



Third Sunday after Pentecost June 29, 2024 Blended 10:45 IV

To Share Jesus and His Word

Prelude

As We Gather

The second mark of the church is baptized people. It isn't primarily an institution, but is a gathering of baptized people around faith in Jesus from all walks of life or background.

Welcome

+ PREPARATION +

Opening Song "Living Waters" SSP 88

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink
these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in
these living waters

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy
to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these
living waters
Lead your children

To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink
these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to
the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

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Invocation

- A** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P** Almighty Father, we confess that by our inability, insolence, and inaction, we have not made Your ways our ways.
C For our failure to walk in the ways of love, joy, and peace, forgive us, Lord.
- P** Lord Jesus, we admit we too often conform our desires to the world around us, adopting its compromised standards for living.
C For our failure to value the gifts of patience, kindness, and goodness, forgive us, Lord.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ WORD +

A Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, who brings forth life from desolation, cultivate in Your believing people hearts that delight in the fruits of righteousness that we might be led to desire that which You call good; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

VBS THEME Song “Let’s Trust in Jesus”

From the mountain high
To the valley low,
From the things we see
To the great unknown,
He is our true north,
He is our way home,
He is our guide
In this world that’s so wild.
Let’s trust in Jesus. (Echo)
Let’s trust in Jesus (Echo)
Wherever he leads us. (Echo)
Let’s trust in Jesus. (Echo)
When you feel alone
And you’re powerless,
When you need some hope,
Just remember this:
He holds the seas,
He names the stars,
And he’s always with you
Wherever you are.
Let’s trust in Jesus. (Echo)
Let’s trust in Jesus (Echo)
Wherever he leads us. (Echo)
Let’s trust in Jesus. (Echo)
O-oh, oh

O-oh, oh

O-oh, oh

O-oh, oh

Let's trust in Jesus. (Echo)

Let's trust in Jesus (Echo)

Wherever he leads us. (Echo)

Let's trust in Jesus. (Echo)

Day 1 of Vacation Bible School!

Today's Bible Point: When we wonder, we can trust Jesus!

Today's Bible Story: John prepares the way and baptizes Jesus.

Crafts

Day 2 of Vacation Bible School!

Today's Bible Point: When we feel alone, we can trust Jesus!

Today's Bible Story: Jesus teaches about God's love for us.

Mission Blankets

VBS Song "This is the Day"

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice

And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord has made.

The day, this is the day.

The day, this is the day.

These are my friends, these are my friends

That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice

And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
These are my friends that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
These are my friends, these are my friends
That the Lord has made.
The day, this is the day.
This day, these are my friends.
This is the day, this is the day.
This day, these are my friends.
This is the day, this is the day.
This day, these are my friends.
This day, this is the day.
This day, these are my friends.
This day, this is the day.
This day, these are my friends.

Day 3 of Vacation Bible School!

Today's Bible Point: When we feel powerless, we can trust Jesus!

Today's Bible Story: A Roman officer trusts Jesus.

Live Theater

Day 4 of Vacation Bible School!

Today's Bible Point: When we need hope, we can trust Jesus!

Today's Bible Story: Jesus dies and comes back to life.

Scripture Day 4: Matthew 27:45-28:8

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour^[a] there was darkness over all the land^[b] until the ninth hour.^[c] ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine,

and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son^[d] of God!"

⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Jesus Is Buried

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The Guard at the Tomb

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' ⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last

fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard^[e] of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

The Resurrection

28 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he^[f] lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Day 5 of Vacation Bible School!

Today’s Bible Point: When we need help, we can trust Jesus!

Today’s Bible Story: Jesus gives the great commission, and the Holy Spirit comes.

Scripture: Matthew 20:16-20, Acts 2:1-12; 36-41

16 So the last will be first, and the first last.”

17 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, 18 “See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death 19 and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.”

20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.

Acts 2:1-12

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested^[a] on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. **6** And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. **7** And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, **11** both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." **12** And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" **38** And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." **40** And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." **41** So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

VBS Song “Hey, Hey, Hey”

If you know God’s love, say hey!

Hey, hey, hey!

If that love’s enough, say hey!

Hey, hey, hey!

Even in the darkest night, say hey!

Hey, hey, hey!

‘Cause you’re gonna be all right, say hey!

Hey, hey, hey!

He’ll leave the 99 sheep to go find the lost.

His love always finds me, reminds me of the cross.

If he’d give his Son for me,

Hey, hey, hey,

Why should I worry?

Hey, hey, hey!

It’s time to praise;

Get those hands raised!

Hey, hey, hey!

If you know God’s love, say hey!

Hey, hey, hey!

If that love’s enough, say hey!

Hey, hey, hey!

Even in the darkest night, say hey!

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His love always finds me, reminds me of the cross.
If he'd give his Son for me,
Hey, hey, hey,
Why should I worry?
Hey, hey, hey!
It's time to praise;
Get those hands raised!
Hey, hey, hey!
Hey, hey, hey!
It's time to praise;
Get those hands raised!
Hey, hey, hey!

Sermon "Marks of the Church #2 - Baptized People" Acts 2:36-41

Prayer of the Church

- A** God of mercy, You have made known to us Your Word, and from that Word we have come to know Jesus. Guard our unity in Christ, and give us the Holy Spirit, that we may work together in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

- A** Give ear to Your people and to those who govern in every place, that we may enjoy the blessing of good government and good leaders and so reflect this gift by faithful stewardship of Your gifts and good citizenship wherever we live. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A As we all live out our lives in a world disfigured by sin, sickness, and death, give to all who call upon You for help in times of trouble, anxiety, or illness Your healing presence, *Heather, Nathan, Jay, Gideon, Tristan Pittman, Jason Taylor, Karen Manion, Robyn Barrett, Jan Peterson, Armando Flores, Cythina Estes, Betty Tucker, Joe Northcutt, Carla Weikert, Kathie Carlson, Robert Wood, Eric Peterson, Kerstin Krueger, Mary Fodor, Joseph Davis, Tammy Tolbert and for Sherry Helmke family as they mourn the loss of Henry.* Help all who attend to those in need with Your strength and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Our Father in heaven, uphold and strengthen all families on the earth. Guide parents to teach their children all that You have done and promised. Be with each member of St. Paul, especially Darren & Carla Tennyson, Betty Tucker, Barbara Vance, Mike & Jack Weikert, those we lift to You this day, Bless the children of our CLC along with their parents and our staff, Ron, Melissa, Jennifer, Jenn, Gary and Shelby. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Send down upon Your church, Your Body, the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may be united in faith and in the confession of Your name. Unite us together to accomplish Your purpose at SPLC. Give strength, wisdom, and understanding to those who serve on our Call Committee. Grant grace and patience to all our congregation as we faithfully seek the pastor You have appointed to shepherd us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray...

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.**

Passing of the Peace

(Having received the Gospel's grace, let us joyfully share "Peace of Christ" with one another.)

Offertory Kevin Lindsay "My Hope is in the Lord"

Prepare our Hearts for Communion

1. Do I believe that I am sinful, without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
2. Do I harbor resentment for another or refuse to forgive another's sin?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
4. Do I believe that He is personally present with His Body and Blood?
5. Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If this is what you believe, we invite you to come forward to share Communion with us. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms for the Pastor to bless you.

Communion Instructions

(For those who are intolerant to alcohol, grape juice is available in the center of each communion tray marked by purple cups. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)

+ SACRAMENT +

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- ☐ Holy Lord, mighty Lord, from Your goodness has come all things and by Your power they are still preserved. Though we deserved nothing of Your kindness, You sent forth Your Son, born of the virgin by the Holy Spirit, to fulfill all righteousness, to atone for our sin and for the sin of the world, once for all, by His all-sufficient sacrifice upon the cross, and to rise from the dead to deliver to us also everlasting life. Gathered in His name, we pray You to bestow upon us the fruits of His redeeming work as He promises in His own testament.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Song of Sacrifice "Lamb of God" LSB p. 163 (sing)

- C** Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

Distribution Song "Come to the Table" SSP 76

Come to the table of mercy
Prepared with the wine and the bread
All who are hungry and thirsty
Come and your souls will be fed

Come at the Lord's invitation
Receive from His nail-scarred hand
Eat of the bread of salvation
Drink of the blood of the Lamb

Come to the table of mercy
Prepared with the wine and the bread
All who are hungry and thirsty
Come and your souls will be fed

Come at the Lord's invitation
Receive from His nail-scarred hand
Eat of the bread of salvation
Drink of the blood of the Lamb

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Distribution Hymn "O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB 617

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:

O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;

Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;

Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

Days of peace and unity:

O Lord, have mercy!

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Distribution Song "Thee Will I Love, My Strength My Tower" LSB 694

Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;

Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.

Thee will I love with all my power,

With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.

Thee will I love, O Light divine,

So long as life is mine.

Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,

Who art my best and truest friend.

Thee will I love and praise forever,

For never shall Thy kindness end.

Thee will I love with all my heart—

Thou my Redeemer art!

I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,

Whose radiance hath brought light to me;

I thank Thee, who hast richly given

All that could make me glad and free;

I thank Thee that my soul is healed

By what Thy lips revealed.

O keep me watchful, then, and humble;
Permit me nevermore to stray.
Uphold me when my feet would stumble,
And keep me on the narrow way.
Fill all my nature with Thy light,
O Radiance strong and bright!

Thee will I love, my crown of gladness;
Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,
And not for hope of high reward,
For Thine own sake, O Light divine,
So long as life is mine.

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Song of Thanks "Thank the Lord" LSB p. 164 (sing)

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- A** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** **AMEN!**

VBS Recognition

Closing VBS Song “Power Shuffle”

I feel it in the air right now.
It's all around, I see it everywhere.
It's the power, yeah, yeah, God's power.
It's the power to move any star.
It's the power to heal your broken heart.
It's the power, yeah, God's power.
So don't hold back, no, don't hold still.
'Cause God is here, and he is real.
Take four steps to the left, to the left.
1, 2, 3, 4.
Turn it around and move to the right.
1, 2, 3.
Now take tiny little jumps, four to the front.
1, 2, 3, 4.
Four jumps back, but you better look back.
1, 2, 3, 4.
Now freeze, and everybody clap your hands.
(claps)

Now stop.

I feel it in the air right now.

It's all around, I see it everywhere.

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1, 2, 3, 4.

Turn it around and move to the right.

1, 2, 3.

Now take tiny little jumps, four to the front.

1, 2, 3, 4.

Four jumps back, but you better look back.

Let's do it all again right now.

Take four steps to the left, to the left.

1, 2, 3, 4.

Turn it around and move to the right.

1, 2, 3.

Now take tiny little jumps, four to the front.

1, 2, 3, 4.

Four jumps back, but you better look back.

1, 2, 3, 4.

Now freeze, and everybody clap your hands.

(claps)

Now stop.

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