

Sermon Notes

Life Notes

Upcoming Week

The Recipe of a Godly Life: Goodness Matthew 5:13-16; 2 Peter 1:3-8

Opener:

What is one recipe, meal, or dish you enjoy making—or wish you knew how to make better?

Go Deeper: (Exploring the Bible)

1. In 2 Peter 1:3–4, Peter says God has given us “everything we need for life and godliness.” What does that promise mean to you?
2. Why is it important that Peter begins with what God has already given before he talks about what God grows in us?
3. Read Matthew 5:13–16. What do “salt” and “light” help us understand about the visible life of faith?
4. How does Jesus keep goodness from becoming pride, performance, or a religious checklist?

Live It: (Applying to Our Lives)

1. Where are you most tempted to live as though the Christian life depends mostly on your own strength?
2. What is one ordinary place where Christ's goodness could shine through you this week?
3. Who has shown you quiet goodness in a way that helped you see Jesus more clearly?
4. When you fail or fall short, what would it look like to run back to Jesus instead of hiding in shame?

Daily Bible Readings (May 31-June 6)

Sun:	2 Peter 1:3–8	God Gives First
Mon:	Matthew 5:13–16	Salt and Light
Tues:	John 15:1–8	Fruitful in Christ
Wed:	Ephesians 2:8–10	Grace Before Works
Thurs:	Galatians 5:22–25	Spirit-Grown Fruit
Fri:	Titus 3:3–8	Saved for Goodness
Sat:	Philippians 1:6–11	Love Increasing

Sunday, May 31

NOISY OFFERING WEEKEND

8:30-11am Morning Fellowship, FH
 8am Worship & Communion, WC
 9:30am Worship, WC
 9:30am Children's Church, NR
 11am Contemporary Worship, WC
 11am Children's Church, NR

Monday, June 1

9-11:30am Food Pantry
 12:30pm GriefShare, C4

Tuesday, June 2

6:30pm “Seekers” Small Group, B7
 7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

Wednesday, June 3

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

4pm Prayer & Praise Worship Service, CH

Thursday, June 4

10am Prayer Group, B7
 11am AI-Anon Meeting, FS
 11:30am Stephen Ministers, C4

Friday, June 5

OFFICE CLOSED
 7:30pm The Wizard of Oz (off-site)
 Bus leaves @ 6:30pm

Saturday, June 6

8am Men's Bible Study, FS
 4pm Worship, WC



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

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THE Recipe OF A GODLY LIFE



May 30 & 31, 2026

Goodness

Matthew 5:13–16



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 Kristin Holton Prouty, Director of Worship & Music



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Victory's Weekly Bulletin

In case you missed any of the stories or would like to read again, you can find at:

victorylutheran.com/the-pulse/

If you have a story to share of healing, praise, gratitude, serving in a mission or ministry at Victory, please send to hello@victorylutheran.com (250-300 word limit)

GOD TIME: New Sermon Series The Recipe of a Godly Life

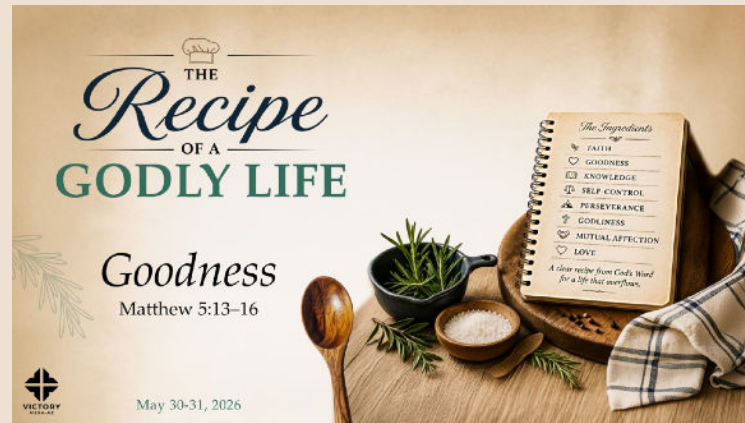
Most of us want to live a life that matters. Not just a busy life. Not just a successful life. Not just a life filled with appointments, errands, responsibilities, and the next thing on the calendar. Deep down, we want a life that is full, fruitful, and meaningful in the eyes of God.

The good news is that God has not kept that life a secret. In 2 Peter 1:3-8, we are told that God has already given us "everything we need for life and godliness" through Jesus Christ. That means the godly life is not something we have to invent. It is not about trying harder, doing better, or proving ourselves to God. It begins with grace.

This weekend, we begin a new sermon series called The Recipe of a Godly Life, and we begin with goodness. In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus says His people are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. That is a beautiful calling. And maybe a little overwhelming.

But Jesus does not say this because we are naturally impressive or because we have it all together. He says it because He has claimed us, forgiven us, filled us, and now shines His life through us. Goodness is not something we manufacture to impress God. It is the fruit of Christ at work in us.

So this series is really an invitation. Come sit with Jesus. Listen to His Word. Receive His grace. Let Him grow in you what only He can give. The recipe is not hidden. The Savior is not far away. And the life He gives is deeply worth living.

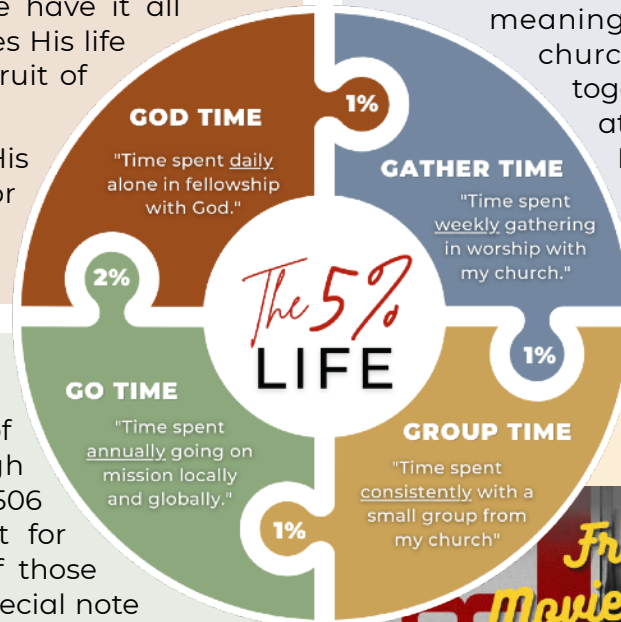


GATHER TIME: A Pastoral Word of Thanksgiving and Sending Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor

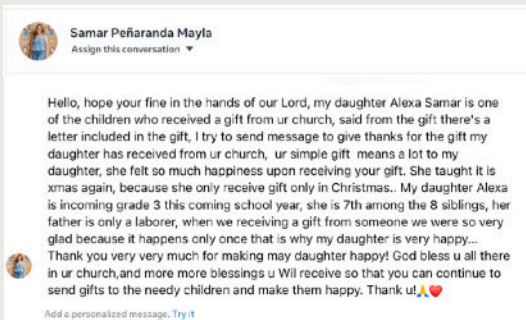
This Sunday marks the final 11:00am Contemporary Worship Service at Victory, and we do not want to rush past this moment. We give thanks for what God has done through this service—through the music, the messages, the prayers, the friendships, the serving, the worship, and the many ways Jesus has met His people here. For some, this service has been a meaningful part of their walk with Christ and their life at Victory. So we name this ending with honesty, gratitude, and care.

Scripture gives us these words from Philippians 1:3-6: "I thank my God every time I remember you... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Not every season lasts forever, and not every ministry continues in the same form. But the faithfulness of God does not come and go with changing seasons. The same Jesus who gathered us, blessed us, and worked among us through this service is not finished with us.

As we move forward, we invite anyone directly affected by this transition to speak with one of our pastors. We would be grateful to listen, pray with you, and help you find a meaningful worship service within the Victory church family. Victory continues to worship together on Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8:00 & 9:30am. Please also keep Pastor Dirk Duhlstine and the members of the Praise Team in your prayers, giving thanks for their faithful leadership, service, and care.



GO TIME: Operation Christmas Child — A Shoebox Full of Joy



Last November, our Victory family had the joy of partnering with Samaritan's Purse through Operation Christmas Child. Together, we filled 506 shoeboxes with gifts and the hope of Christ for children around the world. We packed 338 of those boxes at the "Packing Party" and included a special note from Victory to let them know how much they are loved.

Recently this Spring, we received two beautiful thank-you messages from parents in the Philippines — one from Dasmariñas, Cavite, and another from Pili, Camarines Sur. One parent shared how happy their daughter was to receive the gift and how much it meant to their family. Another sent a picture of their child holding the shoebox, along with a simple message of gratitude: "Thank you for a wonderful gift. God bless you more."



These notes are a sweet reminder that a simple shoebox can carry far more than toys and supplies. It can carry encouragement, kindness, and the love of Jesus to a child and family we may never meet in person. Thank you, Victory, for your generosity, prayers, and care. Because of your faithful giving, children around the world are being reminded that they are loved — not just by us, but by the God who created them and gave His Son for them.

GROUP TIME: Summer Movie Matinee — Bonhoeffer Monday, June 8 @ 10am



Join us for a special church movie matinee featuring *Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin.* — an inspiring and powerful true story about faith, courage, and standing up for what is right. The film follows Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor and theologian who watched his country fall deeper into darkness during World War II. As the Nazi regime gained power and innocent lives were being destroyed, Bonhoeffer struggled with the difficult question of how a Christian should respond to evil and injustice.

What begins as a story of a peaceful pastor becomes a moving journey of faith, sacrifice, and moral courage as Bonhoeffer risks everything to help others and stand against tyranny. The movie challenges viewers to think about what it means to live out one's faith in difficult times and reminds us that one person's courage can make a difference.

Come enjoy this meaningful film along with free popcorn, fellowship, and a welcoming atmosphere. Admission is free, so bring a friend, neighbor, or family member and join us for this special movie matinee event!

Upcoming July Movie Matinee:
"The Great Awakening" - July 13 @ 10am