



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

OLNEY, MARYLAND
JULY 19, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Holy Communion will be at the Rail today.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available upon request.

Holy Communion is...

- † The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ received “in, with, and under” the bread and wine for God’s People. *Matthew 26:26, 28*
- † Coming to the table believing the words “given and shed FOR YOU.”
Preparation might involve three questions:
 - Do I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Am I sorry for my sins?
 - Am I ready to lead a new life?
- † God’s grace in “forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.”
Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 6:8-9; Romans 8:31-32



Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

Matthew 13:35b

Please turn off all electronic devices during our worship together, so that we can give glory to God without distraction.

Nursery: The room located at the back of the sanctuary (with windows into the sanctuary), has been set aside for children to be able to play comfortably during Worship. At this time, we ask a parent to remain with their child while using this space. There is a sound system located on the wall to the right after entering the room which allows you to listen to the service.

Please feel free to ask an Elder to assist you as needed.

Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

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P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
 listen to my plea for grace.

**Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
 unite my heart to fear your name.**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
 and I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your steadfast love toward me;
 you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,
 and they do not set you before them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
 listen to my plea for grace.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6–8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HETH

⁵⁷The LORD is my portion;

I promise to keep your words.

**⁵⁸I entreat your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.**⁵⁹When I think on my ways,

I turn my feet to your testimonies;

**⁶⁰I hasten and do not delay
to keep your commandments.**⁶¹Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,

I do not forget your law.

**⁶²At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your just and righteous decrees.**⁶³I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.**⁶⁴The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes!****Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Epistle

Romans 8:18–27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

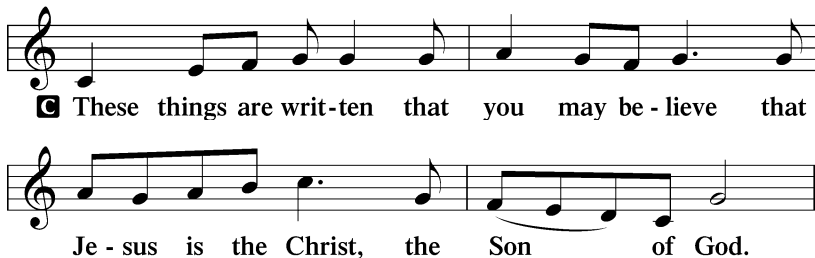
Alleluia

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Verse

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Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

In Holy Conversation

LSB 772

1 In ho-ly con-ver-sa-tion We speak to God in prayer,
 2 These ho-ly con-ver-sa-tions Be-gin in child-like ways;
 3 As ho-ly con-ver-sa-tion, In si-lence or by word,
 And at His in-vi-ta-tion Our deep-est thoughts we share.
 We bring our sup-pli-ca-tions And words of thanks and praise.
 In ev-'ry sit-u-a-tion Through Je-sus, we are heard.
 We come, His will o-bey-ing, As chil-dren bring-ing needs;
 With care our Fa-ther lis-tens To ev-'ry thought ex-pressed,
 So let us pray se-cure-ly, Ex-press-ing hopes and fears
 And to sup-port our pray-ing, His Spir-it in-ter-cedes.
 Then an-swers our pe-ti-tions In ways He knows are best.
 With con-fi-dence that sure-ly Our Fa-ther ev-er hears.

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Stand

Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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.**

Sharing of the Peace:

℟ Peace be with you.

☩ And also with you.

℟ I invite you to share the Lord's peace with one another.

Sit

Offering

Please see p. 20 for mobile giving.

Anthem

Meditation from Thaïs

Angela Boerger, violin

Stand

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

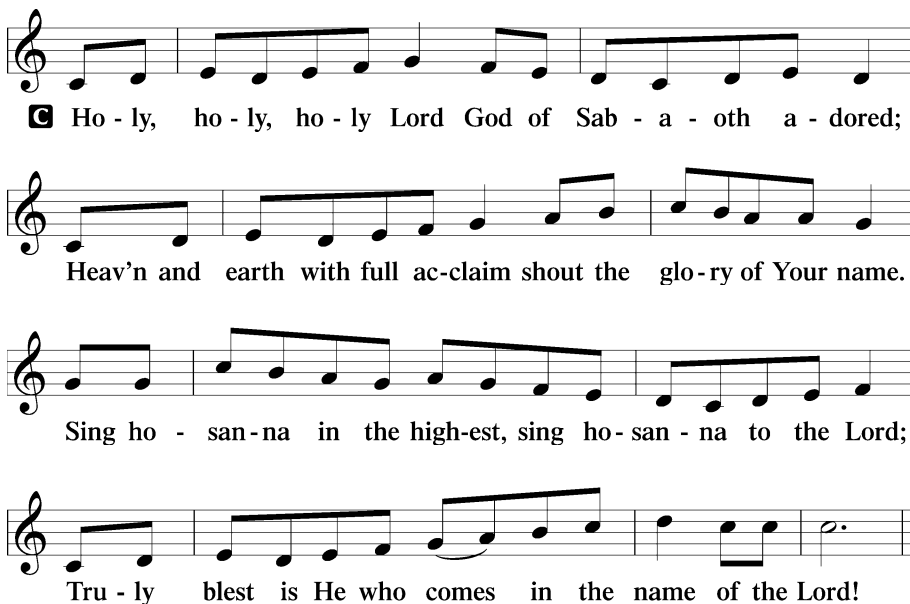
LSB 208

- 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. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution (rail)

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

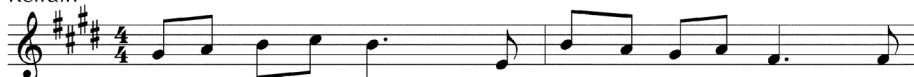
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Distribution Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

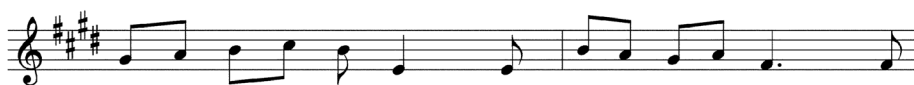
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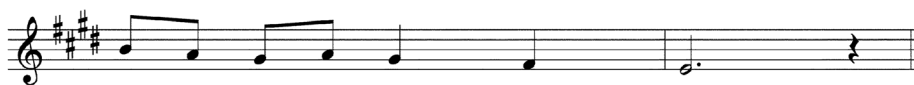
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

D.C.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 166

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.

Hymn to Depart

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude

Thank you to Angela Boerger for sharing her musical gifts today.

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Opportunities to share your gifts of time, talent and treasure with Christ, your neighbors, and LCGS

COFFEE AND CREAMER DONATION

We have a current need for coffee and creamer.

Contact: Jackie Schulten

AFTER WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

Contributions of light fare and baked goods for after worship fellowship; sign-up sheet in Narthex for volunteers to set up and clean up.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Contributions needed for new school supplies for Rosa Parks Middle School.

Backpacks, 2" looseleaf binders, wide-lined notebook paper, #2 pencils, pens, and spiral notebooks. Donation bin is in the narthex.

GARDNERS OF THE MASTER

We thank all our volunteers for the beautiful mulched beds around the church. There is an ongoing need to keep them weeded so any time anyone has (even 5 or 10 minutes) to pull a few weeds in the mulched areas would be extremely helpful. We would also like to put together an effort to rake back and prune the trees at the side entrance to the church.

Time Commitment: A few hours anytime in the near future.

Contact: Connie Strachan or Cindy Miezis

ASSISTANCE ORDERING SUPPLIES

Monitoring current stock of basic supplies (e.g. cleaning supplies, toilet paper, copy paper, coffee cups, etc.) and reordering as needed.

Time Commitment: Maybe an hour per week until an administrator is hired.

Contact: Matt Quinn

ALTAR GUILD

In need of an Altar Guild coordinator who maintains the schedule of volunteers and monitors stock of communion items. Also, in need of volunteers to prepare communion for Sunday service once a month.

Time Commitment: About an hour per month.

Contact: Pastor Tim

MENS MEALS FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER

Bob is looking for a volunteer to help purchase food and deliver the meals that are made by the church volunteers, to the center in Rockville (off Nicholson).

Time Commitment: A few hours per week. Last Saturday of the month.

Contact: Bob Wolters

Upcoming Events

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNITY NIGHT

Friday, July 24 at LCGS in the Courtyard

A free evening for the homeschool community. Vendor tables with educational resources, hamburgers and hot dogs, and live bluegrass music.

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 9:30am in Room 104

Alex is conducting a study of Philippians open for any adults and teens.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27-31 from 9:00am-12:00pm

At *Tropical Trek: Jesus Comes to Seek and Save*, our kids will sing action songs, hear Bible stories, make crafts, play games and eat snacks focusing on Bible stories that tell them in fun and experiential ways how Jesus calls, leads, teaches, saves, and sends them to share the Good News with others. Looking for adult helpers too.

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