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THE LORD'S SUPPER is the way Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. Through this Sacrament, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. In accordance with Jesus' teachings, we practice *closed communion* with those who share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

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JULY CALENDARS are available in the narthex and social hall.

JULY-SEPTEMBER Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex.

IN OUR PRAYERS

OUR SHUT-INS: Hal Bancroft, Darlene Brehmer, Linda Friederichs, Ed Drone, Lucinda Loose, Janet Maile, Larelda Siebert, Ron Urban, Pearl Zeamer

THE SICK: Diane Broker, Gary Sturtz, Lucinda Loose

ATTENDANCE: 7/11 & 7/14 67 + 18 + = 85

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCRIP PROGRAM AT ST. MARTIN

Forms can be picked up in the narthex or social hall.

**THANK YOU 2021 VBS VOLUNTEERS!
YOU WERE AWESOME!!**

VBS SITE LEADERS & ASSISTANTS:

OPENING/CLOSING/MUSIC: Pastor Schmitt
TECH GUY: Paul Siech
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CRAFTS: Cindel Wagner (Assistants: Kory Karls, Callie Karls, Lennyn Fesing)
BIBLE STORY: Vicki Roehrig
BIBLE CHALLENGE: Jenny Schnuell
SNACKS: Cathy Pagel (Assistants: Joshua Brehmer, Reagan Jaeckels)
GAMES: Pamela Siech
DIRECTOR: Tammy Brehmer

VBS GROUP GUIDES: (Led groups of students around to the activities)

*The Blue Group (Grades 1-2) -Linda Tasch, Makayla Tasch, Garrett Juedes
*The Red Group (Grades 3-6) - Abigail Juedes, Ashley Pagel
*The Yellow Group (Grades 3-6) - Sherry Dake
*The Green Group: PreK/Kindergarten
Leaders: Samantha Hertel & Shayla Rees
Assistants: Anthony Biese, Ethan Miller, Elizabeth Hertel,
Lennyn Fesing, Callie Karls

OTHER VOLUNTEERS:

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**A BIG THANK YOU ALSO TO ALL OF THE CONGREGATION MEMBERS
WHO DONATED MONEY OR SUPPLIES TO MAKE OUR VBS POSSIBLE!
We thank you so much!**

**Order of Service for July 18, 21, 2021
Vacation Bible School Closing Celebration**

Ringing of the Bells

Opening Hymn: 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**

- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.**

- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!**

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
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- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Vacation Bible School Presentation

(Children who were a part of VBS come forward at this time.)

Time with Sidney the Sloth

Songs by the Rainforest Explorer Choir: “Jesus’ Love”

1. God’s love—it covers me, Deep and wide as the big blue sea.
Surrounded by His grace, I’ll see, See Him face-to-face!

Refrain: When the clouds are getting dark,
I know who’s the greatest spark.
When I don’t see the light,
Jesus’ love shines bright!
That’s when Jesus’ love shines bright!

2. God’s promises are true; Sent His only Son for you.
He is the life, the way, and I . . . I just gotta say:
Refrain × 2

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“Jesus is My Treasure”

Refrain: Jesus is my treasure—He leads the way!
Loves me without measure—He leads the way!
When I’m feeling all alone
And I don’t know where to go,
Jesus is my treasure—He leads the way!

1. Ev’rywhere I look, I see
God is taking care of me:
Frogs, sloths and plants and trees,
Sun, rain, and gentle breeze . . . *Refrain*
2. In God’s Holy Word, I read
Jesus gives me all I need.
He’s the life, the truth, the way.
In His love, I gotta say: *Refrain* × 2

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Children’s Lesson

(Children return to their seats after the Children’s Lesson.)

Prayer of the Day

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. You treasure us more than we can ever know. Thank You for coming to earth to pay for our sins. You are our true treasure. 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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:1–6

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds

over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:11–22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:30–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before

the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Children of the heav'nly Father

Safely in His bosom gather;

Nestling bird nor star in heaven

Such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God His own doth tend and nourish;

In His holy courts they flourish.

From all evil things He spares them;

In His mighty arms He bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever

From the Lord His children sever;

Unto them His grace He showeth,

And their sorrows all He knoweth.

**4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
 God His children ne'er forsaketh;
 His the loving purpose solely
 To preserve them pure and holy.**

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. ... We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your compassion shown in Christ Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep and the righteous Son of David. Keep us trusting at all times in Your right hand, in whom true satisfaction is found. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have brought us from many families into the household of God. Continue to bless all Christian homes, that fathers and mothers may faithfully lead their children by word and deed to call upon You as Father. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your constant care and all we need to support this body and life. Attend in mercy to those in need among us, especially _____. Free them from dismay and fear by the certainty that Christ is their righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who by His death has made satisfaction for our sins. Grant faith to all who come to His Holy Supper today, that we may eat His true body for the forgiveness of sins and be satisfied unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

The Service of the Sacrament

(LSB pp. 208-212)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

↓ Hymns during Distribution: 547 The Lamb

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
Refrain

3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill.
Refrain

4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.
Refrain

5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.
Refrain

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642 O Living Bread from Heaven

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.**
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.**
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.**
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.**

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Dismissal

↑ Nunc Dimittis

**1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

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, that with the blood-bought freedom that is ours, we freely give to others the grace we have now received; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P 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.

Closing Hymn: 774 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

**1 Feed Thy children, God most holy;
Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven,
Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish,
May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor
At Thy feast due thanks we render.**

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Your prayers and generous financial

donations enabled 41 students to experience a fun, faith-filled week at VBS. Our VBS students then "paid it forward" by donating food/toiletries to Salvation Army and money to this year's Concordia Gospel Outreach Mission. The children donated approximately \$140 which will be used to give books about Jesus to children in Papua New Guinea so they can learn about Jesus too! Thank you for helping us touch so many lives with God's love! A huge thank you to the 31 people who volunteered their time this week to make this VBS possible! God truly blessed your service in His Name! Please stop by the narthex bulletin board to see our VBS display of crafts and photos from the week!