

Sermon Notes

Life Notes

Joy That Holds:
"Living with the Heart of Jesus"
Philippians 2:5-11

Opener:
What is one small act of kindness someone has shown you recently?

Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

- Read Philippians 2:1-4. How does Paul connect unity with humility and concern for others?
- In Philippians 2:5-8, which words show that Jesus willingly chose the path of humility and obedience?
- What does it mean that Jesus "emptied himself"? What does the passage say He took upon Himself?
- How do verses 9-11 complete the story of Jesus' humiliation, death, resurrection, and exaltation?

Live It: *(Applying to Our Lives)*

- What excuse most often keeps you from taking the next step Jesus places before you?
- Who might God be inviting you to notice, contact, encourage, or serve this week?
- Where could you willingly take the lower place rather than seeking recognition or control?
- How does receiving Christ's forgiveness in Holy Communion strengthen you to forgive and serve others?

Daily Bible Readings (August 2-8)		
Sun:	Philippians 2:5-11	Mind of Christ
Mon:	Philippians 1:27-2:4	One in Love
Tues:	Mark 10:42-45	Servant King
Wed:	John 13:1-17	Towel and Basin
Thurs:	Luke 10:25-37	See Your Neighbor
Fri:	Galatians 5:13-14	Free to Serve
Sat:	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	Christ Reigns

Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 2
COMMUNION WEEKEND
8:30-11am Morning Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC

Monday, August 3
8am-12pm OFFICE HOURS
9-11:30am Food Pantry

Tuesday, August 4
8am-12pm OFFICE HOURS
6:30pm "Seekers" Small Group, B7
7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

Wednesday, August 5
9-11:30am Food Pantry
10am Men's Bible Study, LR
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4
4pm Prayer & Praise Worship Service, CH

Thursday, August 6
11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5
11:30am-1:00pm Stephen Ministers, C4

Friday, August 7
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, August 8
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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AUGUST 1 & 2, 2026

LIVING WITH THE HEART OF JESUS
PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11



Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor
Dirk Duhlstine, Chaplain
Kristin Holton Prouty, Director of Worship & Music



Connect with us!



GOD TIME: Praying for Our New Associate Pastor
Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor

The Council has appointed a seven-person Call Committee to guide Victory's search for our new Associate Pastor. The committee began meeting on July 27th and has been charged with interviewing candidates and presenting the strongest candidate to the Council. The Council will then determine whom to recommend to the congregation, and the congregation will vote on whether to issue that person a call to serve at Victory. We want this process to be careful, prayerful, and centered on seeking God's will for Victory.

Our first and most important responsibility is to pray. Please pray that the Lord will lead us to the person He has already prepared to serve among us. Pray also that the Holy Spirit is even now working in that pastor's heart—preparing, guiding, and drawing that person toward Victory. Let us commit, as God's people at Victory Lutheran Church, to make this search a priority in our daily prayers.

Pray with us: *Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: Look on Victory Lutheran Church with grace and guide us and the Call Committee as we seek a new Associate Pastor, that we may receive a godly and faithful servant who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.*



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GATHER TIME: Prayer and Praise Worship
Wednesday, August 5 @ 4:00pm

Gathering together is foundational to who we are as the Body of Christ. As Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12, though we are many different parts of the body, we are united in Christ. Each of us has been uniquely placed within the body, with gifts and purposes that strengthen and encourage one another. When one member suffers, we all share in that burden. When one rejoices, we celebrate together. We truly are better together.

Because we are one body, every person has a place. Whether you serve as a hand, a foot, an ear—or maybe even an elbow—you have an important role in God's family. Sunday worship, Bible studies, fellowship groups, and special events all provide opportunities to encourage one another and serve together here at Victory.

One meaningful way to live out this calling is by joining us for our monthly Prayer & Praise gathering on August 5 @ 4:00pm in the courtyard Chapel. Prayer & Praise is a dedicated time to realign our hearts with God, lift our voices in worship, and support one another through prayer. This month our theme finds us worshipping the Lord as the Chief Cornerstone who holds everything together. Our families, our decisions, and our future all built on Jesus Christ.

Whether you are seeking a quiet moment in God's presence or longing to worship alongside your church family, we would love for you to join us. Come just as you are, and feel free to bring a friend or neighbor. Let's gather as one body and worship Christ together.

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GO TIME: Blessing Our Neighbors Through the Food Pantry

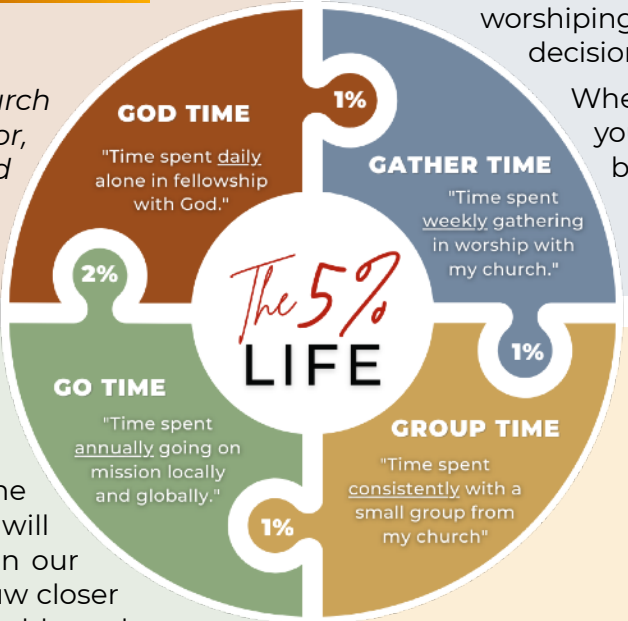
"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus" - Philippians 4:19

If we've walked with God for one year or for 60 years, we will have experienced the faithful provision of God our Father. Jehovah Jireh – literally meaning, "the Lord will provide" – is one of His Names. He sees our need and meets our need. Not always in our timing, it sometimes seems, but He never fails us. And in the waiting, in prayer, we draw closer to God and get to know Him more. Seeing God provide helps us realize more fully how blessed we are to be His children!

The beautiful truth is that every believer is **blessed to be a blessing**—a divine calling that transforms both our pain and our joy into instruments of God's grace. This isn't just a feel-good phrase; it's a foundational biblical principle that reveals why God blesses us and how we can find deep fulfillment in His plan.

God's heart has always been to bless His people not as an end in itself, but as a means to reach others. This principle appears throughout Scripture, beginning with His covenant with Abraham. **"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing"** (Genesis 12:2). Notice that God's blessing wasn't just for Abraham's benefit—it came with a purpose.

One of the ways we bless others at Victory is through the Food Pantry that gives out food boxes every Monday and Wednesday morning throughout the year. With food prices continually rising, the need is greater this year. In September we will have a food drive throughout the month to help fill the pantry. But right now, two items are urgently needed – **peanut butter and tuna**. Please bring your donations to the church and put them in the cart located in the Welcome Center and/or consider giving a financial gift earmarked for the food pantry and put it in the offering receptacles in the lobby. Thank you!



GROUP TIME: Save the date Kick off Event!



FAITH — FAMILY — FOOTBALL



Wear your favorite team's colors, join us for worship, stay for the Tailgate Potluck, and come back Monday for a free movie and popcorn. Friendly rivalries are welcome—just remember, Jesus even loves Packers fans!