Sermon Notes

Life Notes

Foundations of Our Faith:
"Surrounded by Witnesses"
John 11:17-27

Opener:

Who is someone who has passed away to whom you would like to speak with one last time?

Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

1. What do Martha's words to Jesus show us about the way grief and faith can exist together?

2. What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the resurrection and the life"?

3. In Hebrews 11, what do the stories of those who lived by faith reveal about God?

4. What does the Ebenezer stone in 1 Samuel 7:12 help Israel remember?

Live It: *(Applying to Our Lives)*

1. Who has helped shape your faith, and what do you thank God for in that person?

2. What story from your family or church could help someone else remember God's faithfulness?

3. When grief or questions weigh on you, what helps you bring them to Jesus?

4. What can help you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus this week?

Daily Bible Readings (November 1-7)

Sun:	John 11:17–27	Jesus, Our Life
Mon:	Hebrews 11:1–2, 39–40	Faithful Witnesses
Tues:	Hebrews 12:1–3	Eyes on Jesus
Wed:	1 Samuel 7:7–12	Thus Far Helped
Thurs:	Genesis 28:10–22	God's Promise
Fri:	Psalm 116:12–19	Precious to God
Sat:	Revelation 14:13	Rest from Labor

Upcoming Week

Sunday, November 1
COMMUNION WEEKEND
8:30-11am Coffee & Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC
10:45am Discovering Victory, B7

Monday, November 2
VOTING SITE 9AM-5PM
9-11:30am Food Pantry
10am-12pm Hebrews Study, WC
12:30-2:30pm GriefShare, CH

Tuesday, November 3
VOTING SITE 6AM-7PM
6:30pm "Seekers" Small Group, B7
7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

Wednesday, November 4
9-11:30am Food Pantry
10am Men's Bible Study, C1
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4
1-4pm Stephen Ministry Training, B12
1pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, WC
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC

Thursday, November 5
9:30am Women's Ministry Leadership Meeting, C1
10am Prayer Group, B7
11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5
11:30am-1:00pm Stephen Ministers, C4

Friday, November 6
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 7
8am Men's Bible Study, FS
4pm Worship, WC
5pm Budget Q&A Session, B5

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

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OCT. 31 & NOV. 1, 2026

Surrounded by Witnesses

John 11:17-27

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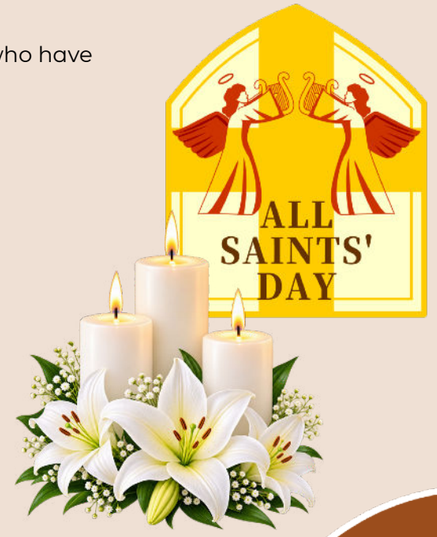
Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor
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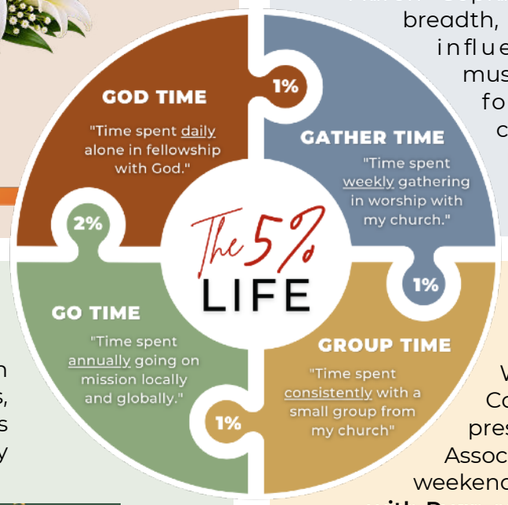
Connect with us!

GOD TIME: All Saints Day — In Remembrance . . .

In remembrance of our loved ones, this weekend we honor those who have "gone home to the Lord" within the past year.

Gary Armstrong	Mary Goodwin	David Reurink
Ruthie Beutel	Carl Halker	Nancy Robertson
Marjorie Dixon	Warren Hazen	Linda Schmidt
Eric Duhlstine	Randy Horn	Joel Schneider
Patrick Duffy	Blaine Janz	Daniel Skelly
Margaret Ehnert	Barbara Diane Kent Venema	Roxie Silver
Marilyn Farrar	Keith Kladnik	Carol Struck
David Fauss	Judy Konop	Ron Swalboski
Janice Forbord	Martha Latch	Carol Thimjon
Lois Fowler	Luther Lerseth	Fran Toombs
Willis Friberg	Arlene McLean	Jerold Verner
Elonete Froese	Richard Meyer	Bud Vosler
Mel Frueh	Delores Mindrup	Alan Williams
Doy Gillespie	Bonnie Mund	Oscar Williams





GATHER TIME: Songs of a New World: American Music
Keith Kelly, saxophone & Kristin Holton Prouty, organ
Sunday, November 15 @ 3pm

Experience the rich and varied soundscape of American music through the unique pairing of tenor saxophone and organ. Songs of a New World showcases the remarkable versatility of this cross-genre duo, featuring music that spans classical, jazz, hymn-inspired, and folk traditions. Keith Kelly and Kristin Holton Prouty bring together bold artistry and expressive collaboration in a program that explores both familiar melodies and fresh musical voices.

Highlights include newly commissioned works by American composer Andrew Ardizzoia, written specifically for Kristin and Keith and blending beloved hymn tunes with jazz-inspired techniques and improvisatory color. The program also features James Sclater's arrangements of American songs alongside adaptations of well-known works by Aaron Copland, celebrating the breadth, spirit, and enduring influence of America's musical heritage. Join us for an afternoon of captivating music that is both innovative and deeply rooted in tradition.



GO TIME: Operation Christmas Child "Shoebox"
October 24-November 15, 2026

This wonderful ministry where we here at Victory Lutheran Church pack shoeboxes for children in need around the world. Pencils, markers, toys toothbrushes and other school supplies are always greatly appreciated. Be sure to pack and return your boxes by November 15th.

Pizza & Packing Party!
Saturday, November 14 @ 5pm

We are asking each person to bring 10-20 items to help fill the boxes together. Items needed: Toys, toothbrushes, school supplies, t-shirts, etc. and monetary donations to cover shipping welcome too. Sorry no food, no toothpaste, soap or liquid items allowed. If you can't bring items join us anyway to pack boxes, pray over them for God's little ones and enjoy some pizza. Remember every shoebox is delivered in Jesus Name. Let's take the message of the Gospel to the ends of the earth!

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Noisy Offering - November 28 & 29

A Noisy Offering is a fun and meaningful way to give —everyone is invited to bring loose change (coins that clink and clang!) and even dollar bills to support a good cause. Even the smallest gifts can add up to make a big difference. All proceeds to benefit the "shoebox" ministry —so let's give generously and make some noise!

GROUP TIME: Associate Pastor Search Update
November 7 & 8, 2026



We are grateful for the Lord's leading and for the faithful work of our Call Committee. The Church Council has unanimously approved presenting **Ryan Barlow** to the congregation as a candidate for Associate Pastor at Victory Lutheran Church. Ryan will preach at our weekend worship services on November 7 & 8. Please join us for a special **Q&A with Ryan on Sunday, November 8, at 10:45am** in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a welcome opportunity to meet him and hear about his heart for ministry.

At our November 15th Annual Meeting, the congregation will vote on whether to extend a call to Ryan as our Associate Pastor. Please keep Ryan and his family, and our congregation, in your prayers as we get to know him and seek the Lord's guidance together.

Victory's Annual Meeting / Q&A Sessions
Sunday, November 15 @ 11:00am

Join us as we discuss the 2027 proposed budget, ministry plan, and ballot. We'll also take a look back at the past year with a special Year-in-Review slideshow, capturing many of the events, ministries, and special moments that made this year at Victory so meaningful.



Want to learn more or have questions about the upcoming year? **Q&A sessions** will be held in **Room B7 immediately following each worship service on Saturday, November 7 & Sunday, November 8.** This is a great opportunity to learn more, ask questions, and share in the conversation as we look forward to all that God has in store for Victory in the year ahead!