



May 31, 2026

VBS Sunday

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Lift High the Cross”

~ Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- ♪ Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. ~ Lift high the cross...
- ♪ Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. ~ Lift high the cross...
- ♪ All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. ~ Lift high the cross...
- ♪ O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. ~ Lift high the cross...
- ♪ Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. ~ Lift high the cross...
- ♪ So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! ~ Lift high the cross...

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Opening (Opening for Day 1) *Please Be Seated*

God finds me when I have troubles... Jesus came to seek and to save!

Opening Song

“Jesus Saves”

God Saves Baby Moses

Exodus 2:1–10

Song

“Jesus Seeks and Finds”

The Story of Ruth (Opening for Day 2)

God finds me when I’m lonely... Jesus came to seek and to save!

Naomi

The Book of Ruth

Song

“Lost and Found”

The Reading

Luke 19:1–10

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Jesus and Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1–10

Song

“My Hope Is In My Savior”

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Let us pray for the world around us, all people, and ourselves.

“Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength.”

Grant wisdom and love for families in and beyond this congregation, O Lord. We give thanks for growing families and that they grow stronger in love as You guide and protect them.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

“When I look at Your heavens, . . . what is man that You are mindful of him.”

Grant humility to all of us. Grant that we grow in faith toward You and love toward one another.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

“Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings.”

Grant us grace to acknowledge the true place of governments and nations, care workers and medical professionals, and those who tend crops and herds, as they seek to meet the needs of the people under their care.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

You have “crowned him with glory and honor.”

Open the eyes of the proud, who seek ever greater power and prestige, that they may find true greatness in serving as You have, in love and mercy.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

You have given us “dominion over the works of Your hands.”

Give wisdom and guidance to everyone who manages Your good creation that all people may be fed, peace may break out, and many people around us will join to say,

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!”

Give healing to those who are sick and strength to the weak.

These and any other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Closing Song *Please Be Seated*

“Not Alone”

Closing (Closing for Day 3)

God finds me when I'm lost... Jesus came to seek and to save!

Recessional Hymn

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Postlude

