

Vacation Bible School
Closing Service

“ROAR!”

“Life is Wild, God is Good”

June 9, 2019



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 at 9:00 AM.
(*Children's Sunday School will resume on August 18th.*)



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 9, 2019

10:30 a.m.

A SERVICE OF PRAYER, PRAISE, AND PREACHING

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

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.

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: WHEN LIFE IS UNFAIR...GOD IS GOOD!

OBJECT LESSON

"Fair or Unfair" Scale

DAY TWO: WHEN LIFE IS SCARY...GOD IS GOOD!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

God Sends Plagues on Egypt
Exodus 7:14-12:32

DAY THREE: WHEN LIFE CHANGES...GOD IS GOOD!

SONG

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

DAY FOUR: WHEN LIFE IS SAD...GOD IS GOOD!

ILLUSTRATION

Celebrate Jesus: God's Ultimate Goodness

DAY FIVE: WHEN LIFE IS GOOD...GOD IS GOOD!

SPOTLIGHT VIDEO

"I'm Trusting You"

SERMON

Rev. Michael Ahlemeyer

OFFERING

SONG

"Thankful"

VBS MISSION PROJECT: SHIRK FAMILY, MEDICAL MISSIONARIES

Part of our Vacation Bible School ministry is to encourage the children to bring an offering each day for missions. This year's offering will be used to support the ministry of the Shirk family, LCVH Medical Missionaries at Kijabe Hospital in Kenya. Dr. Arianna Shirk is a pediatrician there and deals mainly with very sick children. She says that it would be a helpful distraction for the children to have little toys and simple books about Jesus while they are confined to beds and attached to monitors.

Any monetary donation is greatly appreciated! We also put up a Mission Project bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary with several pictures of items from Arianna's Amazon wish list for our VBS-ers to purchase for the hospital in Kenya. During this past week, children were encouraged to take a picture home and bring back the monetary amount of the object attached to it; then they were able to place the offering in the hole of our "giving tree" on stage. Several items remain on our bulletin board, so feel free to choose one after the service this morning and help us complete this project!

Through this project we pray that the children learn that "Jesus loves the little children...all the children of the world," and may they learn the joy of giving to help others.

PRAYERS

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.**

BLESSING

~The service continues on the following page~

DISMISSAL

When life is unfair...

GOD IS GOOD!

When life is scary...

GOD IS GOOD!

When life changes...

GOD IS GOOD!

When life is sad...

GOD IS GOOD!

When life is good...

GOD IS GOOD!

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG

“To God Be the Glory”

