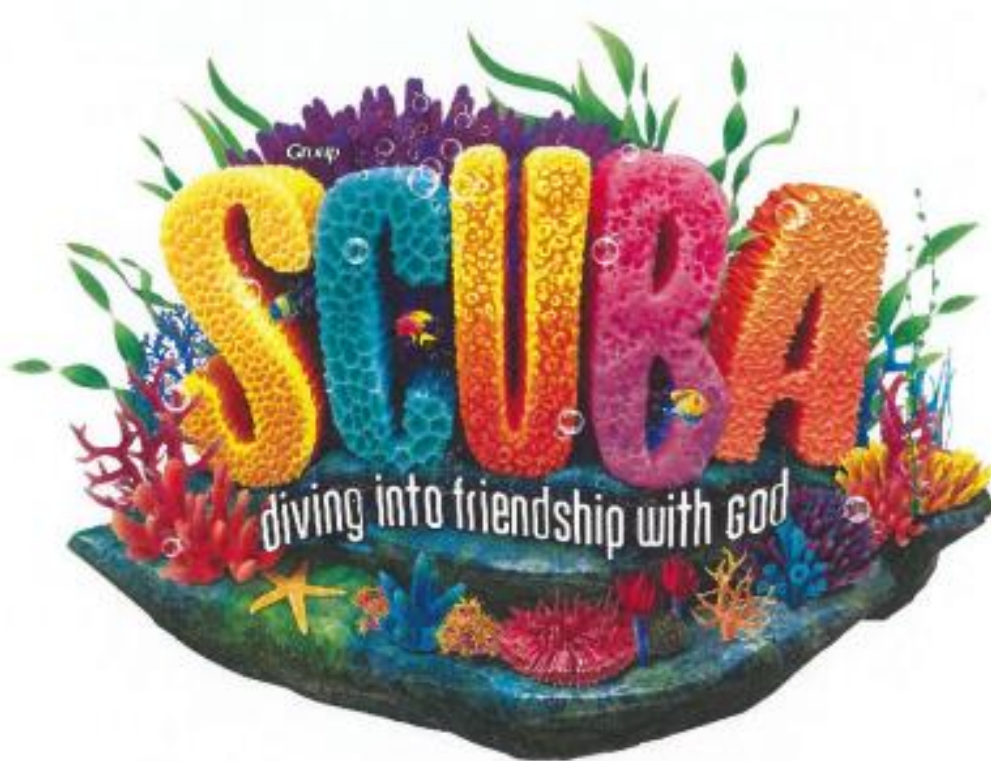


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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**VBS CELEBRATION**  
**JUNE 23, 2024**

**June 23, 2024**  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
VBS Celebration

*Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*

*This morning, we celebrate the time children and adult volunteers spent learning about God's friendship through Vacation Bible School. Please join in the service with a spirit of prayer and wonder.*

## **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We know we haven't lived as Jesus would want us to live. Let us tell God all about us leaving nothing out. When you heard the words "hear our prayer" answer "Lord, I'm sorry!"

Loving God, we've forgotten that we are your children and that you love us. We've forgotten to trust you with all that's going on in our lives. Hear our prayer. **Lord, I'm sorry!**

Loving God, we get busy with all our activities and forget to make time for you. Hear our prayer. **Lord, I'm sorry!**

Loving God, you ask us to love as you love us. Sometimes, we don't notice when someone is hungry or needs love. Sometimes, we don't want to share our money, our stuff, or our time to serve your people. Sometimes we're unkind to our family, friends, and neighbors. Hear our prayer. **Lord, I'm sorry!**

Hear this good news! Our God is a God who loves and forgives. Even when you try again and again and fail, God loves you! There is nothing that will separate you from God's love.

**\*GATHERING SONG** *Standing in the Need of Prayer (VBS Song)*

## **\*GREETING**

We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

## **\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE *I Have a Friend* (VBS Song)**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Repeat after the Pastor*

Thank you, God, for being a friend that is real.

**Thank you, God, for being a friend that is real.**

Thank you, God, for being a friend who loves.

**Thank you, God, for being a friend who loves.**

Thank you, God, for being a friend we can trust.

**Thank you, God, for being a friend we can trust.**

Thank you, God, for being our friend, forever.

**Thank you, God, for being our friend, forever.**

Thank you, God, for being a friend for everyone!

**Thank you, God, for being a friend for everyone!**

### **FIRST READING: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

A reading from Psalm.

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the <sup>1</sup>LORD is good,  
for God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the <sup>1</sup>LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand <sup>1</sup>of the foe,

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in <sup>1</sup>from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and <sup>1</sup>from the south.

<sup>23</sup>Some went down to the <sup>1</sup>sea in ships,  
plying their trade <sup>1</sup>in deep waters.

<sup>24</sup>They beheld the works <sup>1</sup>of the LORD,  
God's wonderful works <sup>1</sup>in the deep.

<sup>25</sup>Then God spoke, and a stormy <sup>1</sup>wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves <sup>1</sup>of the sea.

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended <sup>1</sup>to the depths;  
their souls melted away <sup>1</sup>in their peril.

<sup>27</sup>They staggered and <sup>1</sup>reeled like drunkards,  
and all their skill was of <sup>1</sup>no avail.

- <sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from | their distress.
- <sup>29</sup>You stilled the storm | to a whisper  
and silenced the waves | of the sea.
- <sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when | it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor | they desired.
- <sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love  
and your wonderful works | for all people.
- <sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly | of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing | hallelujah!

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

### GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** *Rev. Herb Spomer*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *Forever God, Forever Love (VBS Song)*

**CREED**

*Repeat after the Pastor*

I believe in God the Father Almighty.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son.**

Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

**Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

And life everlasting. Amen

**And life everlasting. Amen**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** *(Please respond.)*

*P: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

*As the VBS children and youth present the regular Sunday offering, and the special offering for NETWork Ministry collected during VBS, we offer our lives in praise of the many blessings we have received from God.*

**OFFERTORY** *Thanks God (VBS Song)*

**\* OFFERING PRAYER**

*Repeat after the Pastor*

Loving Jesus,  
**Loving Jesus,**

Thank you  
**Thank you**

for all you've given us.  
**for all you've given us.**

Help us share  
**Help us share**

with those who are in need. Amen  
**with those who are in need. Amen**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

We're all brothers and sisters in God's family. Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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**

We have gathered together as God's family. Remember God loves you and is your forever friend, no matter what. May Jesus' love for you and all the world, flow through you. May you count the blessings in your lives, and may God use you to be a blessing to others, in the name of the Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG *Count Your Blessings* (VBS Song)**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Good News of God’s friendship with the world!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE/SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Glimpses of Vibrancy**

This week we give thanks for the many gifts Solomons Lutheran continues to share into the surrounding community. Today we lift up the gift of *Clothes to New Windsor*. May this gift continue to be a significant **Glimpse of the Vibrancy** of the love of Jesus Christ!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The altar flowers** this morning are placed to the Glory of God in honor of VBS children and helpers given by Sam and Becky.

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

**Please welcome back Rev. Herb Spomer with a big “thank you” for preaching today.**

**Prayer requests for the following:** *Donna, Karen, Matt Haas, Chuck Bedsworth, Andrea Marigroo, Millie Kulkusky, Becky Pecha, Linda Mumaugh, Ina Shreiner, Steve Eck, Bernie Harris, Katy Klutz, Lilly Chiado, Bonnie Hudson, Jane and Bill Brindle, Darrell Veilleux, Malvern Zimmerman, Bob Estep, Missy Moreui, Becky Ensinger, Sam Mull, and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

**Please Be Aware:** *We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.*

**Weekly Calendar Reminders:**

June 30 - Bible Study 9:00am

**If you are in need of pastoral care,** please notify Ron Coldsmith, congregation president.

**Next week Richard Graven will lead Bible study beginning at 9:00am in the Sunday School room.** Thank you to Richard for stepping up in order to keep this Bible Study going each week. Everyone is most welcome!

**Offerings received during Vacation Bible School and Celebration Sunday will be donated to NETWork Ministry.** NETWork Ministry is an urban ministry for children and teens in Chambersburg. Since 1993, they have been committed to sharing the love of Christ with those who are most vulnerable in our community. Their desire is to minister to the whole person with the gospel of Jesus. They especially seek to equip children and young adults with skills necessary for these four areas of focus: Spiritual Growth, Academic Achievement, Life Management, and Christian Leadership. This is accomplished through a variety of after school and summer opportunities for youth.

**The Flower sign-up and all sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday school room.** Please sign-up for as many as you can.

**Power Pack Meals:** Thank you to those who donated for this school year. We will start taking donations again in September for the 2024-2025 school year.

**If you are not taking your altar flowers home,** please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.