

Sermon Notes

Daily Bible Readings (September 21-27)

Sun:	Exodus 20:1-21	God Gives His Law
Mon:	Exodus 19:16-20	God's Holy Presence
Tues:	Galatians 3:19-24	The Law as Guardian
Wed:	Hebrews 12:18-24	Jesus Our Mediator
Thurs:	John 1:14-18	The Word Became Flesh
Fri:	Hebrews 12:28-29	God a Consuming Fire
Sat:	Revelation 21:1-7	God Dwelling with His People

Life Notes

Discovering God's Plan #2:
"From Sinai to the Savior"
Exodus 20:1-21

Opener:

If you could choose any setting to have a quiet meeting with God—a mountain, the beach, a forest, your favorite chair at home—where would you pick, and why?

Go Deeper: (Exploring the Bible)

- Read Exodus 20:1-2. Why does God begin the Ten Commandments with a reminder of His rescue rather than a command? How does that order (grace before obedience) shape our understanding of His law?
- In Exodus 20:18-21, how did the people respond to God's holiness? Why is reverence important in worship?
- Read Galatians 3:19-24. How is the law described as a "guardian"? What does this teach about salvation?
- Read Hebrews 12:18-24. Compare the fear of Sinai with the welcome of Mount Zion. What does this contrast teach us about Jesus as our greater Mediator?
- Read John 1:14. How does Jesus fulfill God's desire to dwell with His people? What does it mean to you personally that the Word "tabernacled" among us?

Live It: (Applying to Our Lives)

- Where is your "meeting place" with God right now? Do you have a regular rhythm of meeting Him?
- God's law is like a mirror that shows both His holiness and our flaws. When was the last time God used His Word to reveal something in you that needed His grace?
- We live in a culture where reverence is rare. What practical habits can help you recover awe and wonder in worship?
- The people begged for a mediator—and God provided one. How does knowing Jesus tore the veil give you confidence in prayer this week?
- Abiding means resting in what Jesus' blood speaks over us: healing wounds, rewriting history, making all things right. Which of these do you most need to hear Him speak into your life right now?

Upcoming Week

Sunday, September 21

8:30-11am Morning Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC
11am Contemporary Worship, WC
12:30pm Discovering Victory, B7

Monday, September 22

9-11:30am Food Pantry
9am-12pm Blood Drive 
12:30-2:30pm GriefShare, C4
4pm Confirmation Class, C1

Tuesday, September 23

7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5
Luther-Bach Pilgrimage (Sept. 23-Oct. 4)

Wednesday, September 24

9-11:30am Food Pantry
9am S.A.F.E. Singles Event (off-site)
Feed My Starving Children, Bus leaves @ 8am
10am Men's Bible Study, C1
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4
8pm AA Meeting, C5

Thursday, September 25

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

Friday, September 26

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, September 27

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



DISCOVERING VICTORY SESSION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
12:30-2:30PM
COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH
SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME DESK

Victory Lutheran Church
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September 20 & 21, 2025

"From Sinai to the Savior"
Exodus 20:1-21



THE PULSE

Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor
Denton Bennet, Associate Pastor
Renée Bennett, Discipleship Pastor



Connect with us!



GOD TIME: Prayer for Luther-Bach Pilgrimage
Pastor Todd Mathison

"The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." (Psalm 121:8)

This Tuesday, a group of 17 people from Victory will depart on the Luther-Bach Spiritual Pilgrimage. Over the course of twelve days, our travelers will step into the story of Martin Luther, who ignited the Reformation, and Johann Sebastian Bach, whose music still lifts hearts to God. From Wittenberg to Leipzig, from Dachau to Berlin, this will be more than sightseeing. It will be a journey of the soul.

What makes this pilgrimage unique is how it brings faith and history together in living color. Our Director of Worship & Music, Dr. Kristin Holton Prouty, will guide the team into the spiritual depth of Bach's music, playing and speaking about how his compositions point to God's glory. Pastor Todd will reflect on the profound and continuing impact of Martin Luther—how the gospel of grace through faith not only changed the church 500 years ago but continues to shape us today.

Alongside visits to Reformation landmarks and sacred music sites, the team will also pause at places like Dachau and Berlin, where lessons of suffering and hope echo deeply into our own time. In all of this, their focus will remain on Christ—the One who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

As a congregation, let us surround them with prayer: for safe travels, open hearts, and life-changing encounters with the Lord. May they return renewed in faith and eager to share God's grace with us all.



GATHER TIME: Celebrating 2 Years of The Pulse!

This weekend marks the 2nd anniversary of The Pulse! Our very first issue was published September 23-24, 2023, and we are grateful for the opportunity to share church news, encouragement, and connection each week. Thank you to everyone who reads, contributes, and helps keep our church family informed and inspired. Here's to many more years of growing together in faith!



2023



GO TIME: Mission Accomplished
A new chapter for Victory and Christ the Victor

Victory Lutheran Church (VLC) launched Christ the Victor (CTV) as a new church plant in Florence, AZ back in 2009. CTV operated as a satellite location of VLC for about 5 years. As CTV grew it gradually transitioned into a stand-alone church separate from VLC. Then, CTV and VLC agreed to a lease to purchase agreement in 2020 to be concluded by the end of 2025. VLC approved the terms of this purchase agreement at the November 17, 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting.

We are happy to report that CTV has officially completed the purchase of this property from VLC as of August 1, 2025. With the new agreement, CTV is the landowner and they have made a downpayment of \$200K now and signed a promissory note for the remaining \$1.8M as outlined in the approved terms.

In summary, 16 years ago VLC invested in our mission to make disciples.

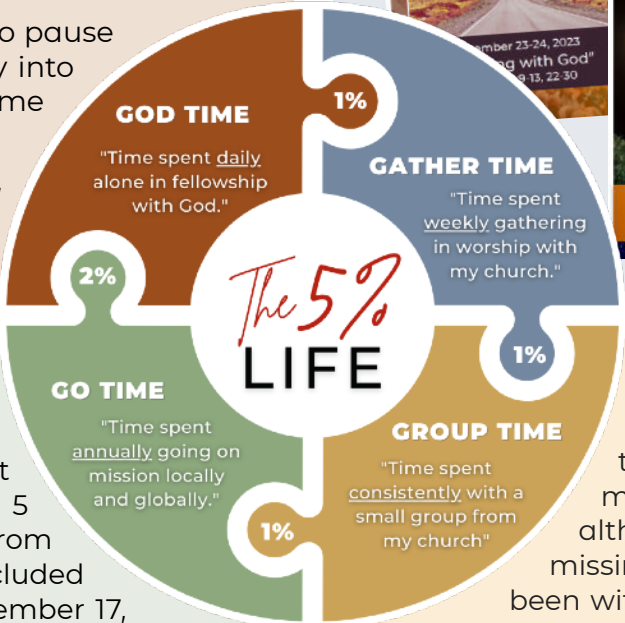
It is exciting to witness the Holy Spirit work through VLC's Mission and Vision to spread God's Word and make disciples for Jesus Christ.



Pastor Larry Kassebaum
2009 - CTV Acquisition



Pastor Todd Mathison
2025 - Sale of Property



GROUP TIME: Thank You, Ashley, for the Music and Memories

It is with bittersweet emotions that we say goodbye to our great singer, Ashley La Montagne. She is moving to Colorado for the next chapter of her life, and although we are super happy for her, we are already missing her joyful presence and beautiful voice. Ashley has been with us since 2021, singing in the choir, leading the alto section, singing solos during the services, and singing at the Contemporary Worship Service as well. We will miss you greatly, Ashley. May God bless you. Check out her lovely message to us below:



Dear Victory Lutheran Church,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to let you know I will be moving away to Colorado on September 22nd of this year! I recently accepted a position as an Advanced High School Choir Director at my alma mater in Fort Collins, Colorado. While I am incredibly excited for this next chapter of my life, I am sad to be leaving the church that I have called home for so many years! Thank you for the years of memories, laughter, and lessons you have all taught me. Serving and worshipping alongside you all has given me hope in my moments of hopelessness, faith when my faith was wavering, and wisdom I will carry with me forever. My time at Victory has been a joyful, faithful, and rewarding experience that I will hold dearly in my heart. I wish the best for all of you and look forward to seeing how God works through Victory!



Ashley La Montagne

