Welcome!

St. John's Lutheran Church

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> > Services

Sat. 5:30 pm Sun. 8:00 am Sun. 10:30 am

Proclaim the Christ.

Grow the Family.

Love the Neighbor.

Pastor Mike Burdick

March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday



We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Little Children's Worship bags are available in the Atrium.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom.
- All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by the acolyte after the sermon. Thank you!
- Share prayer requests using the <u>yellow</u> cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier	Preschool Director
Mrs. Ruth Bray	Organist
Mrs. Holly Adams	
St. John's Praise Band	10:30am Music
Eva Wendling, Maddux Wycoff, & Luke Sipe	Acolytes
Mr. Ray Hartman	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Fred Bray	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis	
Mr. Howard Janis 217-821-6728	Elder on Duty for March 24 – 30
Chatelain School & Baja School	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins	(773-463-0617) Stephen Ministry Leader
Mrs. Julie Scott	. (217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions	through our District and Synod

Holy Communion



Welcome! When the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord's Supper we confess the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (*1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26*) We believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present "*in, with and under*" elements of the Holy Supper. Please register your intent to commune on the pew card after prayerfully reading it. If you

are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to our Pastor or the elder on duty before the Service. Thank You.

As We Gather

Today's processional Gospel looks at the first day of Holy Week, and the Passion carries us on to Jesus' tomb. Throughout the entire week, and since His transfiguration, our Lord has moved toward the cross step by step. Despite opposition from crowds and His circle of friends, He has been determined to love us to death so that He might open heaven to us by the grace of God. Zechariah had written about the procession centuries earlier, and Paul proclaims that God the Father has exalted Jesus for His steadfast commitment to our salvation. But this is no mere history! We also are called to follow, to live through each day, step by step, faithful under various circumstances yet confident of mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

You will find the songs for our 10:30 Service in Italics.

Preservice #1

"Trust In You"

Letting go of every single dream I lay each one down at Your feet Every moment of my wondering Never changes what You see

I've tried to win this war I confess My hands are weary I need Your rest Mighty warrior King of the fight No matter what I face You're by my side

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through When You don't give the answers As I cry out to You I will trust I will trust I will trust in You Truth is You know what tomorrow brings There's not a day ahead You have not seen So in all things be my life and breath I want what You want Lord and nothing less

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through When You don't give the answers As I cry out to You I will trust I will trust I will trust in You I will trust in You

You are my strength and comfort You are my steady hand You are my firm foundation The Rock on which I stand Your ways are always higher Your plans are always good There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through When You don't give the answers As I cry out to You I will trust I will trust I will trust in You

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Preservice #2

"God With Us"

Who are we that You would be mindful of us What do You see that's worth looking our way We are free in ways that we never should be Sweet release trom the grip of these chains

Like hinges straining from the weight My heart no longer can keep from singing

All that is within me cries For You alone be glorified Immanuel God with us My heart sings a brand new song The debt is paid these chains are gone Immanuel God with us

Lord You know our hearts don't deserve Your glory Still You show a love we cannot afford

Like hinges straining from the weight My heart no longer can keep from singing

All that is within me cries For You alone be glorified Immanuel God with us My heart sings a brand new song The debt is paid these chains are gone Immanuel God with us

Such a tiny offering compared to Calvary Nevertheless we lay it at Your feet Such a tiny offering compared to Calvary Nevertheless we lay it at Your feet

All that is within me cries For You alone be glorified Immanuel God with us My heart sings a brand new song The debt is paid these chains are gone Immanuel God with us

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PALM SUNDAY SERVICE



Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Procession of Palms

Greeting

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna to the Son of David!

Prayer

- P Let us pray. Help us, Lord our God, so that it may be with joy that we begin our contemplation of all the mighty things You have done to give us eternal life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12–19

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to

him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

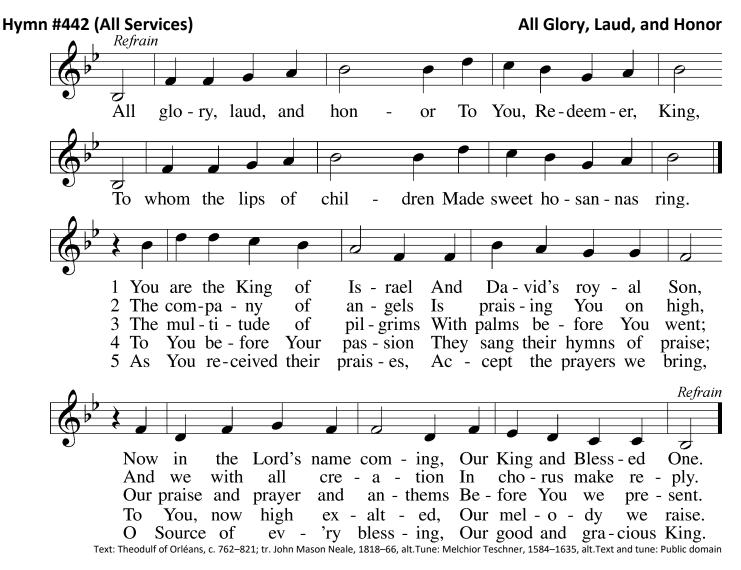
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Opening Sentences

- 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.

Prayer

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father. Today we especially thank You for the love You showed as Your Son redeemed us. Step by step our Savior followed Your will so that by His glorious death He would redeem us and draw us to Himself. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, those who greeted Him cut palm branches to lay before Him.
- C We ask that You bless these palms and all who bear them this day. Grant that we may always hail Jesus as our Lord and King;
- P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.



P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P Today is the beginning of Holy Week. During it we shall recall how our Savior gave His life so that our sins may all be forgiven, and heaven opened to us.
- C Even during worship, our minds wander to other concerns.
- P These concerns are already known to God. Give them into His loving hands for resolution, but turn your hearts and minds to focus on our Lord's step-by-step determination to free us from every sin. Confident of the forgiveness He won through His glorious death and resurrection, let us then admit our sinful condition to Him and to one another.

- C I confess to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thinking, speaking, and acting. I am mired in sin and incapable of saving myself. Heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake and because of His sacrifice for us fallen creatures, we beg You to forgive, strengthen, and turn us to Your will so that we may follow our Savior in loving service to You and to one another.
- P As a called and ordained servant of Christ, who gave Himself over to death that we might have eternal life, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.
- C Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection;
- P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation

²²The stone that the builders rejected **has become the cornerstone**

²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- on us.Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Verse

P He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

C even death on a cross.

Passion Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes

and hardened their heart

lest they see with their eyes,

and understand with their heart, and turn,

and I would heal them."

John 12:20–43

Philippians 2:8b

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

- Ρ This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ. С

Creed

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all С things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn #444	No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet
"Lead Me To The Cross"	(10:30) Sermon Song
Savior I come	Rid me of myself
I quiet my soul remember	I belong to You
Redemptions hill	Oh lead me, lead me to the cross
Where Your blood was spilled	
For my ransom	You were as I
Oh, everything I once held dear	Tempted and trialed
I count it all as lost	Human
	The word became flesh
And lead me to the cross	Bore my sin and death
Where Your love poured out	Now you're risen
Bring me to my knees	Oh, everything I once held dear
Lord I lay me down	I count it all as lost
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And lead me to the cross Lead me to your heart Where Your love poured out And lead me to the cross Bring me to my knees Where Your love poured out Lord I lay me down Bring me to my knees Rid me of myself Lord I lay me down I belong to You Rid me of myself Oh lead me, lead me to your heart I belong to You Lead me to your heart Oh lead me, lead me Lead me to your heart Lead me to the cross

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Sermon

"Loser" John 12:20-43

Prayer of the Church

Presentation of our Offering & Collection of Cards



Preface

- 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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."

Proclamation of Christ

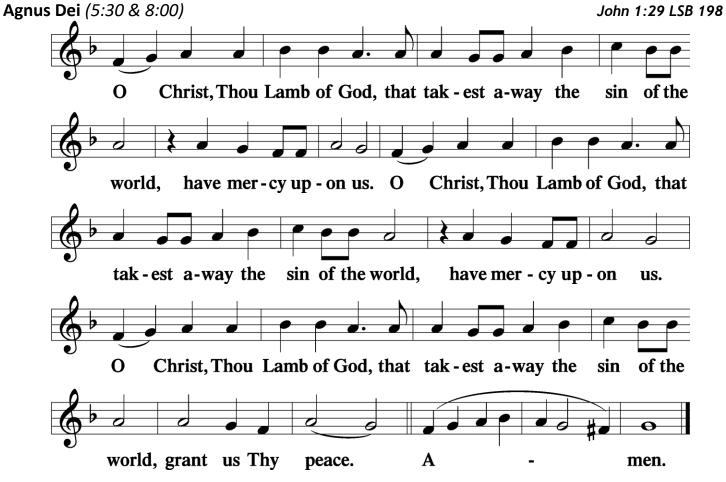
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Distribution Hymns

Hymn #443Hosanna, Loud HosannaHymn #837Lift High the Cross

"The Wonderful Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride

See from his head, his hands, his feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down Did ever such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

(10:30) Communion Song

Were the whole realm of nature mine That were an offering far too small Love so amazing, so divine Demands my soul, my life, my all

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name "The Wonderful Cross" written by Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts, J.D. Walt, Jesse Reeves, Lowell Mason2000 worshiptogetherScripture Reference: 1 Cor 1:18, Romans 5:6-8CCLI Song: 3148435CCLI License: 51072

Blessing

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

- 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.

Verse

Philippians 2:8b

- P Christ humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
- C even death on a cross.

Hymn #441

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

"You Never Let Go"

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death Your perfect love is casting out fear And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life I won't turn back, I know you are near

And I will fear no evil For my God is with me And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Oh no, You never let go Through the calm and through the storm Oh no, You never let go In every high and every low Oh no, You never let go Lord, You never let go of me And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on A glorious light beyond all compare And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes We'll live to know You here on the earth

And I will fear no evil For my God is with me And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Oh no, You never let go Through the calm and through the storm Oh no, You never let go In every high and every low Oh no, You never let go Lord, You never let go of me You Keep On Loving and You never let go

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes Still I will praise You, still I will praise You Oh no, You never let go Through the calm and through the storm Oh no, You never let go In every high and every low Oh no, You never let go Lord, You never let go of me

Oh no, You never let go Through the calm and through the storm Oh no, You never let go In every high and every low Oh no, You never let go Lord, You never let go of me Lord, You never let go of me

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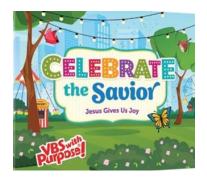
Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion

March 28 at 12:15pm 6:30pm (Stripping of Altar)

Good Friday March 29 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord w/Holy Communion

March 31 at 6:00am, 8:00am, and 10:30am



Celebrate the Savior

Vacation Bible School June 10-13

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Jesus Gives Us Joy

GET READY...

Decorations – Build settings and decorations. Watch the newsletter for work days. Come when you can.

Advertising - Spread the Good News. Reach out to others. Social media can play a big part!

Donation of needed items: We can save \$\$ by borrowing decorations, etc. Watch for our "Wish List!"

GET SET FOR FUN AT VBS...

Crafts – Assemble items and help students make their craft, clean up.

Snacks – Help students create their snacks each day. Clean up and set up for next day.

Recreation – Lead games and activities during recreation session for each class level.

Guides: You are assigned an age group and will lead the students to their rotation sites and help them complete the various activities. Circle below which age group/grade you would prefer to have fun with! Each group will have multiple guides, depending on the age of the student.

3 year olds 4 year olds kindergarten 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th

Set up and Clean up – Most important of all!

GO, TELL THE GOOD NEWS! Please prayerfully consider how you could best use your talents to share God's Word with the children.

Call or Text the Coordinators or drop by the church office... Carolyn Wendte at 217-821-6541 or Donetta Ohnesorge at 217-821-3300

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

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