

VBS CELEBRATION SUNDAY
A Combined Service With
St. James Lutheran Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church
and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
July 28, 2024



PRELUDE

OPENING SONG *"He is the Light"*

VBS participants

CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 150*

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise God in the highest heavens!

Sing praises to the Lord.

Shout and sing praises to God.

We have seen God's mighty acts!

We have seen God's greatness!

Praise God with the sound of the trumpet;

praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance;

praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with clanging cymbals;

Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: **Faithful God, you have called us to be a light shining in the world. Make us reflect the light of Christ, so that people see your love and goodness in our words and actions. We ask this through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

VBS RECAP: Start the Party!

DAY ONE—*Jesus is a Good Reason to Have a Party!*

RECAP

READING: Luke 5:27-32

SONG “*I Am Free*”

DAY TWO—*Celebrate the Good News!*

RECAP

READING: Luke 15:11-32

SONG: “*Radical God*”

VBS participants

DAY THREE—*Jesus is the Life of the Party!*

RECAP

READING: John 4:1-26, 39-42

SONG: “*Happy Day*”

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DAY FOUR—*You Can Be A Party Starter!*

RECAP

BLESSING OF MISSION PROJECTS

READING: Matthew 5:14-16

SONG: “*This Little Light of Mine*”

MEMORY VERSE Acts 2:28

²⁸ You always show me the path that leads to life. You will fill me with joy when I am with you.”

READING *Everyone is invited to the Party!*

Luke 14:15-23

¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, ‘Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!’ ¹⁶Then Jesus said to him, ‘Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies.’ ¹⁹Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies.’ ²⁰Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of

the house became angry and said to his slave, “Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.”²² And the slave said, “Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.”²³ Then the master said to the slave, “Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.

SKIT *Everyone is invited to the Party!*

SONG *“This Little Light of Mine” (Everyone join in!)*

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Hide it under a bushel no I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel no I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel no I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Don't let Satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Let it shine till Jesus comes I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine till Jesus comes I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine till Jesus comes I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us share words of peace with one another.

OFFERING *Offerings in church envelopes or checks written to a specific congregation will go back to that congregation. Loose cash and coins in the offering plate will be given to a local ministry.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, we give you thanks for this week of Bible School and the chance to be in mission together. Bless our united ministry and bless these gifts we share that all our work may be to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS

Guided by the light of Jesus, together with the whole people of God, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Light of the world, shine within our world. Remove the barriers that divide us, and teach us to love with all our might. Lead us, O God: **lead us by your light.**

Giver of light, shine your light in our lives and grant us your grace. Make bright the places in this world where there is darkness. Bring an end to injustice, war, and poverty. Lead us, O God: **lead us by your light.**

O light that shines in the darkness, renew the strength of all who suffer this day in mind, body or spirit that your healing light would renew them, strengthen them, and give them peace. *Especially we pray today for...* Lead us, O God: **lead us by your light.**

God of light, into your hands we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your radiant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Jesus is the one who lights our way! We go from this place in the power of his light, ready to shine it everywhere we go. May the peace, love and light of God light your path this day and every day. **Amen!**

CLOSING SONG *He is the Light*

Verse: Jesus is the one who lights our way Oh (Oh)
He gives us hope for each new day Oh (Oh)

When the world feels dark and lonely
His love illuminates

He's the one I trust and I will follow him

He is the light that breaks through the darkness
Follow his lead and light it up light it up
Jesus will guide us through every dark time
Follow his lead and light it up light up the world

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

****Altar Flowers in Honor of Gloria Hesley's and Harry Potter's Birthday****



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered and helped with Vacation Bible School this past week. Thank you to our kitchen and meal helpers, our youth helpers, our group activity leaders, decorators and everyone in between. You helped make VBS a great experience for every child who attended and, most importantly, you modeled the love of Christ and service to others. We couldn't have done it without you.

Let's Celebrate a Wonderful VBS Week! Please join us for refreshments and fellowship at the end of church today!

Mark Your Calendar for Our Church Rummage Sale, August 15-17th! Items for the sale can be brought starting on Tuesday, July 30th. There will be tables set up identifying where to bring your sale things. Please no TVs or old computers as we cannot dispose of these if they don't sell. Thank you!

Calendar:

Tuesday, July 30th: Do-Days 9 am
Wednesday, July 31st: Men's Breakfast 7 am
Sunday, August 4th: Outdoor Worship 9 am