

*Vacation Bible School*

**Closing Program**

June 20, 2021



**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Serbin, Texas**

**PRE SERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING HYMN: ♪ "HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CALLING"**

**LSB 827**

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,  
"Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting—  
Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the Master calleth;  
Rich reward He offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying,  
"Here am I, send me, send me"?**
  
- 2 Some take up His task in morning,  
To their Lord responding soon;  
Some are called in heat of midday,  
Others late in afternoon;  
Even as the sun is setting,  
Some are sent into the fields,  
There to gather in the bounty  
That God's Word so richly yields.**
  
- 3 For as rain and snow from heaven  
Water seeds in dusty soil,  
Causing them to bud and flower,  
Giving bread to those who toil;  
So the Lord sends forth His promise,  
Words of life and joy and peace—  
Never void to Him returning,  
Bearing fruit with great increase.**
  
- 4 Harken to the Lord whose coming  
Marks the time when grace shall end,  
When with His angelic reapers  
He in glory shall descend.  
Soon the night, the final harvest;  
Soon the time for work shall cease.  
Then the souls His grace has garnered  
Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.**

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## **WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**P** Let us pray

God, thank You for always doing marvelous things! We praise You that You created us, love us, saved us, and keep us now and forever because of Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for being with us at VBS and EVERYWHERE! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

In VBS, the children discovered how Jesus does the impossible! We looked in the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explored five Bible accounts that teach us how God loved us so much that He sent Jesus, His only Son, to save us. Now, we'd like to share our VBS with you!

Our small groups, or Teams, started together in the Opening, where they sang and watched skits. Then, the Teams and their Team Leaders went to five sites: Storytelling, Bible Challenge, Snacks, Games, and Crafts. At each site, we heard about how Jesus does the impossible!

Check out some of the pictures of what the children did in the gym following the service.

### **LESSON 1: JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE**

**CHILDREN SING:** ♪ "LET'S HAVE A PARTY."

**P** In "Jesus' First Miracle," we learned that Jesus is God and cares about me! He cared about people at a party and used His power to show that He is God. Jesus cares about us and takes care of us as our God!

**P** WONDER LAB SCIENTISTS! JESUS IS GOD AND CARES ABOUT ME!

**C** **JESUS IS GOD AND CARES ABOUT ME! JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE!**

**P** Our Bible Memory verse is

**C** "You are the God who works wonders." **Psalm 77:14.**

**P** Lesson 1 was all about learning that Jesus is God. In Lesson 2, we learned how Jesus is with us all the time!

### **LESSON 2: JESUS WALKS ON WATER**

**CHILDREN SING:** ♪ "NO MATTER WHAT"

**P** Jesus is God over the wind and waves. Sometimes, we might look at scary things and forget that Jesus is with us. But He promises to always be with us, just like He was with Peter. When we doubt, Jesus is there to lift us up again and remind us that we don't have to be afraid.

**P** WONDER LAB SCIENTISTS! JESUS IS WITH ME ALL THE TIME!

**C** **JESUS IS WITH ME ALL THE TIME! JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE!**

**P** Our Bible Memory verse is

**C** "The whole earth is full of His glory!" **Isaiah 6:3.**

**P** For Lesson 2, we learned that Jesus has power over creation. In Lesson 3, we discovered how He has power over sickness and death!

**HYMN: ♪ "COME UNTO ME YOU WEARY"**

**LSB 684 V. 1-2**

1 "Come unto Me, ye weary,  
And I will give you rest."  
O blessèd voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction,  
Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that hath no ending,  
Of love that cannot cease.

2 "Come unto Me, ye wand'ers,  
And I will give you light."  
O loving voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness,  
And we had lost our way;  
But Thou hast brought us gladness  
And songs at break of day.

**MESSAGE: "JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE"**

**"HE HAS DONE MARVELOUS THINGS!" PSALM 98:1**

**BY PASTOR JOHN SCHMIDT**

**HYMN: ♪ "COME UNTO ME YOU WEARY"**

**LSB 684 V. 3-4**

3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting,  
And I will give you life."  
O cheering voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager,  
The fight is fierce and long;  
But Thou hast made us mighty  
And stronger than the strong.

4 "And whosoever cometh,  
I will not cast him out."  
O patient love of Jesus,  
Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy  
Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners  
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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**LESSON 3: JESUS GIVES LIFE**

- P** Jesus cares about everyone. He gave new health and healing to a woman who was sick for twelve years. He gave new life to a girl who was just twelve years old. Jesus loves everyone and gives new life to all who believe in Him!

**P** WONDER LAB SCIENTISTS! JESUS HEALS ME!

**C** **JESUS HEALS ME! JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE!**

**P** Our Bible Memory verse is

**C** **"I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14.**

**P** Lesson 3 showed us how Jesus can bring others back to life. In Lesson 4, we learned that Jesus would come back to life too!

#### **LESSON 4: JESUS APPEARS TO HIS FOLLOWERS**

**CHILDREN SING:**  **"MAKING MELODI IN MY HEART"**

**P** Jesus surprised His followers when He rose from the dead. He even ate food to show that He was not a ghost! Jesus loves us so much that He took our sins to the cross and died to pay for all that we've done wrong. But Jesus was more powerful than the grave, and He rose from the dead! Jesus appeared to His followers to show them that He has won new life for us all.

**P** WONDER LAB SCIENTISTS! JESUS SAVES ME AND GIVES ME LIFE!

**C** **JESUS SAVES ME AND GIVES ME LIFE! JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE!**

**P** Our Bible Memory verse is

**C** **"Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome." Nehemiah 4:14.**

**P** In Lesson 4, Jesus shows that He is alive! Now, we can tell that Good News, like Paul in Lesson 5.

#### **LESSON 5: JESUS SENDS PAUL**

**CHILDREN SING:**  **"GOOD NEWS."**

**P** Paul was an enemy to Jesus, putting Jesus' followers to death. But Jesus chose Paul to tell others about Him, and He gave Paul everything he needed to tell others about Jesus, the Savior of all. Jesus calls us to tell others the Good News of His death and resurrection too!

**P** WONDER LAB SCIENTISTS! JESUS CALLS ME TO TELL ABOUT HIM!

**C** **JESUS CALLS ME TO TELL ABOUT HIM! JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE!**

**P** Our Bible Memory verse is

**C** **"Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O Lord!" Psalm 89:5.**

**CHILDREN SING:**  **"HE'S DONE MARVELOUS THINGS."**

**P** We've had an awesome time at *God's Wonder Lab*! Jesus worked in and through the servant hearts of many people to share His saving love! We thank the following that are listed in the bulletin.

**P** Let us pray:

Dear Jesus, lots of things change, but You do not change. You keep Your promises to be with us and guide us. You love us and restore us. Thank You for being with us as we share Your love and the Good News that You are our Savior. In Your name we pray. Amen.

**P** God is with us and blesses us through Jesus, our Savior. One of those blessings is the opportunity that we have to gather at His altar and partake of that body and blood shed for us and the forgiveness of all of our sins.

*Stand*

#### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C**  **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** **♪We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**G** **♪It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS**

**G** **♪Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** 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.

**G** **♪For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** **♪Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**G** **♪O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION REMINDER**

### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

**G** **♪Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **THANKSGIVING**

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**G** **♪and His mercy endureth forever.**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **♪Amen.**

## **SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**G** **Amen, amen, amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN: $\text{♪}$ "JESUS LOVES ME"**

**LSB 588**

**BY THE CHILDREN**

- 1 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong. *Refrain***

*Refrain:*

**Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.**

- 2 Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin,  
Lets His little child come in. *Refrain***

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

**$\text{♪}$  "I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES"**

**LSB 461**

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.**
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.**

- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** ♪ "YOUR TABLE I APPROACH"

LSB 628

- 1 Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

- 4 Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

♪ "I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE"

LSB 618

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain*

*Refrain:*

- Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

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