

## Sermon Notes

### 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](mailto:hello@victorylutheran.com). (300 word max)

### Daily Bible Readings (August 3-9)

Sun:	Exodus 4:17-20	God Goes With You
Mon:	Exodus 4:21-23	Power Revealed Through Faith
Tues:	2 Corinthians 12:7-10	Strength in Weakness
Wed:	Exodus 4:27-31	Belief and Worship
Thurs:	Matthew 28:16-20	Promise of Presence
Fri:	Ephesians 1:3-6	Chosen for Purpose
Sat:	John 15:1-8	Bearing Fruit Faithfully

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

## Life Notes

**God's Will, God's Way #8:  
"God's Will, God's Way"**  
Exodus 4:17-23, 27-31

### Opener:

Identify something you carry with you every day.

### Go Deeper:

*(Exploring the Bible)*

1. **Exodus 4:20** – Why do you think Scripture emphasizes that Moses took “the staff of God” in his hand? What does this tell us about how God uses ordinary things in extraordinary ways?
2. **2 Corinthians 12:9** – What does Paul mean when he says God’s “power is made perfect in weakness”? How does that truth apply to Moses—and to you?
3. **Exodus 4:22-23** – Why does God call Israel His “firstborn son”? How does that deepen your understanding of His mission to deliver His people?
4. **Ephesians 1:4-5** – What does it mean that God chose and predestined us before the creation of the world? How does this verse connect to God’s call on Moses?

### Live It:

*(Applying to Our Lives)*

1. Moses had his staff. What’s your “staff”? What ordinary gift, resource, or opportunity has God placed in your life that He could use for His glory?
2. Are you currently resisting something God is calling you to do—perhaps because you don’t feel strong or ready? What would it look like to step forward in faith, trusting in His strength?
3. In what situation do you most need to remember that God is present with you right now?
4. Where do you feel “unqualified” in your faith life—witnessing, parenting, leading, serving? What if God is planning to display His power through your weakness?

## Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 3  
COMMUNION WEEKEND  
NEW MEMBER COMMISSIONING  
8:30-11am Morning Fellowship, FH  
8am Worship & Communion, WC  
9:30am Worship, WC  
11am Contemporary Worship, WC

### Monday, August 4

9-11:30am Food Pantry  
10am The Chosen, FH  
6pm The Chosen, B7

**The CHOSEN**  
LAST SUPPER  
Final - Episode 8!

### Tuesday, August 5

6:30pm Women’s Bible Study, C1  
7pm AA Men’s Meeting, C5  
**7pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event  
Movie - Men in Black (off-site)**

### Wednesday, August 6

9-11:30am Food Pantry  
10am Men’s Bible Study, C1  
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4  
**1pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event  
Movie - Men in Black (off-site)**  
8pm AA Meeting, C5

### Thursday, August 7

10am Prayer Group, B7  
11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5  
11:30am Stephen Ministry, C4

### Friday, August 8

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:40pm Diamondbacks Faith & Family Night  
Bus leaves @ 5:15pm

### Saturday, August 9

8am Men’s Bible Study, C5  
4pm Worship, WC

CH = Chapel  
FH = Fellowship Hall  
C5 = Fireside Room  
NR = Nursery  
WC = Worship Center  
C4 = Community Room

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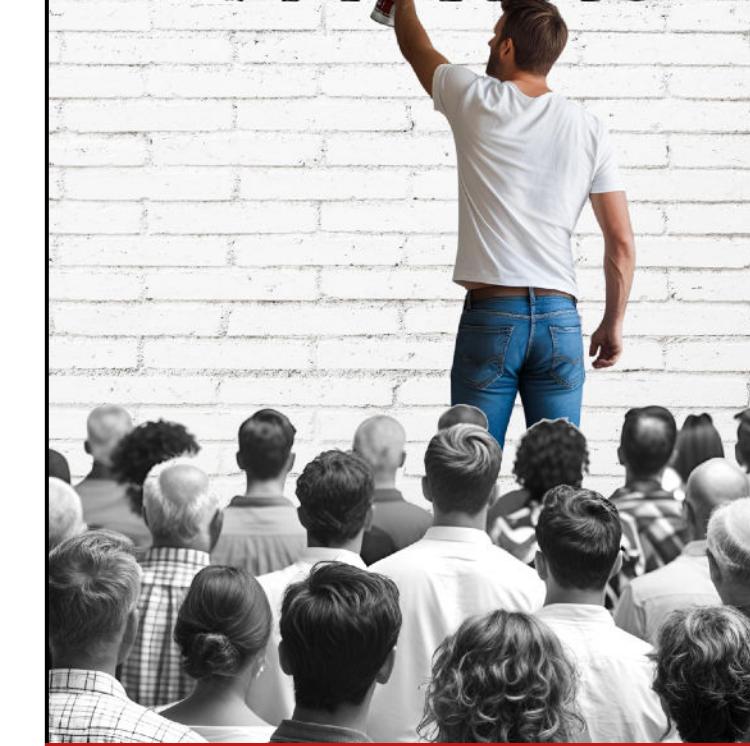
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**GOD'S WILL**  
**GOD'S**  
**MY WAY**



August 2 & 3, 2025

## "God's Will, God's Way"

**Exodus 4:17-23, 27-31**

  
**THE PULSE**

Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor  
Denton Bennet, Associate Pastor  
Susan Westland, Chaplain  
Renée Bennett, Discipleship Pastor



Connect with us!



## GOD TIME: Let God' Word Speak Into Your Day

Wondering how to start your God Time? Our Daily Hope videos aren't just quick devotionals, they're moments where God meets people right where they are. We have a growing online congregation that is watching and engaging every week. Take a look at some of the comments we're receiving. Why not make it part of your daily rhythm too? Take a few minutes to pause, listen, and reflect—because as Jesus said, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4) Let God speak into your day—start with Daily Hope.



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S @ [REDACTED] · 3 months ago  
Thank for for the reminder that there is no chaos greater than God's Peace and Love ❤️

N @ [REDACTED] · 2 weeks ago  
Thank you. I needed this msg this instant. Amen 🙏

@LindaWesel · 5 days ago  
This was such a great Daily Hope. So simple yet so profound.

L @ [REDACTED] · 1 month ago  
And may God bless you, Pastor Susan. You carry a lot on your heart. However, that makes you the compassionate person that you are.

K @ [REDACTED] · 1 month ago  
I so enjoy this pastors education segments. Thank you.

B @ [REDACTED] · 4 days ago  
Love your introductions!

D @ [REDACTED] · 3 weeks ago  
Thank you for this meditation and help in Christian growth.

M @ [REDACTED] · 2 months ago  
Beautiful! Thank you for sharing!

## GO TIME: S.A.F.E. Event — Feed My Starving Children

Linda Kilkenny, Singles Ministry Coordinator

In just two hours, you can help turn hunger into hope by volunteering at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). As a Christian organization, FMSC is driven by the mission to glorify Jesus through feeding children who are hungry—both physically and spiritually.

Volunteers hand-pack nutritious MannaPack™ meals—rice, soy, vegetables, and essential vitamins—that are shipped to schools, orphanages, clinics, and feeding programs in over 70 countries. These meals provide daily hope to children facing severe food insecurity. In the 8 neediest countries alone, of the 70 served, there were nearly 72 million hungry children last year..

FMSC's impact is made possible by people like YOU. Since our Singles group began monthly service trips, 30 different volunteers have stepped up. You don't have to go every month—but summer is when help is needed most. Hunger doesn't take a vacation. This is our only "Give Back" event, and we want to grow our team. **Our goal is 10 volunteers each month**—we've averaged 6 so far. **Join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month.** The bus leaves at 8:00am; packing takes place from 9:00-11:00am. Good news—the bus is now free. Let's serve with joy and purpose—sign up at the lobby table!

**S.A.F.E.**  
SINGLES ACTIVITY  
FELLOWSHIP EVENTS  
"Encourage one another and build each other up..."  
1 Thessalonians 5:11

7/23/25 - Session 1 - 2hrs  
Boxes: 174  
Meals: 37,584  
Kids fed a daily meal for a year: 10  
Cost: \$10,899.36



## GROUP TIME: Welcome to our New Members!

This weekend is a special one as we welcome our newest members into our church family. We are grateful that God has led each of them to join us here, and we are excited to grow in faith together. Please take a moment to introduce yourself, extend a warm welcome to Victory's newest members wearing a red carnation!

**8:00am**  
Debbie Mahaffey

**9:30am**  
Betty Ann Canino  
Doc Van Gilder  
Annie Van Gilder

**11:00am**  
Dick Schinke



## First Impressions

"We found a home — comfortable and welcoming."

"Very welcoming group of people & very nice music."

"A place where I can learn and grow in His word and  
meet people with the same understanding."

If you are interested in attending our next Discovering Victory session  
contact Kathy at [kmichel@victorylutheran.com](mailto:kmichel@victorylutheran.com)

## GROUP TIME: Leadership Looks Like This ...

We watched this last week.

In The Chosen, Season 5, Episode 7, the scene is unforgettable — Jesus kneels to wash the feet of His disciples. The room falls quiet, awkward. The King of Kings, towel in hand, scrubs dust and grime from the feet of fishermen and tax collectors. This is not how leaders behave...or is it?

Jesus redefines leadership — not as authority or applause, but as humble service. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so," He says. "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet" (John 13:13-14). And then He seals it with a promise: "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them" (v17).

Leadership in the Kingdom of God looks like bending low to lift others up. It looks like popcorn and coffee, made with love each morning before we watch The Chosen together. It looks like unseen hands who serve so others can be fed — physically, emotionally, spiritually.

Those acts may seem small, but they embody something sacred. The ones who serve behind the scenes are showing us what real discipleship looks like. Jesus isn't looking for fans — He's forming followers who lead by serving.

So today, where is Jesus calling you to lead? Who can you bless — not by directing, but by doing?

Because in God's Kingdom, the ones who bend low are the ones who rise up with joy. And Jesus promises: You'll be blessed if you do.

**P.S. The final Episode 8 is being shown this Monday, 10am & 6pm.**

It would be great to have you join us there!

