

VBS Sunday!
August 9, 2026
Lord of Life Lutheran Church



WELCOME

HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

#677

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our creator.

Wow, God!

God knows everything.

Wow, God!

God is our safe place.

Wow, God!

God is love.

Wow, God!

God is forever.

Wow, God!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess to God that we do not always do what we should do. We turn away from those who need us. We trust in our own abilities instead of God's love. Turn us away from our old ways and renew us with your grace. Amen.

God meets us where we are. We trust that God is our creator and knows everything. God has forgiven you and has created a place where we are all safe. We can trust that God's love is steadfast and everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, thank you for loving us. Thank you for the gift of children in our community and giving them wonder and joy. We are excited to welcome kids to Lord of Life for VBS this week. As we learn with and from the children who will be attending, help us to show all of them your love. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

VBS VERSES AND REFLECTIONS

Day 1

Bible Point: God is our creator. (*Wow, God!*)

Bible Budy: Tango the Quetzal

Bible Story: God creates the world. (Genesis 1)

Bible Verse: Psalm 103:22

²² Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Day 2

Bible Point: God knows everything. (*Wow, God!*)

Bible Buddy: Seymour the Glass Frog

Bible Story: David celebrates all God knows. (Psalm 139)

Bible Verse: Psalm 139:1

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

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² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,"^[a]

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

Day 3

Bible Point: God is our safe place. (*Wow, God!*)

Bible Buddy: Dottie the Ocelot

Bible Story: David hides from Saul. (1 Samuel 23-24)

Bible Verse: Psalm 142:5

I cry to you, O Lord;
I say, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living."

HYMN

Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

All Creation Sings #1091

Day 4

Bible Point: God is love. (*Wow, God!*)

Bible Buddy: Tia the Giant Anteater

Bible Story: Jesus died and comes to life to show God's love. (Luke 22:39-24:12)

Bible Verse: Psalm 136:1

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever ² O
give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

³ O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁴ who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁵ who by understanding made the heavens,

for his steadfast love endures forever;
⁶ who spread out the earth on the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁷ who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁸ the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

Day 5

Bible Point: God is forever. (*Wow, God!*)

Bible Buddy: Howie the Howler Monkey

Bible Story: God gives John a vision of Heaven. (Revelation 7:17; 21-22)

Bible Verse: Psalm 115:18

¹⁸ But we will bless the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.
Praise the Lord!

MUSICAL OFFERING THE PRAYERS

John Cox

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus Loves Me

#595

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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SENDING HYMN

Go My Children with My Blessing

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THE BLESSING

May you be filled with energy for the coming week

May you be inspired by God's love,

May you be amazed by what God has done. Amen

SENDING

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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