

Sermon Notes

Daily Bible Readings (April 27-May 3)
Sun: Luke 24:13-35 The Road to Emmaus
Mon: Luke 24:36-49 Jesus Appears to His Disciples
Tues: Luke 24:50-53 The Ascension of Jesus
Wed: Acts 1:1-11 The Promise of the Holy Spirit
Thurs: Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas
Fri: Acts 3:11-26 Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico
Sat: Acts 4:32-37 Believers Share Their Possessions

*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.

Life Notes

Eyewitness News #2:
"Touching Truth"
John 20:24-29

Opener:
Where were you when you heard that President John F. Kennedy was shot?

Go Deeper:
1. What emotions do you hear in Thomas's words?
2. How do these verses describe faith from two different angles—both "seeing" and "not seeing"?
3. The first word Jesus speaks is "Peace." Scan Isaiah 26:3 and Philippians 4:7. Why is peace the doorway to deeper faith?
4. Jesus invites Thomas to examine His wounds. How do the scars of Christ answer both intellectual questions and emotional pain? (See 1 Peter 2:24)
5. Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. Peter calls our inheritance "imperishable." Which words in this passage give you the most hope when your world shakes?

Live It:
1. Which of these two ways are you prone to respond when life gets difficult: mad at God, sad with life?
2. Healthy doubt asks honest questions. What are some "healthy doubt" questions you have heard?
3. What question about God have you been afraid to voice, and who is a safe believer you can ask this week?
4. Think of one person you know facing a locked-door season—illness, layoff, grief. What practical act or word of peace can you offer in the next 72 hours?

Upcoming Week

Sunday, April 27
7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC
11am Contemporary Worship, WC
11am Children's Church, NR
12:30pm Discovering Victory 101, B7

Monday, April 28
9-11:30am Food Pantry
12:30-2:30pm GriefShare, C4
4pm Confirmation Class, LR

Tuesday, April 29
6:30pm Women's Bible Study, LR
7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS
7:30pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event (off-site)
Orpheus Male Chorus

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

Thursday, May 1
10am National Day of Prayer Service, CH
11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS
11:30am Stephen Ministry, C4


Friday, May 2
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, May 3
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

We would love to hear your story!
If you have a story to share in The Pulse about healing, praise, gratitude, serving in a mission or ministry at Victory, share it at hello@victorylutheran.com. (300 word max)

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EYEWITNESS
NEWS



APRIL 26 & 27 2025

TOUCHING TRUTH
John 20:24-29



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



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GOD TIME: National Day of Prayer Worship Service

Thursday, May 1 @ 10:00am

Because of the faith of many of our founding fathers, public prayer and national days of prayer have a long-standing and significant history in American tradition. This tradition will continue this year, on Thursday, May 1st as Victory Lutheran Church joins other congregations and communities from around our great nation in the 73rd observance of the National Day of Prayer.

In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

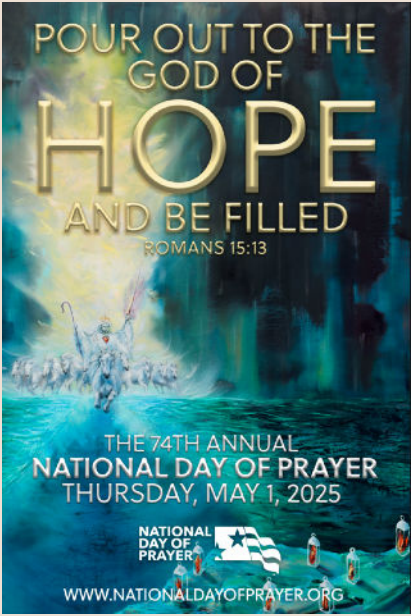
This year the theme for the National Day of Prayer comes from Romans 15:13 that reads, **"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."** (NASB)



Please plan to join us at 10:00am in the Courtyard Chapel as we gather to seek God's will for our nation, our communities, and our church family here at Victory Lutheran.

We will be handing out a special themed Prayer Guide this weekend to guide us as we pray together as a community in Christ.

www.nationaldayofprayer.org



GATHER TIME: Holy Week Photo Recap

Thank you to the VLC staff, choir, bell choir, volunteers and everyone who joined us for Holy Week and Easter services—your presence made this Easter season especially meaningful.



GO TIME: Easter Photo Contest Winners!

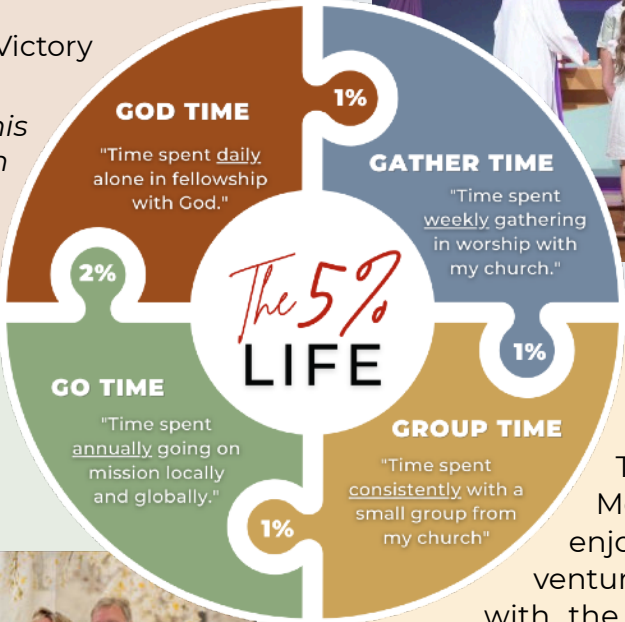
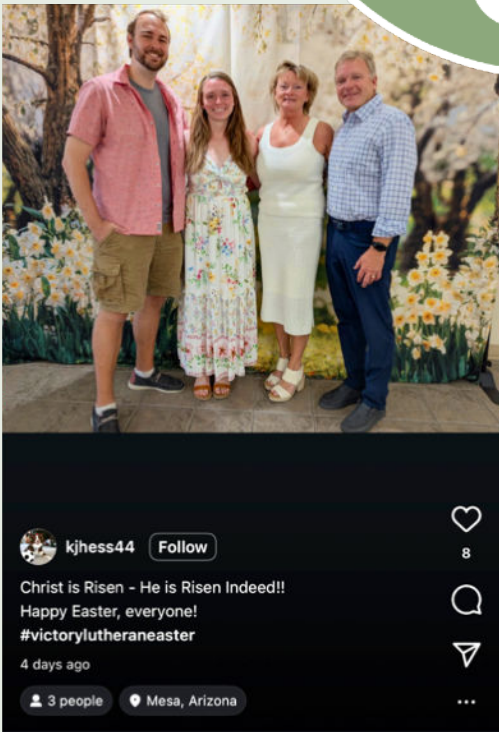
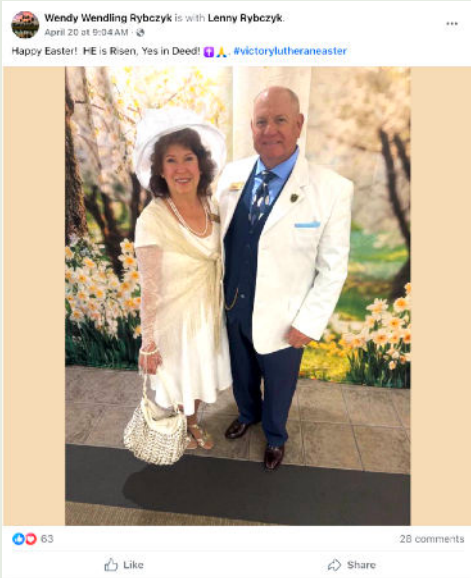
Thank you to everyone who shared their Easter joy with us by taking a photo in front of our backdrop and posting it with #victorylutheraneaster!

We are thrilled to announce our two winners:

- Wendy Rybczyk
- Kim Hess

Each of them will receive a \$50 Texas Roadhouse gift card!

Let's continue to share the joy that Jesus is Risen —
He is alive, and that changes everything!



GROUP TIME: Men's Saturday Small Group
Denton Bennet, Associate Pastor

Throughout 2025, I have had the pleasure of meeting weekly with the Saturday Men's Bible Study. This group has been a tremendous blessing to me as we have enjoyed studying the book of Revelation. As odd as that sounds, it is true. We have all ventured into Revelation at some point and probably felt frustrated and confused. Yet, with the presence of the Holy Spirit among us, this group has grown through this excellent study.

The Men's Bible Study group isn't new. For over 20 years now, a group of devoted VLC men have met every Saturday morning from 8:00-9:00am, enjoying time in the Word of God and fellowshiping with one another. Stories have been told, confessions shared, prayers said, breakfasts attended, and the occasional coffee spill, all with the idea of "doing life together." At times, the Fireside room has been overfilled, with the addition of our winter residents returning year after year and picking up right where they left off. The evidence of brotherhood and Christian love is alive within the group, strengthened by its willingness to study and apply the Word of God even as they meet. Their favorite bible verse calls to mind the remembrance of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, of His love for us and His promise to strengthen and protect us, just as the group hopes to help one another do as they meet together weekly, lifting up one another.

