

Sermon Notes



VETERANS DAY

On Veterans Day Weekend, November 8-9, we'd like to recognize our Veterans from Victory during our worship services by presenting a slideshow of those from our congregation who have served in the military. Please send a photo in uniform with your name, branch, and years served, to ehernandez@victorylutheran.com.

Life Notes

Reformation Weekend: "Choosing What Lasts" - Hebrews 11:24-28

Opener:

What's one "fork in the road" decision you've faced?

Go Deeper: (Exploring the Bible)

1. Read Hebrews 11:24-28. How does the repeated rhythm of "By faith..." shape Moses' identity and actions?
2. How does Moses' faith challenge our understanding of success?
3. Compare Romans 12:1-2 with Hebrews 11:24-26. How does a "living sacrifice" help us refuse the temporary and discern God's will?
4. What parallels do you see between Moses' choice to identify with God's people and Martin Luther's choice during the Reformation?
5. "He persevered because he saw Him who is invisible" (Hebrews 11:27). What does it mean, practically, to "see" the invisible God?

Live It: (Applying to Our Lives)

1. What "Egypt" (comfort, approval, security, control, a habit) most tempts you to settle? What's one concrete way you'll say "no" to it this week?
2. Where is God nudging you to step out—relationship, serving, forgiving, sharing your faith, joining/leading a group? What's your next faithful step?
3. Identify one situation where outcomes are unclear. What promise from Scripture will you hold as you act in faith?
4. Choose one expression of generosity (time, talent, treasure) to offer willingly this week. What will you give up to make room for that offering?
5. How does Jesus as your Passover Lamb (His blood for you) change how you see your past guilt and your present confidence?

Daily Bible Readings (October 26-November 1)

Sun:	Hebrews 11:24-28	Faith Forward
Mon:	Romans 12:1-2	Living Sacrifice
Tues:	Exodus 2:11-25	Leaving Egypt
Wed:	Exodus 12:1-14	Passover Promise
Thurs:	2 Corinthians 4:16-18	The Unseen Glory
Fri:	Ephesians 2:8-10	Grace Alone, Faith Alone
Sat:	Philippians 3:7-14	Pressing Forward

Upcoming Week

Sunday, October 26 - Reformation Celebration!

Operation Christmas Child begins in lobby

"Meet A Pastor" (following each service)

8:30-11am Morning Fellowship, FH

8am Worship & Communion, WC

9:30am Worship & Children's Church, WC

11am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church, WC

3pm Organ Concert, WC

Monday, October 27

9-11:30am Food Pantry

10am Joining Jesus Study, FH

12:30-2:30pm GriefShare, C4

4pm Confirmation Class, C1

6pm Joining Jesus Study, FH

Tuesday, October 28

1:30-3:00pm Book Club, B7

7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

Wednesday, October 29

9-11:30am Food Pantry

10am Men's Bible Study, C1

1:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, WC

12:30pm Al-Anon, C4

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC

8pm AA Meeting, C5

Thursday, October 30

10am Prayer Group, B7

11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5

Friday, October 31

OFFICE CLOSED

10am S.A.F.E. Singles Event (off-site)

Mesa Market Place Swap Meet

Bus leaves @ 9:30am

Saturday, November 1

8am Men's Bible Study, C5

4pm Worship, WC

"Meet A Pastor" (following service)

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

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Reformation Weekend



October 25 & 26, 2025

"Choosing What Lasts"

Hebrews 11:24-28



Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor

Denton Bennet, Associate Pastor

Renée Bennett, Discipleship Pastor

Dirk Duhlstine, Chaplain



Connect with us!



GOD TIME: The Reformation Continues in Us

Pastor Todd Mathison

As we celebrate 508 years since the Reformation, I've found myself reflecting on its enduring power—especially after walking in the very footsteps of Martin Luther and Johann Sebastian Bach on our recent Luther-Bach Pilgrimage through Germany. From the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, where Luther nailed his 95 Theses, to the Wartburg Castle where he translated the New Testament, to Leipzig where Bach gave musical voice to the gospel of grace—each place told the same story: God's Word changes everything.

The verse that continues to echo in my heart is Romans 1:17—"The righteous shall live by faith." Those words set fire to Luther's soul and lit the spark that transformed the Church and the world. They remind us still today that righteousness is not something we earn—it's a gift we receive by faith in Christ alone.



Standing in Wittenberg, I was struck by this thought: every time we trust God's promises, the Reformation continues. Every heart that receives the gospel by faith becomes a new "door" through which grace enters the world.

Five centuries later, we still stand on that foundation —**grace alone, faith alone, Christ alone, Scripture alone, to the glory of God alone**. The Reformation is not a moment frozen in history; it's a movement alive in us to this very day.

"Here I stand, I can do no other. God help me. Amen."

GO TIME: Walking in the Footsteps of Faith

Pastor Todd and Anne Mathison, along with Kristin Holton Prouty, led a wonderful Luther-Bach Pilgrimage through Germany, September 25-October 5, 2025. The group explored beautiful medieval towns and cathedrals, walked in the footsteps of Martin Luther, and experienced the inspiring music of Johann Sebastian Bach in the very places that shaped his faith and artistry. It was a meaningful journey filled with faith, fellowship, and unforgettable moments that brought history and worship to life.



GATHER TIME: Blessed by This Season of Service

Dear Victory,

I want to start off by saying how much love I have for each and every one of you. I feel incredibly thankful for my time here and especially grateful for everyone's friendship/mentorship over the last two years. My time serving at Victory has been a truly transformative experience. I would not have achieved all that I did without your constant support and encouragement. I've been truly blessed to have had the opportunity to serve alongside the most talented, Christ led friends I know. It has been a privilege and utmost honor to be a part of the experience with you at Victory. My time here at Victory has been full of growth, learning, and understanding. Great things done in a church are never done by one person alone. They're done by a special team of people, and with the Grace of God. I am confident this group will excel in anything they decide to do. I'll be forever grateful for this team and this congregation.

Preston Rochel



Preston Rochel
Facilities Manager

Thank you!
AND FAREWELL

Thank You

We also want to acknowledge Gio Begano, who served our congregation as AVL Coordinator and concluded his time with us this week. We are grateful for his service to our church family and pray God's blessings on his future endeavors.

GROUP TIME: Starting Point

Start Here to Learn more about Victory!

We want to encourage anyone who wants to learn more about Victory to start at the first step, which we call Starting Point. Starting Point is an opportunity for the pastors to have a dialogue with you to learn about what you are looking for in a church home.

As the Pastoral team, we want to listen and better understand what brought you to Victory and to help you start to prayerfully discern how we at Victory can become your church family. By attending Starting Point, you will be joining in conversation with others like you who may be searching for a new church home and who want to learn more about Victory.

Starting Point will be held the first Sunday of every month, starting November 2 at noon. The monthly sessions will be hosted by one of the Pastors on a rotating basis. Please join us for a light lunch and good discussion.

SIGN UP at the Welcome Desk.
We hope to see you there!

Your first step to connect, belong, and grow at Victory.

