



St. Paul Lutheran Church

VBS June 8-12, 2026

Closing Worship

June 14, 2026

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Dear God, thank You for finding and helping us in every situation in life. Help us always to trust in You. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Tropical Trek

As we took a tropical island trek in Vacation Bible School this week, we were reminded that Jesus came to seek and to save all people. We explored five Bible accounts from God's Holy Word that showed God's love for us and His desire to seek and find us when we need Him the most. Now, we'd like to share highlights from our VBS with all of you!

Each day of VBS began and ended with songs that remind us what our Savior, Jesus, does for us!

Children Sing: "Jesus Seeks and Finds"

Our small groups, or Teams, started together in the Opening, where they sang and watched skits. Then the Teams and their Team Leaders went to six sites: Storytelling, Bible Challenge, Music, Snacks, Crafts, and Games. At each site, they heard about the many ways that Jesus loves us, finds us, and cares for us. Now, we're excited to share with you what the children have been experiencing all week at VBS!

Monday: God Saves Baby Moses

Our first Bible account comes from the book of Exodus, chapters 1 and 2. In this lesson, we learned how God saw the troubles of His people in Egypt and how He helped them. God worked through Moses' mother, his sister, and a princess to save the life of Moses. Later, God would work through Moses to lead His people out of slavery in Egypt and into the Promised Land. God promises to be with us as we face troubles in our lives too. God gives us strength to endure our troubles, and His love for us never fails.

Our Take-Home Point for Monday was GOD FINDS ME WHEN I HAVE TROUBLES.

Whenever we hear the Take-Home Point, we respond with "Jesus came to seek and to save!"

P: GOD FINDS ME WHEN I HAVE TROUBLES.

C: JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE!

Now, let's sing together!

HYMN: ♪"FROM GOD CAN NOTHING MOVE ME."

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**1 From God can nothing move me;
He will not step aside
But gently will reprove me
And be my constant guide.
He stretches out His hand
In evening and in morning,**

**My life with grace adorning
Wherever I may stand.**

**2 When those whom I regarded
As trustworthy and sure
Have long from me departed,
God's grace shall still endure.
He rescues me from sin
And breaks the chains that bind me.
I leave death's fear behind me;
His peace I have within.**

**3 The Lord my life arranges;
Who can His work destroy?
In His good time He changes
All sorrow into joy.
So let me then be still:
My body, soul, and spirit
His tender care inherit
According to His will.**

**4 Each day at His good pleasure
God's gracious will is done.
He sent His greatest treasure
In Jesus Christ, His Son.
He ev'ry gift imparts.
The bread of earth and heaven
Are by His kindness given.
Praise Him with thankful hearts!**

**5 Praise God with acclamation
And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation
Responding to His voice.
Soon years on earth are past;
But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing
That will forever last!**

**6 Yet even though I suffer
The world's unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher
And bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine,
Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure,
Forever shall be mine.**

**△7 For thus the Father willed it,
Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it
And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come,
To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven.
O praise the Three in One!**

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P Our Bible Memory Verse for this lesson is Psalm 50:15.

C: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you. Psalm 50:15

On Monday, we learned that God finds us when we have troubles. On Tuesday, we learned how God finds us when we are lonely.

Tuesday: Ruth and Naomi

Our second Bible lesson comes from the book of Ruth. The book of Ruth tells the true story of the great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother of King David: Ruth and Naomi. Ruth and Naomi felt sad and lonely when their husbands died. But God did not leave them alone. He invited Ruth into His family and blessed Ruth and Naomi with a new family through Boaz. God also welcomes us into His family and gives us new hope through faith in Jesus.

P Our Take-Home Point for Lesson 2 is GOD FINDS ME WHEN I'M LONELY.

C: JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE!

Now, let's sing together!

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life’s way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.**

- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.**

- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessèd Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.**

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P Our Bible Memory Verse for this lesson is Isaiah 41:10.

C: Fear not, for I am with you. Isaiah 41:10

On Tuesday, we learned that God finds us when we’re lonely. On Wednesday, we learned that God finds us when we’re lost!

Wednesday: Jesus and Zacchaeus

We find our third Bible lesson in Luke 19:1–10. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector who was likely one of the most hated men in Jericho. People got upset when Jesus went to Zacchaeus’s house for dinner. Why would Jesus eat with sinners? But Jesus saw Zacchaeus for who he was: a lost sinner loved by God, in need of a Savior. Jesus forgave Zacchaeus and changed his heart. In love and mercy, Jesus does the same for you and me.

P Our Take-Home Point for Wednesday is GOD FINDS ME WHEN I'M LOST.

C: JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE!

Children Sing: ♪"Lost and Found"

P Our Bible Memory Verse for Wednesday was Isaiah 43:4.

C: You are precious in My eyes . . . and I love you. Isaiah 43:4

Wednesday, we learned that God finds us when we're lost. On Thursday, we learned how God finds us when we think there's no hope!

Thursday: Jesus Rises from the Dead

The fourth Bible lesson, the account of Jesus' resurrection, comes from Luke 24:1–12. Jesus' purpose in coming to earth, His mission, was to suffer and die to pay for the sins of the world and to rise again, defeating sin, death, and the power of the devil forever. Jesus' followers had lost all hope when they saw Jesus die and His body buried. But on Easter morning, they saw the empty tomb and heard the message of the angels: "He is not here, but has risen!" Jesus' resurrection gives us new hope, the sure hope of forgiveness and eternal life with Him!

P Our Take-Home Point for Thursday is GOD FINDS ME WHEN I THINK THERE'S NO HOPE.

C: JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE!

Children Sing: ♪"My Hope Is in My Savior"

P Our Bible Memory Verse for this lesson is Psalm 71:5.

C: You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust. Psalm 71:5

On Thursday, we learned that God finds us when we think there's no hope. On Friday, we learned that God finds us, no matter our sin.

Friday: Jesus Appears to Paul

Our final Bible lesson is recorded in Acts 9:1–19. After Jesus rose from the dead, many believed in Him. But others refused to believe it. Paul was a Jew who hated believers so much that he hunted them down and arrested them. But Jesus still loved Paul and wanted him to turn from his sins and believe in Jesus. He appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus and changed Paul's life. Paul became a great missionary who told many people about God's love and forgiveness. God loves us too, no matter who we are or what we have done. He forgives our sins and gives us new hearts that love and trust in Him.

P Our Take-Home Point for Lesson 5 is GOD FINDS ME, NO MATTER MY SIN.

C: JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE!

Now, let's sing together!

SING ♪ "WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"

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- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.**

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P Our Bible Memory Verse for this lesson is 1 Timothy 1:15.

C: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

CLOSING AND PRAYER

We've had an incredible time at Tropical Trek VBS! Jesus worked in and through the servant hearts of many people to share His saving love! We thank the following people . . . Thank volunteers.

Let's pray together.

Dear Jesus, as we trek through life, we know that You care for us and You are here for us. You have shown Your great love for us by finding us when we need You the most and by giving us forgiveness and new hope in You. Be with us as we share Your love with everyone we know so that more and more people can know and trust in You as their Savior. In Your name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen, Amen, Amen

CLOSING HYMN: ♪ "LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING"

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**1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.**

**3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.**

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SILENT PRAYER

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