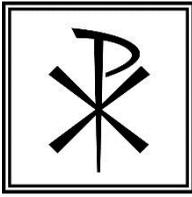




**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church
of Abita Springs, Louisiana**

**The 7th Sunday after Pentecost
Vacation Bible School Closing Service**
July 23, 2017 — The Victory is Won



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Abita Springs, Louisiana

The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and to go and share the good news of Jesus Christ until he returns to take us home.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome! We consider it a privilege to worship the Lord with you this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

- ❖ **Bring the kids.** Children are always welcome at our worship services. If your child is having a difficult morning, there is a speaker in the Fellowship Hall which will allow you to hear the service.
- ❖ **Restrooms** are located in the Fellowship Hall next door.
- ❖ **Hearing assistance** is available. Ask an usher if you would like a hearing loop.
- ❖ **Don't feel obligated.** Our members give offerings to the Lord as an expression of thanks for his love. When the offering plate is passed, you're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice. While the offering is gathered, we'll ask you to sign our Friendship Register. Leave any information you're comfortable giving us—we use it simply to thank you for coming and to invite you back.
- ❖ **Make yourself at home.** After our services, we normally join together in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, snacks, and conversation. We'd be honored if you could join us!

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Helpful prayers, including the one below, may be found in the front section of the hymnal, pages 10-11 and 134-139.

O Lord—you are my shepherd. Guide and lead me to see your love. Rebuke when I go astray and restore me back to your flock.
Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME

Jesus won your victory. You will not lose with him by your side. He fights for you and wins. He is strong to deliver and quick to save. In him our victory is won.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

Service Leader: Pastor Patrick Freese

Ushers: Lester Palliser and Chip Rusich

Greeter: John Filipowicz

Choir: Students of Vacation Bible School

Music: Jan Blake

Fellowship Refreshments: Susan Filipowicz

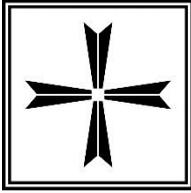
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

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STAND

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me, according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Children's Message

Children's Choir

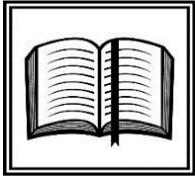
I am a Christian

1 Corinthians 15:57

Psalms 46:1

Proverbs 30:5

Zechariah 9:9



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 30:1-5

¹The sayings of Agur son of Jakeh-- an oracle: This man declared to Ithiel, to Ithiel and to Ucal: ²"I am the most ignorant of men; I do not have a man's understanding. ³I have not learned wisdom, nor have I knowledge of the Holy One. ⁴Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has wrapped up the waters in his cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and the name of his son? Tell me if you know! ⁵"Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 46

M: God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

**C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

M: Though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

**C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

M: God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

**C: "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

**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.**

STAND

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:57

⁵⁷Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

²⁷"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Mighty Fortress

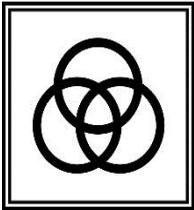
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SERMON

The Victory is Won

1 Corinthians 15:57

STAND



THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

BE SEATED

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BE SEATED

PRAYER HYMN

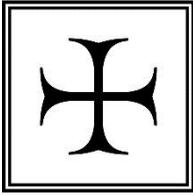
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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





WE DEPART WITH THE LORD'S BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN
I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

TODAY (July 23, 2017)

10:00 VBS Closing Service
11:00 Fellowship and Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY (July 29, 2017)

10:00 VBS Recap Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY (July 30, 2017)

10:00 Worship
11:00 Potluck

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE LAST WEEK (July 16, 2017)

Sunday Worship Attendance	40
Offerings	\$2,030.00
2016 Weekly Goal	\$1,770.00

"Praise the Lord, and forget not all his benefits" Psalm 103:2

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT WEEK (July 30, 2017)

Service Leader: Pastor Patrick Freese
Ushers: John Filipowicz and Indy Nebeker
Greeter: John Filipowicz
Music: Jan Blake and Karen Palliser
Fellowship Refreshments: Potluck
Church Cleaning: Les and Karen Palliser

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Welcome to guests and visitors!** We are glad that you are here and hope that you will join us again soon. If you have any questions about anything Trinity related, feel free to contact Pastor Freese at freesepts@gmail or (985) 502-4021.
- ❖ **Vacation Bible School at Trinity:** Thank you for joining us for Vacation Bible School and edifying our worship here today: Camille Beard, Braxton Breazeale, Dayshe Breazeale, Allie Butscher, Caroline Butscher, Genevieve Clavier, Angelina Coupel, Kylie Courtney, Ashleigh Diaz, Tyler Fourcade, Ellie Guerra, Elena Heap, Landon Heap, Michael Herrman, Sara Herrmann, Isabella Jones, Kaiden Jones, Andrea Leibe-Carroll, Madison Linden, Noah Linden, Savannah Linden, Adeline Mancil, Binsoy Ramoso, April Seamon, Caleb Seamon, Maddison Seamon, Sophia Voelkel, Addie Weaver, Tristan Wilkerson, Ariana Williams, Gabrielle Wolcott, Waverly Wolcott, Jayden Woods, Trinity is thankful you joined us this week.
- ❖ **Thank You, Volunteers!** Trinity is thankful for all the work that went into Vacation Bible School. We thank all the teachers, leaders, snack providers, parents, grandparents, and students for helping us with VBS.
- ❖ **Thank You, Businesses!** Thank you, Domino's Pizza on Highway 59 for donating pizza for our pizza party. Thank you, A/C Solutions in Covington for promptly restoring Air Conditioning in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ **Vacation Bible School Mission Project:** Our Vacation Bible School participated in the Lutheran Women Missionary Society's program called Kids C.A.R.E. VBS raised over \$150 dollars for mission work in Nepal!
- ❖ **Youth Programs at Trinity:** You are invited to join Trinity at our other youth programs.

Sunday School: Sunday School will resume **August 13** after church. Beginning in September our Sunday School will meet on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of each month through the month of May. Sunday School is open to children ages 3-11.

Catechism: Our Catechism class trains our youth for Confirmation. Catechism is open to those ages 12 through high school. Classes resume on Monday, **August 28**, at 5:30 pm. If you are interested in Catechism, please talk to Pastor Freese.

Reformation Celebration: Every year we have a large potluck on the last Sunday of October. At the potluck we have activities for children. This year is the 500th Anniversary of the 95 thesis, a major event among Lutherans and the Christian Church at large. Our Reformation Celebration will be October 29, starting at 10:00am.

Christmas Eve Children's Service: Children beautify our Christmas Eve worship service through songs and recitations. We have weekly rehearsals leading up to this service.

Christmas for Kids: Christmas for Kids is a one-day Vacation Bible School held on December 10 at the Town Hall of Abita Springs. We will have music, crafts, games, and a lesson. Parents are invited to attend our Christmas Dinner held at Town Hall as well.

Easter for Kids: Easter for Kids is a one-day Vacation Bible School held around Easter. We have an egg hunt, crafts, music, games, and a lesson.

- ❖ **Vacation Bible School Recap Meeting:** If you volunteered and assisted our Vacation Bible School, we will have a VBS recap meeting Saturday, July 29 at 10:00am
- ❖ **WELS Locator:** You don't need to take a vacation from God's Word if you're traveling out of town. Check out <http://wels.locatorsearch.com> to find a WELS church near you.
- ❖ **Bible Information Class:** Looking for more information or are interested in exploring membership at Trinity? Or are you looking to refresh your knowledge of the foundational teachings of Scripture? Talk to Pastor Freese about joining our Bible Information Class.

- ❖ **August Communion Schedule:** In the month of August we will celebrate communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We will resume our regular communion schedule in September.
- ❖ **Wednesday Night Bible Class:** Bible Class will resume on **August 19**, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will dig into the book of Romans.
- ❖ **Choir:** Trinity's choir will also resume on **August 19** immediately following Bible Class.
- ❖ **Save the Date:** You are invited to a screening of the PBS Edition of the new Martin Luther film: *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*. We'll join together with Crown of Life, New Orleans members to watch a screening of the film on **September 14, 2017** at The Grand 16 Theatre in Slidell. See our online Weekly Update for ticket information.
- ❖ **Church Cleaning:** Are you looking for an opportunity for service at Trinity? If so, you can help Trinity by volunteering to clean the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. A suggested list of cleaning instructions is posted in the Sacristy. Cleaning supplies are provided in the Fellowship Hall pantry. If you would like to help clean, there is a sign-up sheet located at the entrance of the church.
- ❖ **Stain Glass Window Update:** The Lord has moved us to raise the funds needed to repair the remaining stain glass windows. Trinity received quotes from three companies regarding coverings for the windows to prevent future breakage. Massmann Studios will cover our stain glass. The covers are funded through special gifts and budgeted funds for building maintenance and repair. This work is envisioned to begin around August.



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