

## Sermon Notes

### 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/](http://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](mailto:hello@victorylutheran.com) (250-300 word limit)

## Life Notes

### The Recipe of a Godly Life: Self-Control Matthew 4:1-11

#### Opener:

Name one New Year's Resolution that you have kept.

#### Go Deeper: (Exploring the Bible)

1. In Matthew 4:1-11, what does each temptation seem to offer Jesus, and what would each temptation require Him to stop trusting?
2. Why do you think Jesus answers every temptation with Scripture instead of arguing with the devil in some other way?
3. Romans 8:5-11 contrasts the mind set on the flesh with the mind set on the Spirit. What does that contrast teach us about where self-control begins?
4. Read Titus 2:11-12. What does it mean that grace teaches us to say no to ungodliness and worldly passions?

#### Live It: (Applying to Our Lives)

1. What is one temptation in your life that often begins quietly before it becomes visible?
2. When you are tempted, what false promise do you most often hear: comfort, control, approval, escape, power, or something else?
3. Which passage from this sermon speaks most directly to you right now: Matthew 4, Romans 8, 2 Timothy 1:7, Galatians 5:22-23, or Titus 2:11-12?
4. Who is one trusted Christian person who can pray with you, encourage you, or help you walk in the light?

#### Daily Bible Readings (June 14-20)

Sun:	Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus Stands Firm
Mon:	Romans 8:5-11	Spirit-Governed Mind
Tues:	2 Timothy 1:6-14	Power and Discipline
Wed:	Galatians 5:16-25	Fruit of Spirit
Thurs:	Titus 2:11-14	Grace Teaches
Fri:	1 Corinthians 10:12-13	God Provides Escape
Sat:	Hebrews 4:14-16	Mercy in Weakness

## Upcoming Week

### Sunday, June 14

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

### Monday, June 15

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



### Tuesday, June 16

8:30-2:30pm Quilters, FH  
11:30am Lunch at Cozy Corner Cafe (off-site)  
3pm Council Meeting, B7  
6:30pm "Seekers" Small Group, B7  
7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

### Wednesday, June 17

8:30-11:30am Quilters, FH  
9-11:30am Food Pantry  
10am Men's Bible Study, LR  
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4

### Thursday, June 18

10am Prayer Group, B7  
11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5  
11:30am Stephen Ministers, C4

### Friday, June 19

OFFICE CLOSED

### Saturday, June 20

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



June 13-14, 2026

## Self-Control

Matthew 4:1-11



Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor  
Denton Bennet, Associate Pastor  
Dirk Duhstine, Chaplain  
Kristin Holton Prouty, Director of Worship & Music



Connect with us!



## GOD TIME: Grow Deeper This Week

One of the best ways to strengthen your faith is by spending time with God every day through His Word. We encourage you to:

### Read Scripture Daily

Use the **Daily Bible Reading** listed at the bottom of the **Life Notes** on the back of the bulletin. Each day features one verse that connects with this weekend's sermon message.

### Pick Up a Daily Devotional

Copies of **Our Daily Bread** are available in the lobby. These short daily readings can help you begin or continue a meaningful time with God each day.

### Go Beyond Sunday

**Life Notes** include reflection and application questions related to the sermon. Use them individually, with your family, or in a small group to dig deeper into God's Word and live it out in everyday life.

### A Simple Weekly Rhythm

- ❖ Read the sermon Scripture
- ❖ Work through the Life Notes questions
- ❖ Read the daily verse each day
- ❖ Pray and ask God how to live it out

God's Word is living and active. Let's make time for Him every day!



## GATHER TIME: Bible-Based Preaching & Teaching

One of the clearest responses from our recent churchwide survey was also one of the most encouraging: we deeply value Scripture-centered preaching and teaching.

Across hundreds of open-ended responses, the same language appeared again and again: "Bible-based." "Gospel-centered." "The messages are applicable to life." That tells us something important. For Victory Lutheran Church, this is not simply a preference. It is a core value. It is also one of the defining marks of who we are.

From our beginning to today, Victory has sought to keep the Word of God at the center of our life together. We open the Scriptures because we believe God still speaks through them. We preach and teach the Bible because it does what no human wisdom can do: it tells the truth about our sin, proclaims the mercy of God, and points us again and again to Jesus Christ crucified and risen.

This is deeply important in a time when much of American Christianity has quietly drifted toward moral advice, emotional encouragement, self-help, and personal fulfillment. Those things may sound helpful for a moment, but they cannot save. The church's calling is far greater than affirming the self. We are called to announce Christ, who forgives sinners, frees us from bondage to ourselves, and gives us new life in Him.

Without the Law's honest diagnosis, the Gospel no longer sounds like truly good news. But where Christ is clearly proclaimed, grace becomes deep, strong, and life-giving. By God's grace, may Jesus Christ always be lifted up through every aspect of Victory Lutheran Church, and may the Bible remain our final and ultimate source of truth for all we believe, teach, and do.



## GO TIME: South Africa 2026 Mission Trip Postponed

*"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act."* — Psalm 37:5

After prayerful conversation and discernment, we are postponing Victory's Orchard: Africa Mission Trip to South Africa from 2026 to 2027.

This was not an easy decision, but we believe it is a wise and faithful one. A number of people who were prayerfully considering the trip have encountered timing challenges, health concerns, or personal circumstances that would make traveling this year difficult. We want to honor those situations with care and understanding.

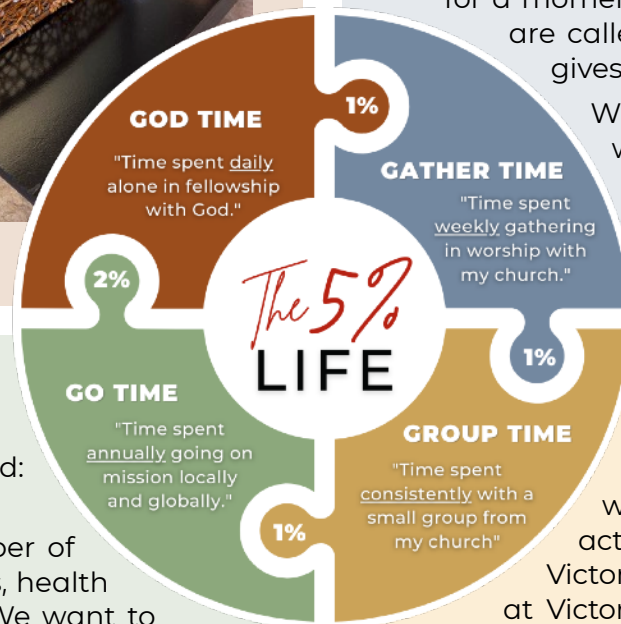
But the desire to go has not faded. In fact, there is real interest and excitement about participating next year. Postponing gives our people more time to plan, heal, prepare spiritually, arrange schedules, and raise the support needed for a trip like this. So we are not canceling the mission. We are simply giving it more time to grow in the right way.

Victory's partnership with Orchard: Africa remains strong, and our esteem for this ministry remains high. We are grateful for the faithful work Orchard is doing through local churches in South Africa to care for vulnerable children and families, strengthen communities, and share the hope of Jesus Christ.

We will share details for the **2027 Mission Trip** well in advance so those who are interested have plenty of time to pray, plan, and prepare. Might that be you?

Please continue to pray for Orchard: Africa, for the churches and communities they serve, and for the team God may already be preparing from Victory. We trust that God is still leading, and we look forward to following where He opens the way.

Learn more about our mission partner at [orchardafrica.org](http://orchardafrica.org)



## GROUP TIME: Meet Our Staff Alisson Unglaub, Online Campus Director

Hello, you might know me as the violinist from Victory, which is great! But you might be surprised to learn that I actually work here at Victory full-time, and that my office is Victory's Video Recording Studio! I do a lot of different things here at Victory. I oversee everything related to the online resources we offer: the website, app, Daily Hope, livestream, and social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. I also lead the Creative Team that is responsible for producing the beautiful handouts and materials that you see. This team includes our Director of Communications, Creative Team Assistant, and pastors. Don't tell anybody, but this is the best and most efficient team here at Victory! Also under my umbrella is our great AVL team, which we call the Blue Crew. They are responsible for everything related to audio, cameras, lyrics, projections, microphones, lighting, and more. Finally, I also supervise everything related to IT here at Victory.

You might be asking, "Who are you?" I am from Brazil, and my dad is a pastor, so I was always heavily involved in the church. Growing up, we traveled and moved throughout Brazil, and we even served as missionaries in Ecuador for five years. Back in Brazil, I began studying violin at the age of seven and have been passionate about it ever since. I earned my college degree in Violin Performance in Brazil, and later moved to the United States to pursue my master's degree and doctorate degree, also in Violin Performance, which I completed in 2022.

However, my passion for the church has always been there. I directed a large church choir in Brazil for many years, was always involved in youth and young adult ministries, and served as music director in congregations I attended. I was also heavily involved with technology, learning different software and hardware in the areas of audio, video, and IT. All of those experiences helped equip me for the work I now do here at Victory, for which I am very grateful. Last but not least, I married a beautiful lady named Mayelle in Brazil 14 years ago, and we have two beloved children, Alec, who is 7, and Josy, who is 4.

