-2:30pm

Our New Member Class is far more than an orientation; this is a starting point for everyone — members and non-members. Complimentary lunch included.

GriefShare Support Group, April 28-July 28, Mondays, 12:30-2:30

Have you lost a loved one? This program is a series of videos that we watch each week followed by discussion. We welcome everyone who has a loss; whether it be a child or a parent or spouse.

National Day of Prayer Service, May 1, 10:00am

Victory will join other congregations and communities from around our great nation in the 73rd observance of the National Day of Prayer.

Mother's Day, May 10 & 11

We like to recognize the women in our congregation for all they have done to share the love of God to others. We invite ALL to wear a special hat or fancy outfit to mark the occasion!

Father's Day, June 14 & 15

Patriotic Picnic (Potluck), July 6, 12:00pm

We provide a selection of chilled beverages and live entertainment; you bring the food! Let's all celebrate the gift of freedom God has granted us is the USA.

The Chosen: Season 5 (date TBD)

FREE popcorn and movie matinee! Season 5, titled "The Last Supper," focuses on Holy Week, the final days of Jesus' life before his crucifixion.

Diamondbacks: Faith & Family Night, August 8, 6:40pm

Join the D-backs and hundreds of churches across Arizona at Chase Field for Faith & Family Night! Special music performance by Tauren Wells following the game. Including "All-You-Can-Eat-Seats".

