

# Vacation Bible School Sunday

**July 16, 2017**

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10 AM – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
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At “Mighty Fortress” our children experienced the victory  
won in Jesus every night!  
They felt it . . . They tasted it . . . They sang it . . .  
They included it in their daily lives.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to  
center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer,  
and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

**PRELUDE** . . . *Michael Keating*

**WELCOME**

**GREETING**

*P: The victory of Jesus' love is with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

Please Stand

**INVOCATION**

*P: Wonderful God, mighty fortress, open our hearts and  
teach us how to love. Come to us now and stir up this  
gift so we may truly live as you command.*

**All: Amen.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The earth is the Lord's!  
Everything in creation belongs to God.

**All: Lift up your eyes!**  
**See the mighty works of the Lord!**

L: This is the Lord's house! All who hope in the Lord will  
be called children of God.

**All: Lift up your hearts!**  
**Receive the gracious gifts of the Lord!**

L: This is the hour for worship and song. Lift up your  
voice!

**All: Praise the Lord with all your might!**

## SONG . . . "I Come with Joy" vs. 1, 4

Text: Brian A. Wren - Tune: W. Walker - Cranberry Book #482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## INVOCATION

*P: The mighty love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our  
fortress, and the life and peace of the Spirit be with you  
all.*

**All: And also with you.**

Be Seated

## MIGHTY FORTRESS – DAY 1



**Bible Point:** Shout! God is mighty!  
. . . The victory is won!

**Bible Story:** God's Might Tumbles Jericho's Walls. (Joshua  
6:1-20)

**Reading:** Drawn from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Joshua

Jericho was shut up tight as a drum because of the People of Israel: no one going in, no one coming out. God spoke to Joshua, "Look sharp now. I've already given Jericho to you, along with its king and its crack troops. Here's what you are to do: March around the city, all your soldiers. Circle the city once. Repeat this for six days. Have seven priests carry seven ram's horn trumpets in front of the Chest. On the seventh day march around the city seven times, the priests blowing away on the trumpets. And then, a long blast on the ram's horn - when you hear that, all the people are to shout at the top of their lungs. The city wall will collapse at once. All the people are to enter, every man straight on in."

Then Joshua told the people, "Set out! March around the city. Have the armed guard march before the Chest of God." And it happened. Joshua spoke, the people moved: Seven priests with their seven ram's horn trumpets set out before God. They blew the trumpets. Joshua had given orders to the people, "Don't shout. In fact, don't even speak - not so much as a whisper until you hear me say, 'Shout!' - then shout away!" The seven priests carrying the seven ram's horn trumpets marched before the Chest of God, marching and blowing the trumpets, with the armed guard marching before and the rear guard marching after. Marching and blowing of trumpets! On the second day they again circled the city once and returned to camp. They did this six days.

When the seventh day came, they got up early and marched around the city this same way but seven times - yes, this day they circled the city seven times. On the seventh time around the priests blew the trumpets and Joshua signaled the people, "Shout! - God has given you the city! The priests blew the trumpets. When the people heard the blast of the trumpets, they gave a thunderclap shout. The wall fell at once. The people rushed straight into the city and took it.

## Kingdom Crafts

**Victory Voices:** *"I Got the Joy"*

**Key Verse:** "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:57)

Please Stand

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*P: Gracious God, you offer us love and mercy, grace and forgiveness,*  
**All: yet we often turn away from you.**

*P: We live our lives according to what we want,*  
**All: not according to what you want for us.**  
*P: We forget to care for one another.*  
**All: We neglect your invitation to join you in an intimate relationship.**  
*P: We fail to place you at the center of our lives.*  
**All: We do not live our lives in response to your love and your grace. Forgive us, O God.**  
*P: Help us put you first in all that we do,*  
**All: that we may dwell in your mercy and love, all the days of our lives. Amen.**

Silence for reflection

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*P: Brothers and sisters, we are offered forgiveness and mercy through Christ. Accept this gift and go forth bearing fruit for God!*  
**All: We go as the Light of Christ in the world.**

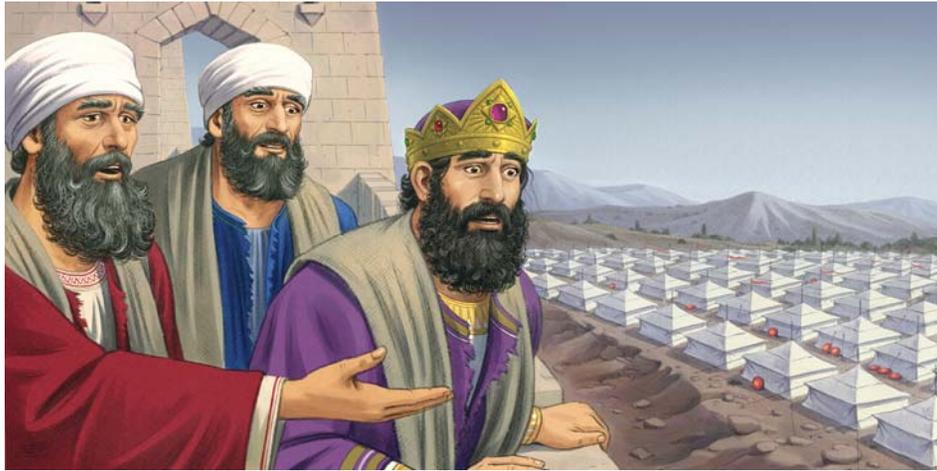
## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

*L: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.*  
**All: Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.**

Be Seated



## MIGHTY FORTRESS – DAY 2



**Bible Point:** Fear not!  
... The victory is won!

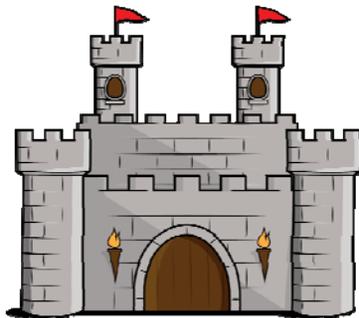
**Bible Story:** God Delivers King Hezekiah’s Kingdom (2 Kings 18–19)

**Kingdom Crafts**

**Victory Voices:** “*Power in the Blood*”

**Key Verse:** “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1)

Please Stand

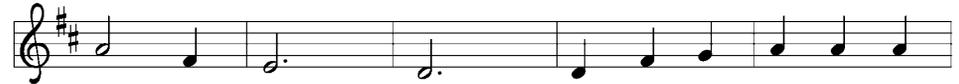


## SONG . . . “I Want to Walk as a Child in the Light” vs. 1, 2

Text & Tune: Kathleen Thomerson – Cranberry Book #815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I’m look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Be Seated



## MIGHTY FORTRESS – DAY 3



**Bible Point:** God’s Word is true and powerful!  
... The victory is won!

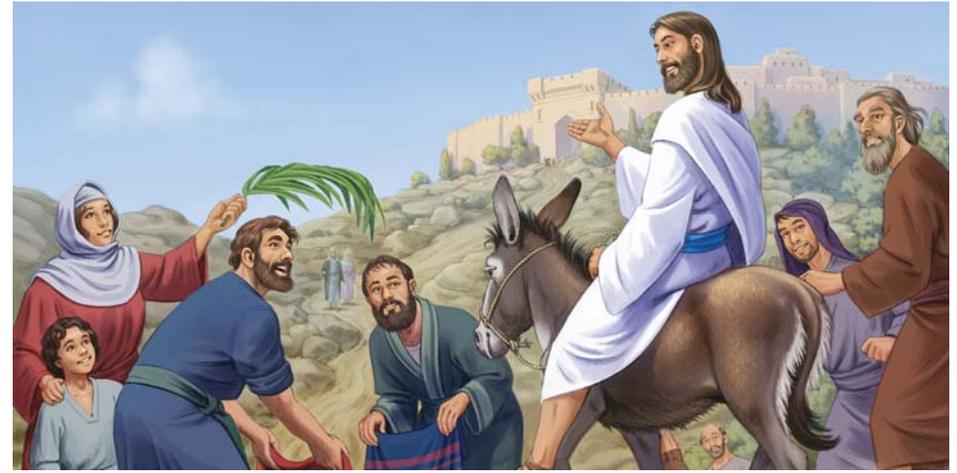
**Bible Story:** God’s Word Reforms King Josiah (2 Kings 22:1–23:30)

### Kingdom Crafts

**Key Verse:** “Every word of God proves true; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.” (Proverbs 30:5)



## MIGHTY FORTRESS – DAY 4



**Bible Point:** Jesus comes to save!  
... The victory is won!

**Bible Story:** King Jesus Enters Jerusalem (Luke 19:28–40)

**Reading:** *Luke 19:28-40*

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king  
 who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Peace in heaven,  
 and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

### Kingdom Crafts

### Victory Voices: “We Fall Down”

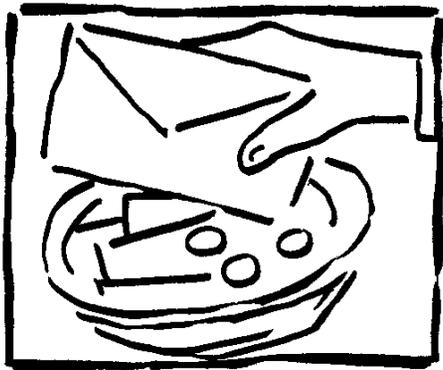
**Key Verse:** “Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He.” (Zechariah 9:9)

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

**L:** Let the love of Christ lead us to share generously and compassionately, not only in today’s offering but also in everything we do and everything we say.

**All:** **As the body of Christ, we are called to serve others.  
 Let us give of ourselves this morning.**

### THANKFUL OFFERING



Please Stand

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . “Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring”



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
 Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**L:** Here we bring our gifts for your blessing, O God.

**All:** **over the past week, months, and years gone by.**

**L:** Here we dedicate our talents,

**All:** **to serving this community, to serving all bringing reconciliation, healing, support, and caring.**

**L:** Here we offer our time,

**All:** **to bring hope in the struggle, to enable people to fulfill their dreams, to proclaim the forgiving way.**

**L:** Here we bring our gifts for your blessing, O God.

**All:** **Amen.**

### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**L:** Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. You open the doors of your church, Lord, to all who feel distant or estranged. Give us courage to share your good news through conversation and love. Hear us, O God.

**All:** **Your mercy is great.**

**L:** Cultivate in all people a care for the world you have made. Make us mindful of our impact on creation for the good of our neighbor and future generations. Hear us, O God.

**All:** **Your mercy is great.**

L: Reconcile and bring peace to communities that suffer. Raise up and strengthen leaders and organizations that promote dialogue, hospitality, and restoration. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: Open our eyes to see those suffering any affliction, even ourselves. Open our lips to boldly beg relief in body or spirit for all in need. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our hearts said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L: Christ is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

L: Let us give thanks to Jesus, the Light of the World.

**All: It is a right to give thanks and praise.**

*P: It is a right, a good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give our thanks to you, for with you all things are possible. For you bring forth grain from the earth, and fruit from the vine.*

**All: You make the rain to fall in its season, and the sun to shine, giving light and warmth to all your creatures.**

*P: By your word, the trees give their fruit, the crops and grasses flourish,*

**All: and all your creatures grow in grace.**

*P: Holy are you, and holy is your child, Jesus Christ. When he saw the little children, he called them to him, laying his hands on them and blessing them.*

**All: In his suffering and death, he taught us the true meaning of love, of accepting and doing your will for the healing of the world.**

*P: In Christ's grace, you renew and reclaim us as your holy people, children of mercy and truth. As children of your covenant of love, sealed by water and the Spirit, we come to you now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, renewing and reviving the lives of his closest friends, his most faithful disciples, even as they faced their deepest fears and their greatest sins. On that night before his death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your life-giving acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as children of your covenant, renewed and redeemed by your grace, in union with Christ's love for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.*

**All: Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may become one with Christ, one with each**

other, and one in communion with you and with all the world.

### LORD'S PRAYER

*P:* God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### FRACTION RITE

*P:* Pour out the light of your Mighty Spirit on all of us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine.

**All:** Make them be for us the life and love of Christ, that we may be for the world your community of love and justice, redeemed by Christ's mercy and grace.

Be Seated

### COMMUNION

Holy Communion is open to all.  
Distribution is down the center aisle.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.



### COMMUNION HYMN . . . "Jesus Loves Me!"

Text: Anna B. Warner - Tune: William B. Bradbury - ELW #595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

### COMMUNION HYMN . . . "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Text & Tune: African American Spiritual - Cranberry Book #471



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

## COMMUNION HYMN . . . “This Little Light of Mine”

Text & Tune: African American Spiritual – Cranberry Book #677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### Singing Bowl



Please Stand

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*P:* O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.

**All:** Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**L:** God of love, you bind us to yourself in this sacrament, and strengthen us through this meal for service to the world.

**All:** Guide us by your Spirit that we may forever witness to the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of life. Amen.

Be Seated

### MIGHTY FORTRESS – DAY 5



**Bible Point:** Jesus is our Savior King!  
 . . . The victory is won!

**Bible Story:** Jesus Wins the Victory (Luke 23:1–24:12)

### Kingdom Crafts

**Victory Voices:** “Trading My Sorrows”

**Key Verse:** “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” (Revelation 4:8)

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Visitors are always welcomed  
at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.*

*If you are seeking a church community to join,  
please consider us in your search.*

## A WORD OF THANKS

Please Stand

## WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

*P: Shout! God is mighty!*

**All: The victory is won!**

*P: Fear not!*

**All: The victory is won!**

*P: God's Word is true and powerful!*

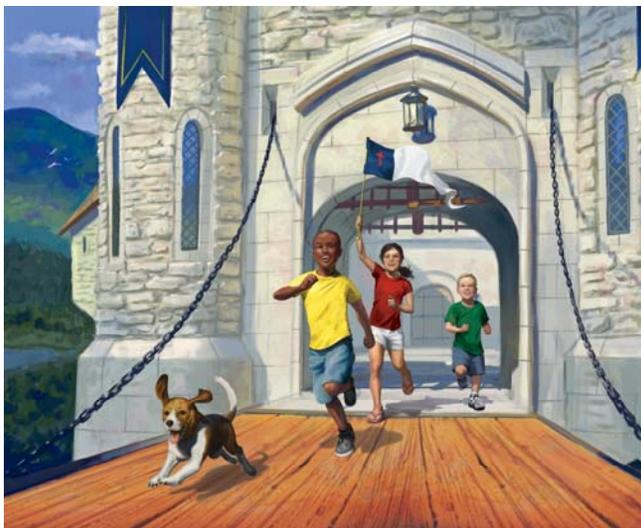
**All: The victory is won!**

*P: Jesus comes to save!*

**All: The victory is won!**

*P: Jesus is our Savior King!*

**All: The victory is won!**



## SONG . . . "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" 1, 3

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda Tune: Welsh Traditional Cranberry Book #543



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.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



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, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

## DISMISSAL

L: An epic quest awaits, celebrate the victory you have been given. Live your life with all your might, as a dance to God's glory.

**All: We live to the praise of God's glory!**

**Thank you all for joining us at VBS. We look forward to seeing you next year!**

**Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy our Fortress Feast!**