

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. (300 word max)

Daily Bible Readings (August 10-16)

Sun:	Exodus 5:1-23	When Obedience Backfires
Mon:	Exodus 6:1-8	God's "I Will" Promises
Tues:	Isaiah 40:27-31	Renewed Strength
Wed:	2 Corinthians 11:7-18	Boasting in Weakness
Thurs:	James 4:13-17	If the Lord Wills
Fri:	Luke 9:21-27	Take Up Your Cross
Sat:	Romans 8:31-39	Unshakable Love

*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.

Life Notes

Navigating by God's Promises #1: "Trusting God When Life Falls Apart"

Exodus 5:1-6:8

Opener:

What's something you've tried to fix or build that didn't go quite the way you planned?

Go Deeper: (Exploring the Bible)

1. What does Exodus 6:1-8 reveal about God's character and promises?
2. Compare Exodus 5:22-23 with Psalm 13. What similarities do you notice in how God's people cry out?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. How does Paul describe God's work in the middle of suffering?
4. How do Jesus' words in Luke 9:23-25 challenge common assumptions about being His disciple?

Live It: (Applying to Our Lives)

1. What's your default belief: that God's will should make life easier—or more meaningful, even if it's hard?
2. Have you ever experienced a moment when you obeyed God—and it felt like everything fell apart? How did you respond?
3. In what ways is God calling you to trust Him more deeply right now—even if the path is uncertain?
4. How does the cross of Jesus shape your response to hardship, setbacks, or suffering?

Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 10

8:30-11am Morning Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC
11am Contemporary Worship, WC

Monday, August 11

9-11:30am Food Pantry
4pm Confirmation Class, C1

Tuesday, August 12

**9:30am Women's Ministry
Combined Bible Study, C4**

6:30pm Women's Bible Study, C1
7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

Wednesday, August 13

9-11:30am Food Pantry
10am Men's Bible Study, C1
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4

**4:30pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event
Dinner at Uncle Bears (off-site)**

8pm AA Meeting, C5

Thursday, August 14

10am Prayer Group, B7
11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5

Friday, August 15

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, August 16

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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NAVIGATING BY GOD'S PROMISES



August 9 & 10, 2025

"TRUSTING GOD WHEN LIFE FALLS APART"

Exodus 5:1-6:8

THE PULSE

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



Connect with us!



GOD TIME: New Sermon Series in August

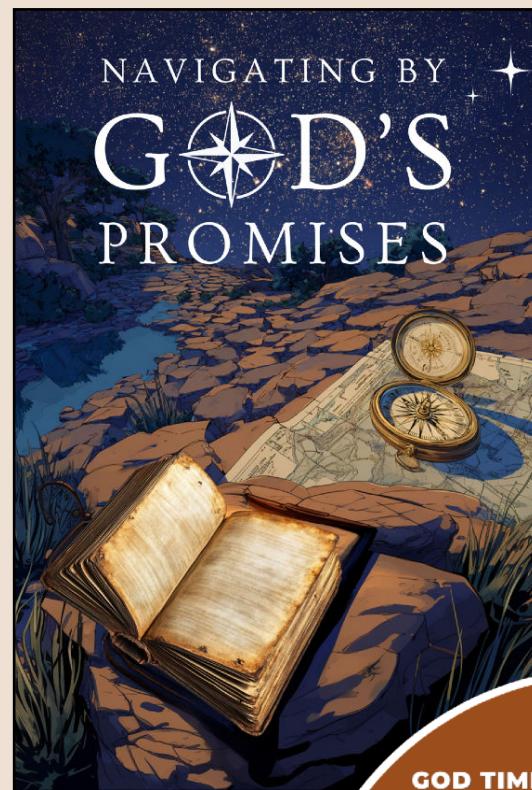
Navigating by God's Promises

Life doesn't come with a clear GPS. We face twists, detours, and dead ends—times when obedience leads to hardship, pride blocks the path, or we're stuck with no way forward. The story of Exodus is filled with these kinds of moments, and through it all, God's promises serve as the steady compass guiding His people—not their circumstances.

This week, we begin a new sermon series called Navigating by God's Promises. It's more than a journey through Exodus—it's an invitation to rediscover how God's Word becomes our compass and road map for life today. When everything around us feels uncertain, the promises of Scripture point us toward rescue, redemption, and God's unfailing presence.

To help you walk in God's promises throughout the week, be encouraged to read the Daily Bible Readings listed under the "Sermon Notes" section on the back of this bulletin. Each passage is chosen by the preacher to connect with the weekend message and draw you deeper into God's truth day by day.

If your soul is longing for clarity, courage, or simply a reminder that God still leads the way, come walk with us. His promises are not just ancient words—they are living truth, lighting our path and anchoring our lives today. Let's navigate this season together, guided by the One who never fails.



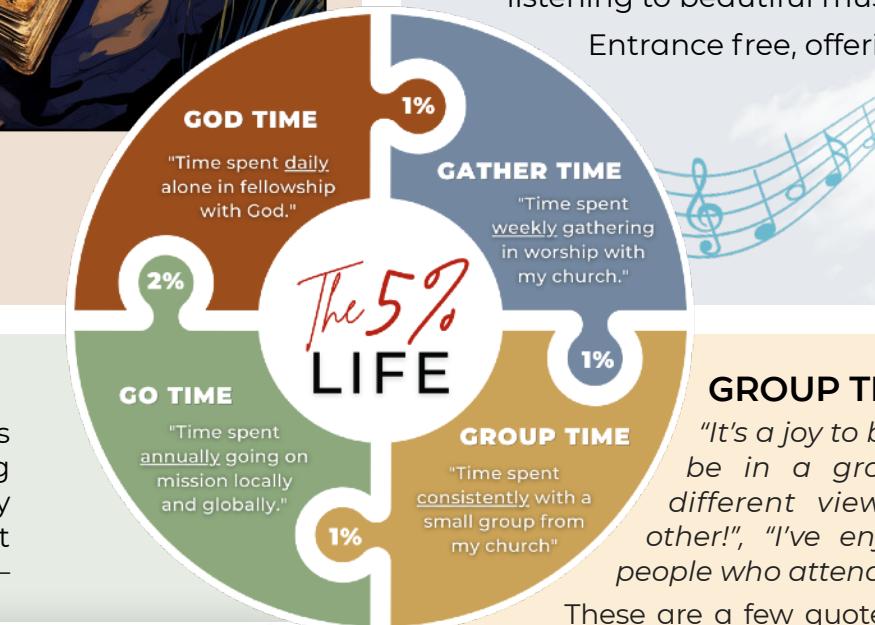
GO TIME: Choices Pregnancy Center, Mesa

Your Victory Lutheran Foundation joyfully awarded a \$2,500 grant to Choices Pregnancy Center, a Christ-centered ministry in Mesa offering free, life-affirming support to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. Funded by legacy gifts from faithful members of Victory, the Foundation ensures that compassion and hope continue flowing into ministries like Choices—empowering families, cherishing life, and extending God's grace for years to come.

Learn more by sending an email to: Legacy@VictoryLutheran.com.



ChoicesAZ.com



Hello Pastor Todd and Victory Lutheran church:

A woman recently called Choices, regretting taking the first abortion pill and was seeking help. Thanks to your support we were able to act quickly—prescribing treatment and confirming her baby's healthy heartbeat with an ultrasound.

Both mama and baby are doing well, because of you! Thank you for making this possible.

• Oct 9 - Pastor Brunch
• Oct 18 - Walk for Life!

Blessings—
Your Choices Team

GATHER TIME: Summer Stillness, Sacred Sounds

Sunday, August 24 @ 3pm

Alisson Unglaub, violin &
Kristin Holton Prouty, organ/piano

Step away from the heat and immerse yourself in an oasis of praise as you listen to the sacred stylings of some of your favorite hymns and praise songs performed by our own Alisson and Kristin! They will be sharing a program of familiar tunes arranged in beautiful and unique ways. This will be an afternoon to reflect, refresh and rejoice in the Christian hope that we have! This is also a wonderful time to invite some friends to Victory during the summer when things are slower and they might appreciate relaxing in the cool AC while listening to beautiful music.

Entrance free, offerings appreciated.



GROUP TIME: Connect and Grow

"It's a joy to be with everyone!", "It's so good to be in a group where we can share our different viewpoints and learn from each other!", "I've enjoyed building friendships with people who attend different services!"

These are a few quotes from a book study group for women that was formed this summer. The group consists of eight women who intentionally represent each of the four worship services. None of the eight were currently in a small group, and four of them had never been in a small group before. From the beginning, a small 'band of sisters' was created. They feel heard and seen and cared for as they share concerns and questions, and they are committed to praying for each other during the week.

The book itself is titled, "The Good and Beautiful God" with a subtitle of "falling in love with the God Jesus knows". We all have ideas that we tell ourselves about God and how he works in our lives. Some are true—but many are false. Turning to the Gospels, this deep, loving and transformative book helps us discover the narratives that Jesus lived by—to know the Lord He knew and the kingdom He proclaimed and to help people grow in the knowledge of our good and beautiful God.

And this is exactly what is happening with this special group of women! One of them recently said, "This is a powerful and informative book where you can find insight wherever you are in your faith journey." This is the kind of experience that we hope everyone at Victory will have. If you would like to connect with people and grow in your faith together in a small group, please contact Pastor Renée at rbennett@victorylutheran.com.

