

Sermon Notes

Life Notes

Upcoming Week

Final Words - ETERNAL IMPACT #5:  
"Completely Satisfied"

John 7:37-39; Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-11;  
Revelation 21:6; 22:12-17

Opener:

Briefly share about a time when you were very thirsty.

Go Deeper:

- 1. **John 7:37-39:** Why do you think Jesus chose the final day of the Feast of Booths—the one day without a water ceremony—to make His declaration?
- 2. **Isaiah 55:1-3:** How does this passage challenge our common assumptions about who God welcomes and how He welcomes them?
- 3. **Isaiah 55:6-11:** What do these verses say about the effectiveness of God's Word and invitation?
- 4. **Revelation 21:6 & 22:12-17:** How does the vision of God's eternal invitation deepen your understanding of God's character and His desires for humanity?
- 5. Look at Isaiah's prophecy (55:1-3), Jesus' invitation (John 7:37-39), and the final invitation in Revelation (21:6, 22:17). What consistent theme emerges? How does seeing this consistency across Scripture encourage you?

Live It:

- 1. **Heart Check:** How thirsty are you right now spiritually? What might be causing your thirst—stress, guilt, fear, loneliness, or something else?
- 2. **Breaking Patterns:** If Jesus were standing before you right now, gently inviting you to leave behind your empty pursuits, what would you need to let go of?
- 3. **Experiencing Grace:** Have you ever experienced the powerful, soul-satisfying grace of God in a particularly memorable way, similar to drinking deeply when extremely thirsty? Share that experience.
- 4. **Daily Practices:** What practical steps can you take daily to "drink deeply" from Christ's living water instead of temporary solutions?
- 5. **Encouraging Others:** How might God use your own struggles and experiences of grace to encourage someone else who is spiritually thirsty?

Sunday, April 6

COMMUNION WEEKEND

7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH  
8am Worship & Communion, WC  
8am Stephen Ministers Commissioning, WC  
9:30am Worship, WC  
11am Contemporary Worship, WC  
11am Children's Church, NR  
**12:30pm Special Congregational Meeting, WC**

Monday, April 7

9-11:30am Food Pantry  
**12:30pm GriefShare: Loss of Spouse, C4**  
**1:30pm Estate & Planned Giving Seminar, B7**  
4pm Confirmation Class, LR

Tuesday, April 8

9:30am Esperanza Study, FS  
1:30pm Mary Study, meet in home  
2pm Naomi Bible Study, B7  
6:30pm Women's Bible Study, LR  
7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS

Wednesday, April 9

9-11:30am Food Pantry  
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4  
1pm Men's Bible Study, LR  
1pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, CH  
**4pm Lenten Worship, WC**  
**5pm Soup Supper, FH**  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC  
8pm AA Meeting, FS

Thursday, April 10

10am Prayer Group, B7  
11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS  
**4:30pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event (off-site)**  
**Bingo at Sunland Village**

Friday, April 11

Office Closed

Saturday, April 12

PALM SUNDAY 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 5 & 6, 2025

COMPLETELY SATISFIED  
John 7:37-39



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



Connect with us!



**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, share it at  
hello@victorylutheran.com.  
(300 word max)

Daily Bible Readings (April 6-12)

Sun: Luke 18:31-19:10 Zacchaeus  
Mon: Luke 19:11-27 Parable of the Ten Talents  
Tues: Luke 20:1-8 Jesus' Authority  
Wed: Luke 20:9-19 Parable of the Wicked Tenants  
Thurs: Luke 20:20-26 Question About Paying Taxes  
Fri: Luke 20:27-40 Question About the Resurrection  
Sat: Luke 21:1-4 The Widow's Offering

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



GOD TIME: *Victory Forward — We Did It!*

**We Did It!** One of my greatest joys is witnessing your openhanded hearts in action. I want to celebrate God's work among us: together, we've generously and joyfully raised **\$50,000** for the **Victory Forward** campaign! This is a remarkable testimony to our shared commitment to extend God's kingdom in the East Valley. Our next step in this mission journey is to begin to prayerfully plan how God might use us to start a new church mission site. It reflects Victory's DNA of planting congregations so that more people can come to know Jesus Christ as Savior, and enjoy a loving, joyful Christian community.

We've hit the mark, and every dollar given will go toward this mission venture. I'm reminded of what the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7: "...whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully... God loves a cheerful giver." Your faithful giving isn't about hitting a financial goal—it's about sowing seeds for eternity. You give, not from duty, but from hearts moved by gratitude for God's boundless grace.

Galatians 6:7-9 assures us that we will reap what we sow in due season if we don't give up. Although we may not see the full harvest immediately, we trust that every step of faith—every dollar given, every prayer lifted—plays a vital part in God's plan.

As we now begin to prayerfully plan this new mission venture, let's keep asking the Lord to guide us and bless the seeds we've planted. Thank you for your steadfast support. Together, we're trusting the Lord for a marvelous harvest—more lives changed, more hope shared, and more hearts brought to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

With joy in Christ Jesus,  
*Pastor Todd Mathison*



GATHER TIME: Children's Church — Noisy Offering Thank You!

The Children's Church teachers and children want to thank you for your generosity in the **Noisy Offering**. We collected over **\$3,203.78** that can be used for classroom materials for the next year for our new Children's Church!

Have you heard that we have a church service for our 2-10 year olds? We offer Children's Church during our 11:00am Contemporary Service. Children's Church is a wonderful way for the children to be present in church with their parents so that they can participate in the first part of the worship service, but they are dismissed with their teachers after the children's sermon to spend about 30 minutes learning more about the Bible in a way that is tailored toward our youngest learners. Through scripture readings, puppetry, movies, and songs the children are learning the truth of the Word of God. Children and teachers have been having so much fun! Preston Rochel's nieces and nephews recently invited their friend Brayden to Children's Church and his comment was, "This was awesome!"

We would like to encourage you to invite your neighbors and friends who have children or grandchildren to consider attending our Contemporary Service and participating in our Children's Church.

Our children are a gift from God!

2 Timothy 3:14-15 stresses the importance of knowing the Holy Scriptures from infancy, which can lead to wisdom and salvation. This is what we want for our children and grandchildren! If you are interested in assisting with Children's Church please contact Renee Bennett at: [rbennett@victorylutheran.com](mailto:rbennett@victorylutheran.com)



GO TIME: Stephen Ministers Commissioning Sunday, April 6 @ 8:00am

Have ever wondered about the training our Stephen Ministers go through? Did you know their training teaches them principles and skills that equip them to provide high-quality, Christ-centered, one-to-one emotional and spiritual care to others? Victory Lutheran will commission five laypeople from our congregation into this special ministry of care and concern for others. Their commissioning concludes their initial 50-hour period of extensive training and preparation they went through over the past five months.

As Stephen Ministers they will be assigned to provide one to one Christian care to those in our congregation and community going through difficulties in life. Our newest Stephen Ministers will now continue their education as they join our full Stephen Ministry team that meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. In these on-going educational classes, our Stephen Ministers continue to learn additional caregiving skills that help them in their caring relationships.



Please join us in welcoming **Darrel Videen, Barb Nelson, Lori Pilato, Emilie Duffy, and Ronald Swalboski** to our Stephen Ministry Team. We thank God for their gifts and ask that you keep all of our Stephen Ministers in your prayers as they carry the love of Christ to those who need it.

For more information about Stephen Ministry please contact Pastor Susan Westland at the church office or by email at: [swestland@victorylutheran.com](mailto:swestland@victorylutheran.com)



GROUP TIME: "...that transforms and deploys Christ-centered disciples..."

*Group Time: 1% of your month (once a week)*

At Victory Lutheran Church, our vision is clear: to transform and deploy Christ-centered disciples into the world. We fully trust God's promise in Matthew 16:18 that He will build His Church; our charge, as Jesus commanded in Matthew 28:19, is to make disciples. If you plant a church, you may not always get disciples; if you make disciples, you will always get the church.

This mission is more than a program or a checklist—it is an invitation to live in authentic relationship with one another. This is done by investing at least 1% of your week in "Group Time"—about seven hours a month (once a week)—sharing our lives, our joys and struggles, continually learning from and challenging each other to follow Christ more closely. As we support each other on this journey, we become living testimonies of God's grace, growing not only in knowledge but in Christlike character and love.

At Victory, we encourage you to invest in what truly matters: people. Through heartfelt friendship, genuine conversations centered around God's Word, and purposeful care, we walk alongside one another, inspiring deeper faith and a stronger commitment to Jesus. When people are guided, uplifted, and spurred on in their spiritual formation, they begin to look and live more like Jesus, and God's work overflows into our neighborhoods and our world.

Our prayer is that, at Victory, you will be shaped by Christ's love and equipped to share it in every sphere of influence. As we focus on making disciples, we join God in His grand design for building His Church—a promise He has faithfully kept throughout the ages.

