

Sermon Notes

Life Notes

Foundations of Our Faith
"People of the Word"
Matthew 4:1-11

Opener:
What is one Bible verse or Bible story you remember learning as a child?

Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

- Read Matthew 4:1-11. What lie or false promise lies beneath each of the devil's three temptations?
- Jesus responds to every temptation with Scripture. What do His responses reveal about His relationship with the Father?
- According to 2 Timothy 3:14-17, what work does God accomplish through Scripture?
- Compare Psalm 19:7-14 with Isaiah 55:10-11. What do these passages teach about the character and power of God's Word?

Live It: *(Applying to Our Lives)*

- What voices have been shaping your thoughts and emotions lately? How do their messages compare with God's Word?
- When has a Bible passage, sermon, or Bible class made a lasting difference in your life?
- Where are you most vulnerable to temptation right now? What promise from Scripture speaks truth into that struggle?
- How can Victory remain deeply rooted in Scripture as we move into our next fifty years of ministry?

Daily Bible Readings (October 11-17)

Sun:	Matthew 4:1-11	Answering Temptation
Mon:	2 Timothy 3:14-17	God-Breathed Truth
Tues:	Psalm 19:7-14	Reviving the Soul
Wed:	Isaiah 55:10-11	Word Accomplished
Thurs:	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	Daily Bread
Fri:	John 1:1-14	The Word Made Flesh
Sat:	Romans 8:31-39	Christ's Final Word

Upcoming Week

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK: OCT. 11-18

Sunday, October 11
8:30-11am Coffee & Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC

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

Tuesday, October 13
10:00am Esperanza Bible Study, FS
11:30am Cozy Corner Cafe Lunch (off-site)
1:30pm Mary Bible Study, meet in home
7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

Wednesday, October 14
9-11:30am Food Pantry
10am Men's Bible Study, C1
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4
1pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, WC
2pm Sunshine Acres (off-site) Bus leaves @ 1:15pm
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC

Thursday, October 15
10am Prayer Group, B7
11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5
11:30am-1:30pm Stephen Ministers, C4

Friday, October 16
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, October 17
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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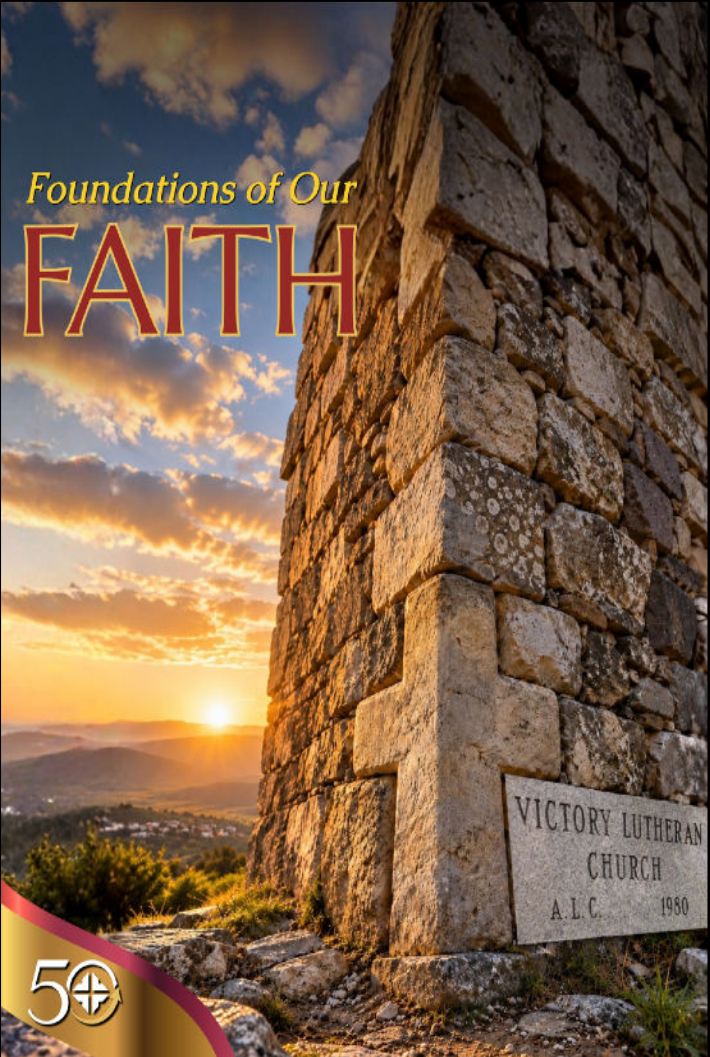

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Foundations of Our FAITH



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OCTOBER 10 & 11, 2026

People of the Word
Matthew 4:1-11



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



Connect with us!



GOD TIME: Fed By God's Word

Most of us would never expect to remain physically healthy by eating only one meal a week. Our bodies need regular nourishment. In the same way, our faith needs to be continually fed and strengthened by God's Word.

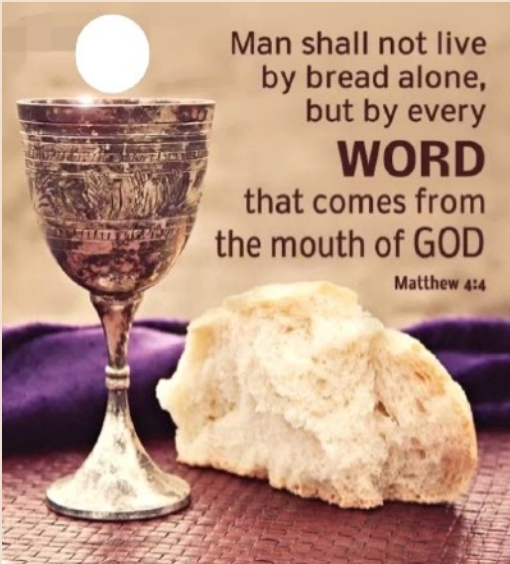
Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). God's Word is not simply helpful information or inspiring advice. It is living and active. Through it, the Holy Spirit creates faith, strengthens believers, corrects us when we wander, comforts us in sorrow, and keeps our hearts centered on Jesus Christ.

For fifty years, God has gathered His people at Victory around His Word. Pastors, members, ministries, buildings, and seasons may change, but the Word of the Lord remains true and trustworthy. Scripture is the final authority for everything we preach, teach, believe, and seek to live.

God's Word is both our guide and our guard. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). It shows us the way of faith and faithful living. It also protects us from falsehood, sin, and unbelief by calling us back to God's truth. As Paul reminds us, all Scripture is God-breathed and equips God's people for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Most importantly, God's Word leads us to Jesus. It reveals our need for a Savior and proclaims the forgiveness, grace, and new life that are ours through Him.

For fifty years, God's Word has nourished, guided, guarded, and sustained Victory. As we move forward, that same Word will remain our foundation, keeping our faith and life together firmly centered on Christ.



GATHER TIME:

ALL SAINTS WEEKEND
OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1

On All Saints weekend we wish to honor those who have "gone home to the Lord" within the past year.

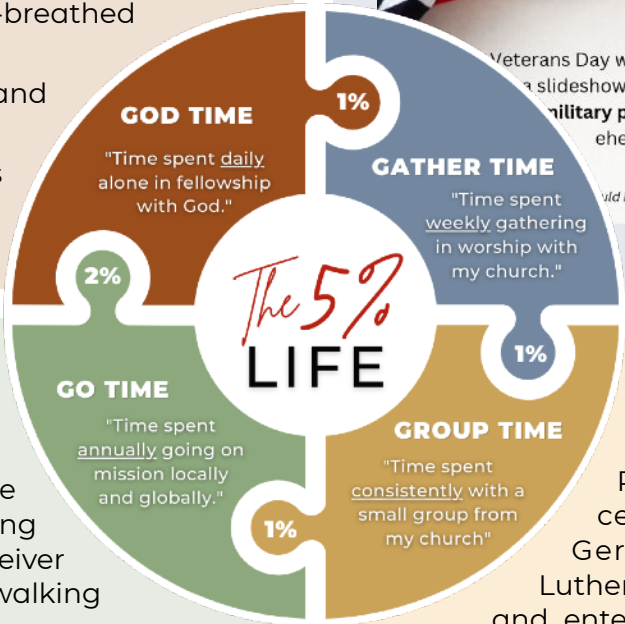
Make sure we have their name by October 28th.
Send to: dsnyder@victorylutheran.com



VETERANS DAY PRESENTATION
NOVEMBER 7-8, 2026

On Veterans Day Weekend, we would like to recognize our Veterans during our worship services by presenting a slideshow of those from our congregation who have served in the military. Please send a photo (suitable for worship), with your name, branch, and years served.

Email to: ehernandez@victorylutheran.com
DEADLINE: November 1st



GO TIME: Become a Stephen Minister
Training Class begins November 3, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00pm

Victory Lutheran is beginning a Stephen Ministry training class, and you are invited to consider becoming a Stephen Minister! Stephen Ministers are trained members of the congregation who provide **one-to-one, Christ-centered care** to people who are going through difficult seasons of life. A Stephen Minister typically meets with one care receiver once a week for about an hour—listening, caring, praying, and walking alongside them as they experience God's love and presence.



- Through our 20-week training, you will:
- Learn practical skills for providing high-quality, Christ-centered care.
 - Gain insight into the thoughts, feelings, and experiences of people who are hurting.
 - Develop listening and caring skills that can benefit every relationship in your life.
 - Deepen your own faith as you grow in becoming a Christ-centered caregiver.
 - Build meaningful Christian community with others in the training class.
 - Discover that learning to care for others can be **engaging, rewarding, and even fun!**

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. You don't need to have all the answers or be a professional counselor. What matters is a willingness to listen, learn, pray, and walk alongside someone who is hurting. Stephen Ministers are often called the *After People*. Stephen Ministers are there ... *after* the difficult phone call ... *after* the divorce ... *after* the doctor gives bad news ... *after* a assisted living director welcomes you to your new home. If you have a heart for people and a desire to share the love and care of Christ with someone who is going through a difficult time, **we invite you to prayerfully consider joining this new Stephen Ministry training class.** You could be the person God uses to remind someone that they are not alone.

If you are interested, **SIGN UP** in the Welcome Center or contact:
Chaplain Dirk Duhlstine | dduhlstine@victorylutheran.com | 480-660-5231

GROUP TIME: 2026 Refor-fest

Willkommen to our 2026 "Refor-fest" — Reformation & Oktoberfest — an annual Victory celebration of the rich traditions of Lutheran Germany. Our weekend services celebrate our Lutheran religious beliefs. Enjoy delicious German cuisine and entertainment on Saturday evening at our very own Oktoberfest. Sunday afternoon is a hymn festival with guest organist, Devon Howard. And Monday features a movie about the life of Martin Luther. Join us for one or all of these wonderful opportunities!

OKTOBERFEST - Saturday, October 24 @ 5pm

The Oktoberfest celebration features German foods, Root Beer, and entertainment provided by accordions with our beloved Ted & Marilyn Peterson. Victory will provide brats, buns, and Root Beer. **SIGN UP** at the Welcome Desk to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert!

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" - A Hymn Festival with Devon Howard - Sunday, October 25 @ 3pm

We are delighted to welcome back former Victory organist Dr. Devon Howard for a special Hymn Festival including the Victory choir, soloists, and you! This is an opportunity to celebrate our great hymns of faith as we join our voices together. Invite a friend as we celebrate the God who has been our help in ages past and remains our hope for years to come.

"Luther" Movie Matinee - Monday, October 26 @ 10am

"This is not the story of a great man, but the story of a great God, who deeply loves miserable and tormented creatures like this monk." Join us for the classic 50th Anniversary edition of the biographical film about Martin Luther directed by Irving Pichel. Invite a friend or neighbor. FREE movie & popcorn!

