

From infancy  
you have known the  
**Holy Scriptures**

WHICH ARE ABLE  
TO MAKE YOU WISE.

2 Timothy 3:15



*The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills*

**MOTHER'S DAY**

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

LSB #803



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.  
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## PSALMODY

*~select verses from Psalm 127 & 145*

Unless the LORD builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.

**Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the watchman stays awake in vain.**

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,  
**the fruit of the womb a reward.**

One generation shall commend Your works to another,  
**and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,  
**and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,  
**and I will declare Your greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness  
**and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.**

They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom  
**and tell of Your power,**

to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds,  
**and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

"Beautiful Savior"

LSB #537 (v. 1-3)



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flor's of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give us a calm strength and patient wisdom that, as they grown in years, we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 31:10-31

*(A Woman of Noble Character)*

<sup>10</sup> An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

<sup>11</sup>The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

- <sup>12</sup>She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
- <sup>13</sup>She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
- <sup>14</sup>She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar.
- <sup>15</sup>She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.
- <sup>16</sup>She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- <sup>17</sup>She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.
- <sup>18</sup>She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.
- <sup>19</sup>She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
- <sup>20</sup>She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- <sup>21</sup>She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet.
- <sup>22</sup>She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- <sup>23</sup>Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.
- <sup>24</sup>She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant.
- <sup>25</sup>Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
- <sup>26</sup>She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- <sup>27</sup>She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- <sup>28</sup>Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
- <sup>29</sup>"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."
- <sup>30</sup>Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
- <sup>31</sup>Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

II Timothy 1:1-5, 3:14-15

*(Timothy's Mother and Grandmother Taught Him the Faith from Infancy)*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

<sup>14</sup> As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LSB #816 (v. 1)

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 12:46-50

*(Jesus' Mother and Brothers)*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twelfth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>46</sup>While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. <sup>48</sup>But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" <sup>49</sup>And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>50</sup>For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CATECHISM

## The Fourth Commandment with Explanation

Honor your father and your mother.

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

"For All the Faithful Women"

LSB #855 (v. 1-3)



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en Who served in days of old,  
2 For Eu - nice and for Lo - is We sing our thanks and praise.  
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un-known



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.  
Young Tim - o - thy they nur - tured And led him in Your ways.  
In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.  
Raise up in ev - 'ry house - hold True teach - ers of Your Word  
We of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.  
Whose lives will bear clear wit - ness To Christ, our ris - en Lord.  
That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.

## SERMON

*"For All the Faithful Women"*

### **II Timothy 3:15**

Rev. Michael Ahlemeyer

## RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS

### DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LSB #805

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

### 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.**

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE PEACE

### DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lord, Be Glorified"

LUYH #11

F C/E Dm Am7 Gm7 Ebmaj7 Csus C7

1. In my life, Lord, Be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.  
2. In my song, Lord, Be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.  
3. In your Church, Lord, Be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.

F C/E Dm Am7 Gm7 Gm7/C C7 F

In my life, Lord, Be glo-ri-fied to - day.  
In my song, Lord, Be glo-ri-fied to - day.  
In your Church, Lord, Be glo-ri-fied to - day.

"I Love to Tell the Story"

LUYH #20

G C

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a -  
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'Tis pleas - ant to re -  
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it

G D G

bove, Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his  
 peat What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly  
 best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the

D G Em

love. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's  
 sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er  
 rest. And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new

B7 C C G D G

true; It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.  
 heard The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.  
 song, 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain

D G C G

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry To

The first system of musical notation for the refrain. It consists of a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. Above the treble staff, the chords D, G, C, and G are indicated. The lyrics "I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry To" are written below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

C G D G

tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

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*~Distribution Hymns continue on the following page~*

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

LUYH #18

1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, From your  
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing Toward the  
3. Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, Gain through

rich and end - less store: Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,  
goals of Christ, your Son: All at peace in health and free - dom,  
pow'rs your grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred,

Cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door, Gift - ed by you, we turn  
Rac - es joined, the Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
And to spread the Gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in

to you, Of-f'ring up our - selves in praise; Thank-ful  
 la - bor, Lest we strive for self a - lone; Born with  
 shar - ing, As we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing,

song shall rise for - ev - er, Gra-cious do - nor of our days.  
 tal - ents, make us ser - vants Fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, Serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*~Distribution Hymns continue on the following page~*

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

LSB #811



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my  
2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep  
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for  
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has  
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -  
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and  
slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to  
vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.  
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.  
show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.  
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.

5 Creator, humbly I implore You  
To listen to my earthly song  
Until that day when I adore You,  
Together with the angel throng  
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing  
Eternal anthems to my King.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

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.

**Amen.**

*~the service concludes on the following page with the Closing Hymn~*

## CLOSING HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

LSB #922 (v. 1-2, 4)



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.  
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.  
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

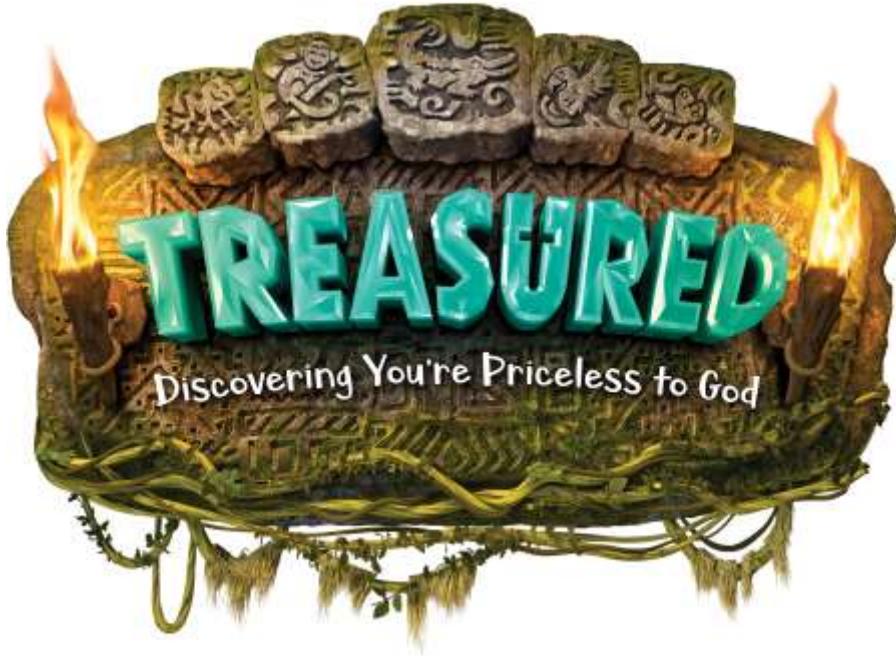
## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE





## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. – noon

Spots are available for 4K/Kindergarten (and "older" 3-year-olds), as well as Elementary (kids entering 1st Grade-5th Grade in the fall).

Sign up at: <https://vbspro.events/p/lcvh2022>

This link can also be used to sign up to volunteer, and we need and appreciate all of you available to be part of an amazing week!

Come join us for an epic quest as we journey to discover God's greatest treasure - US!!!!



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**TO OUR GUESTS:** We offer you a warm welcome in the name of Jesus. Please sign the Friendship Register. 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** Adult Bible Class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. Children, Confirmation, and Youth Classes meet downstairs in the Sunday School classrooms.



**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 after the sermon. 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 individual cups; 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.