

Vacation Bible School Closing Service *“Maker Fun Factory”*



“Created by God, Built for a Purpose”
June 11, 2017



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF VESTAVIA HILLS

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WORSHIP: 8:00 AM AND 10:30 AM, Sundays

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

Church Office Hours: 9 AM to 1 PM Monday thru Thursday



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TO OUR GUESTS: We offer you a warm welcome in the name of Jesus. Please sign the Friendship Register during the offering. If you do not have a church home, we would be delighted to have you become a part of our church family. Please feel free to speak with the Pastor about membership in our congregation. If you do have a church home, we pray that God will bless you as you continue your growth in faith and love.



SUNDAY SCHOOL Christian education classes are offered for all ages at 9:00 AM.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH and NURSERY Following the Children's Message, all children ages 3-7 are invited to Children's Church downstairs. They will return to the sanctuary during the offering. A nursery attendant is provided for children ages birth to 3 years during our 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services.



COMMUNION We invite all baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior, and who recognize the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the bread and wine to join us at the Communion table. The practice of our congregation is to place the bread into the extended hand of the communicant. The wine is offered in both individual cups and the chalice. If you wish to receive it from an individual cup, please take one from the tray as it is offered by the Elder. The cups in the center of the tray are filled with non-alcoholic wine, in consideration of persons who should not drink wine. Also, children who have not received Communion instruction are invited to come to the Communion rail, fold their hands and receive a blessing.

The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills

June 11, 2017

10:30 a.m.

A SERVICE OF PRAYER, PRAISE, AND PREACHING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

OPENING SONG

"Made for This"

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children.

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

AN ACT OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil you forbid and have not done the good you demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve you faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to him. May he keep you in his grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SONG

"You Forgive Me"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear Father in heaven, We thank You for the blessings You showered upon our Vacation Bible School this past week: the energy and joy of the children; the faith, love, and stamina of the staff who served them; and the seeds of faith planted in young hearts through the proclamation of Your Gospel. We pray that these seeds may grow into lives of fervent faith and loving service in Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

DAY ONE: GOD MADE YOU!

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:26-28,31

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them...

³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DAY TWO: GOD IS FOR YOU!

RESPONSIVE READING

(The congregation speaks the words printed in bold.)

At times, we struggle to believe God's love and care for us. Is there hope?

God is for us. No one can stand against God's plan for us. He didn't spare his Son but gave him up for us all for the forgiveness of our sins.

Is it true that God won't cast us aside? We all have sinned; we'll never be good enough.

No one can condemn us, for Jesus died in our place—more than that, He is alive—and he reigns over our lives.

Our lives are heavy; things aren't going as we planned. Doesn't God love me?

Nothing can separate us from God's love. Trouble, distress, persecution, poverty, danger, and death cannot remove us from God's grace. In all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loves us.

Satan prowls around us. We've sinned too much. We've sinned too big. We're nervous about our futures.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALL: If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

DAY THREE: GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU!

The Bible says:

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Matthew 28:20 "Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Psalms 23:4 "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Joshua 1:5 "No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you."

Zephaniah 3:17 "The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

SONG

"God is For Me"

SERMON

"Created by God—Built for a Purpose"

Ephesians 2:8-10

Rev. Clifford Hellmers, Pastor Emeritus

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

SONG

"He Knows My Name"

VBS Mission Project: Project HOPE

building playgrounds at our Lutheran schools in Katete, Uganda

DAY FOUR: GOD WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!

SONG

"Love Come Down"

DAY FIVE: GOD MADE YOU FOR A REASON!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

(inside back LSB cover)

DISMISSAL

God Made You!

Wow, God!

God is for you!

Wow, God!

God is always with you!

Wow, God!

God will always love you!

Wow, God!

God made you for a reason!

Wow, God!

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

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Please join us

Sunday, June 18th

for a Father's Day Brunch

9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

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