

Sermon Notes

Daily Bible Readings (October 5-11)
Sun: Numbers 20:1-13 A Moment of Rage at Meribah
Mon: James 1:19-20 Be Slow to Anger
Tues: Ephesians 4:26-27 Don't Let Your Anger Last
Wed: Proverbs 29:11 Fools Give Vent To Their Rage
Thurs: Exodus 32:19-20 Righteous Indignation
Fri: Hebrews 3:1-6 Moses Was a Faithful Leader
Sat: Psalm 95:1-11 The Rock of Our Salvation

Life Notes

Discovering God's Plan #4:
"Does Anger Get the Best (Worst) Of You?"
Numbers 20:1-13

Opener:
Why do you think it is so easy for us to lose our cool and fly off the handle?

Go Deeper: (Exploring the Bible)
1. Read Numbers 20:1-13. What sticks out to you about the situation Moses found himself in? (For example: no water, people gathered in opposition...) What was Moses' reaction?
2. Comparing what happened to Moses in Numbers 20 because of his rage with what James says in James 1:19-20 how different would the outcome for Moses have been if he was slow to anger?
3. Read Ephesians 4:26-27. What does Paul say can happen to us if we remain angry? What do you think it means to give the devil a foothold?
4. What does Proverbs 29:11 say is the outcome for those who vent their rage? Contrast this with Proverbs 17:27-28.
5. When is a time when anger is appropriate? Read Exodus 32:19-20. How is this different from the rage that Moses showed in Numbers 20?

Live It: (Applying to Our Lives)
1. Jesus got angry and cleansed the temple because the people were not honoring God's house. Are there times when our anger can actually be honoring to God? If yes, give some examples.
2. Moses was a faithful leader and yet he sinned and did not give God the Glory at Meribah. How does this punishment affect how you feel about leadership? Do you agree that leadership should be held to a higher standard? Why or why not? How forgiving are you of leadership when they sin?
3. God is the Rock of our Salvation. We all lose our tempers and need God's mercy and forgiveness. Who is God laying on your heart that you need to seek forgiveness from this week? Whom do you need to forgive?

Upcoming Week

Sunday, October 5
Communion Weekend
8:30-11am Morning Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC
11am Contemporary Worship, WC

Monday, October 6
9-11:30am Food Pantry
12:30-2:30pm GriefShare, C4

Tuesday, October 7
7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5
6:30pm "Seekers" Small Group, B7

Wednesday, October 8
9-11:30am Food Pantry
10am Men's Bible Study, C1
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4
8pm AA Meeting, C5

Thursday, October 9
10am Prayer Group, B7
11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5
4:30pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event
Bingo at Sunland Village

Friday, October 10
OFFICE CLOSED
7:30pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event
Singin' in the Rain Show (off-site)
Bus leaves @ 6:30pm

Saturday, October 11
8am Men's Bible Study, C5
4pm Worship, WC
"Meet the Pastor" (following the service)

MONTH OF OCTOBER
WATER & COFFEE DRIVE
Every drop counts. Help keep our coffee free of charge.
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Discovering God's Plan

October 4 & 5, 2025

"Does Anger Get the Best (Worst) Of You?"
Numbers 20:1-13

THE PULSE

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GOD TIME: "Sharing Our God Stories"
Mike Bradley, Outgoing Service Coordinator for LCMC



Bill and Stan were two ordinary men who I discovered, were followers of an extraordinary God. God gave Bill and Stan to me as friends while we were all stationed at Altus Air Force Base in 1973-74 in southwest Oklahoma. Having just returned from a six-month temporary duty assignment in Thailand, I found myself in a small town set in the midst of wheat fields and ranches. I was lonely. But then God gave me the gift of two people who saw me and befriended me. They reached out to me. They invited me to hang out, to go to movies, to play softball, to go hiking and to go camping on the weekends.

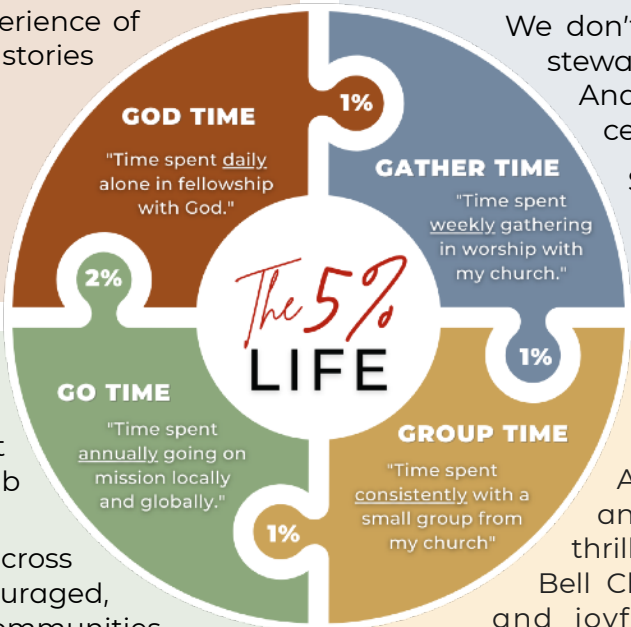


Bill and Stan never gave me the sense that I was some target for their evangelistic efforts. They never tried to talk me into making a decision for Christ. They just enjoyed being with me and in that context over time, shared God's story and their God stories with me in all gentleness and respect.

Followers of Jesus Christ have stories to share. First and foremost, we have God's story to share; the story of what God has done for us that we can never do for ourselves through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And along with God's story, He has given us our own God stories to share. Stories of how He has impacted our lives with His love and His power. Stories of how our experience of God's grace and forgiveness have healed and transformed our lives. God has given us stories to share and there is someone who needs to hear your God story and mine!



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"OUR HELP AND HOPE" - LCMC 25th Annual Gathering Convention
October 5-8, 2025, Lakeville, MN



GATHER TIME: Worship Best Practices: Bible-Based, Christ-Focused Preaching
Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor

At Victory Lutheran, we hold this conviction: worship isn't about us—it's about Jesus. Every hymn we sing, every prayer we lift, and especially every sermon we preach is meant to point us to Jesus.

Paul reminds Timothy, *"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction"* (2 Timothy 4:2). That's the heart of our calling. Preaching isn't about clever stories or motivational speeches. It's about opening God's Word so that His voice is heard.

Jesus Himself said, *"These are the very Scriptures that testify about Me"* (John 5:39). From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible's story is about Jesus—His life, His cross, His resurrection, and His promise to return. That's why you will always hear sermons at Victory that are both Bible-based and Christ-centered.

When the Word of God is proclaimed, Christ comes to us. Hearts are convicted, sins are forgiven, hope is renewed, and lives are changed. As Peter declared, *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"* (John 6:68).

We don't take this lightly. To preach Christ faithfully is to steward the greatest treasure ever given—the Gospel. And it is our joy, as His church, to keep Jesus at the center.

So come expecting to hear from God, because every weekend, His Word is alive and His grace is for you.



GO TIME: Hello from South Africa!
An update from Orchard: Africa

Because of your faithful giving, our new North West Impact Center in Mahikeng has become a vibrant hub of ministry and development.

In the past year, pastors and church leaders from across the region have gathered here each month to be encouraged, equipped, and mentored as they care for vulnerable communities in need.

Thanks to you, we've launched an economic development program helping church leaders and community members start small businesses that bring greater financial stability. We've hosted a young adult workshop called "The Me I Want to Be", inspiring the next generation to discover how God has uniquely gifted them to make an impact. We call the Impact Center "a church for the church" — a place where those serving in villages with great need find support, tools, and hope. And it's all possible because of your generosity.

Orchard Zoolights @ The Phoenix Zoo
Fri, November 21, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Our favorite night of the year is right around the corner! We can't wait to share a meal together, reflect on all that God has done through Victory's global mission partner Orchard: Africa this year. Enjoy an evening out at the Phoenix Zoo with a catered barbecue dinner, a private viewing of Zoolights and an opportunity to make an impact in the lives of families in Southern Africa. Tickets are \$50 (includes meal and Zoolights). Bus will leave Victory at 5:30pm.

Sign up and pay at the Welcome Desk. Early Bird Rate \$50! Deadline: October 26th. **Come hear and support our global mission partner!**



GROUP TIME: Sing and Ring With Joy!

"Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs." ~ Psalm 100:2

As the temperature drops below triple digits and the license plates begin to change, we are thrilled to welcome back our beloved Choir and Bell Choir for another season of music, fellowship, and joyful worship! Beginning in October, both ensembles will resume rehearsals and begin to enrich our services with their beautiful harmonies and ringing melodies. Whether you've been a longtime member or are just considering, this is the perfect time to get involved!

Do you enjoy singing in choir? Maybe you have always wondered about how to play bells? Or do you have a musical talent you would like to share in worship? We'd love to have you join us!

For more information contact our Director of Worship & Music, Dr. Kristin Holton Prouty at kprouty@victorylutheran.com.

Rehearsal Details:

Choir: Wednesdays @ 6:30pm beginning October 8
Bell Choir: Wednesdays @ 1pm beginning October 15

Music has a unique way of bringing people together, lifting spirits, and deepening our connection to faith and one another. Let your voice ring out—literally and figuratively—and join us this season!

