

Palm & Passion Sunday

Gospel according to Mark

March 25, 2018



Passion Sunday (also known as Palm Sunday) marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concentrates on both the glory and the passion of Christ. On Passion Sunday, we reenact Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem by processing into the sanctuary with palms and glad "Hosanna's." This act symbolically foreshadows God's promise that Jesus will lead us into the new Jerusalem (heaven). We also hear the entire Passion story, Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. This tradition began (in the Church) because many people do not attend Good Friday worship, and to miss the crucifixion story is to miss the entire point of the significance of Easter.

You will notice two liturgical colors today: Purple is the color of humility and melancholy, as well as the color of penance. Red is the color of Christ's Passion, blood and cross.



Procession of Palms

Gather in Narthex

Stand as you are able.

Processional Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

¶ ¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Ⓐ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

ⓐ **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Call to Procession

Waving palms, congregation processes into sanctuary.

Song of the Crowd
(wave palms)

All Glory Laud and Honor

ELW 344 (red book)

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

- P** The grace and mercy of God, who in Christ bears our burdens and saves us from sin through the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

The assembly prays the Prayer of the Day.

- A** Let us pray, Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ.
- C** **By your Spirit keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Sit

Offering & Setting the Table



Stand as you are able.

- P** The Lord is with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us give thanks to God.
- C** **Thank you God, for everything.**
- P** In the spirit of Joseph of Arimathea who gave his burial tomb to Jesus, we return what we have to God through this offering.

Offering Prayer

- A** Let us pray ...Gracious God,
- C** **we offer you all that we are. Use us for the work on earth begun by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Judas' Betrayal of Jesus

- L1** Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them.
- C** **"What will you give me if I betray him to you?"**
- L1** When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give Judas money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus.



Passover Meal with the Disciples

L1 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

☒ **"Surely not I, Lord?"**

L1 He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

Institution of the Lord’s Supper

☒ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Lord Jesus teach us to pray.

Lord’s Prayer

☒ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day 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.**

Sit

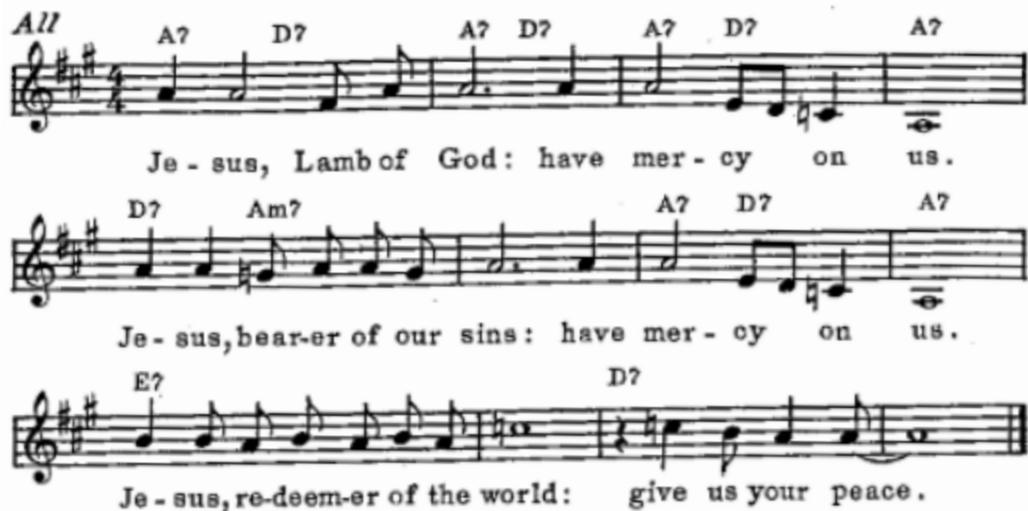
Lord's Supper

All

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

The image shows three lines of musical notation for a hymn. Each line consists of a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The first line has the lyrics "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." with chords A7, D7, A7, D7, A7, D7, and A7 above it. The second line has the lyrics "Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." with chords D7, Am7, A7, D7, and A7 above it. The third line has the lyrics "Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace." with chords E7 and D7 above it. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with quarter and eighth notes.

Communion Hymns

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW 777

In the Singing

ELW 466

Here Is Bread

ELW 483



Children's Message/Children's Church

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.

Mount of Olives



- L1** When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
- C** "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."
- L1** And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him,
- C** "Even though all become deserters, I will not."
- L1** Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently,
- C** "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

Into the Garden of Gethsemane

- L1** And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

Kneel or sit as you are able.

Vocal Meditation

Father

Julian Kratochvil

Prayers of Intercession

- A** Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- C** *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**
- A** We pray for the church, that congregations be a home for the lost, a haven for the oppressed, and a source of healing for those broken by life's circumstances. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**
- A** We pray for new life springing forth from the earth; for those who groan in labor, those who are adopting children, and those who are unable to conceive. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**
- A** We pray for Christians who do not have the freedom to worship openly, for political prisoners, refugees, widows, and orphans. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

Ⓐ We pray for those who care for the weary and vulnerable: nurses, hospice workers, childcare providers, and social workers. We pray for those in any need. Comfort all in need in body, mind, or spirit, including Fred Guglielmetti, Tim Lowe, Audrey Burdick, John Glasgow, Newell, Sara and Suzanne, Kaylee Featherly and Kari Penn-Davies. Lord, in your mercy, *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

☞ **(sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

Ⓐ We pray for this assembly as it enters this holy week. Sustain our pastor/s, musician/s, staff, volunteers, and all those who will prepare for and lead worship this week, and bring us all to the joy of Easter. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ **(sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

Ⓐ We give thanks for the blessed saints who showed us how to live and taught us how to die. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ **(sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

Ⓟ Finally, let us give thanks for the saints, whose faithful witness, even unto death, has given to us the gift of the gospel. Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

☞ **Amen.**

Sit



The Hour is at Hand

L2 “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.” Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

☞ **"The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."**

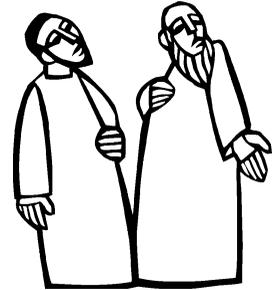
L2 At once he came up to Jesus and said,

☞ **"Greetings, Rabbi!" And kissed him.**

L2 So when Judas came, he went up to Jesus at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

☐ **All of them deserted him and fled.**

Jesus before The High Priest

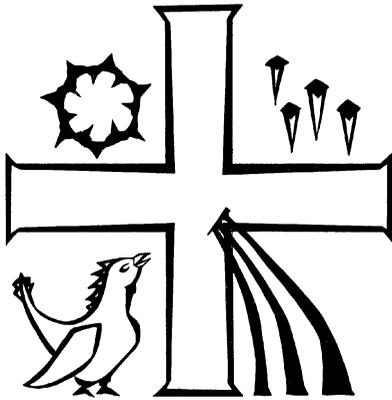


L2 They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again, the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'" Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses?"

☐ **"You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"**

L2 All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

☐ **"Prophecy! "**



Peter's Denial of Jesus

L2 At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept."

Vocal Meditation

Calvary

Julian Kratochvil

Jesus before Pilate



L1 As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back,

☐ "Crucify him"

L1: Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

☐ **"Crucify him!"**

L1 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Vocal Meditation

Can You See How Much I Love You?

Julian Kratochvil



Crucifixion of Jesus

L2 It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read,

☐ **"The King of the Jews."**

L2 And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

☐ **"Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"**

"L2 In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

☐ **"He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."**

Kneel or sit as you are able.

Death of Jesus

L2 Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

☐ "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

L2 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face that we may live.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☐ Holy God,

☑ **we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors, and in toward ourselves. We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationships. We have trusted ourselves most of all. Turn us back to you, O God. In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame. Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

☐ Hear for yourselves: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In the waters of baptism grace abounds for you and for all. God turns to you in love and puts away every sin, every wrong turn, for the sake of + Jesus, the one God sent to save the world.

☑ **Amen.**

Sit

Tumult and the Centurion's Confession

☐ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Vocal Meditation

What Kind of Man Is This?

Julian Kratochvil



Jesus' Body brought Down from the Cross

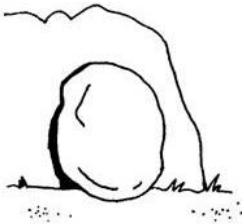
inspired by John 19:25

L1 After Jesus was taken down from the cross he was laid in his mother's arms.

Vocal Meditation

Here in My Arms

Cindy Olson



Burial of Jesus

L1 Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

Stand as you are able.

Liturgy of the PASSION

P Christ has come in triumph to God's people.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

A To Bethany with friends, to the temple which needs Cleaning...Christ comes!

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

P To the courtyard of the teachers, to the testing of enemies, to the oil of a weeping woman...Christ comes.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

A The days continue, the night arrives. Triumph turns its face away.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

P To the clink of silver, to the new feast of body and blood, to the love of serving...Christ comes.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

A To the agony of prayer and trial, to the hollowness of betrayal, to the indignity of accusation...Christ comes.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

P To the screaming silent pain of thorns and whip, to the weight and nails of a cross...Christ comes.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

A To death and to risen life...Jesus has come!

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

Blessing

P The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of the cross, and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of our world, + be among you and remain with you forever.

C **Amen**

Depart in Silence

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Ministers	Randy Teegardin	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Jack Vos	Vickey Argo
Lector	Carl Schoessel – Lector 1 John Burdick – Lector 2	Jeanette Markwart – Lector 1 Victoria Steadman – Lector 2
Communion Server	Melissa Patton	Sandy Mosteller
Acolyte/Crucifer	Gavin Patton	Lance Ogden
Usher	Dan & Grayson Patton	Gary/Lisa Golnek Mark Anton
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack/Carol Vos	Doug/Diane Neeb
Children's Church		Traci Wales, Kristi Winick
Chancel Team	Vickey Argo & Kay Howell	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, April 1, 2018

Assisting Ministers	Chris Bush	Traci Wales
Cantor	Jack Vos	Mark Anton
Lector	Chris Bush	Joyce Daugherty
Communion Server	Jana Bishop	Sandy Mosteller
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Hope Peck
Usher	Mark/Jana Bishop	Mark Anton, Ed Domke
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	<i>Volunteers</i>	Eve Wright
Children's Church		
Chancel Team	Jeanette Ulrich & Lisa Golnek	

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, March 25	Worship at 8:00 & 10:45 am Children's Church 10:45 am Middle school youth group 6:30 – 8:00 pm High school youth group @ Biggby 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Monday, March 26	LACS rehearsal 6:15 – 9:30 pm
Tuesday, March 27	Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm
Thursday, March 29	Maundy Thursday service 7:00 pm
Friday, March 30	Good Friday cross walk 9:30 am Good Friday service 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 31	Easter Vigil 7:30 pm

Total Commitment

This week we will watch Jesus' triumphal procession into Jerusalem give way to his march of suffering out of Jerusalem to Golgotha. We will listen as the voices that once shout "hosanna" later cry "crucify." In some places worshipers will give voice to both cries through their participation in scripture readings or song.

Such scripting suggests a central truth about the message of Holy Week—that despite all our posturing as Christians and disciples of Christ, we remain deeply ambivalent about this Jesus of Nazareth. In our lives, there are times when we participate in both the crowds that praise Jesus and the crowds that look on him with suspicion and contempt.

Yet, more important than our own fickleness in the story of Jesus' procession, arrest, and death is Christ's unwavering faithfulness toward us. While our conviction changes, Jesus' does not. While our interest fades, Christ's investment in us remains total. His resolved march into Jerusalem continues toward Golgotha even as the crowds disperse and disciples run away. When the cheers of the crowd go silent and then turn sour, Jesus' words of blessing and forgiveness carry on.

The good news today and every day is that God's gracious love is poured out through Christ apart from any accounting of which crowd we stand in or which word is coming from our lips. When we think about it, we really are gathered together not through our commitment to Christ but through Christ's commitment to us. That promise is made to us in baptism, where God marks us forever as God's own. And it is with this promise that we walk through the moments of this week, knowing that in all things Christ has chosen to stand by us.

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Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 91

Weekly Giving: **\$2,089.00**

Budget Amount: \$4,181.22

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of Pasta and Rice A-Roni, white sugar, chicken based soups (not chicken noodle), beef based soups (not beef vegetable), coffee (not huge cans), 64 oz juice (not apple), juice packs, pasta (not spaghetti), and canned pineapple.

Holy Week schedule at Grace

Maundy Thursday, March 29—7:00 pm

Good Friday Cross Walk, March 30—9:30 am

Good Friday Tenebrae, March 30—7:00 pm

Easter Vigil, March 31—7:30 pm

Easter Day, Sunrise Service, April 1—8:00 am

Easter Breakfast, April 1—9:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt, April 1—9:45 am

Easter Day, Festival Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, April 1—10:45 am

Fifth Sunday – April 29

Remember, on 5th Sundays Grace only celebrates one service at 10:00 am, and the Adult Forum moves up to 8:45 am. April 29 is a 5th Sunday. Come and celebrate our unity together through this one worship opportunity.

Hastings Food Pantry wants to get the word out reminding people that May 12th is the Stamp Out Hunger food drive. If you would like to participate, place a sealed, moisture proof bag of non-perishable groceries out by your mailbox on Saturday, May 12 and your postal carrier will pick it up and deliver it to the Hastings Food Pantry.

Vacation Bible School - We have chosen the curriculum for our Vacation Bible School program this year. We are using Group's Shipwrecked. Through this program we will witness how we are rescued by Jesus. Grace Church is thankful to the generous spirit of a member who paid for the initial materials that were ordered. Our Vacation Bible School at Grace will be during the evenings of the **week of July 22, 2018**. Please pray for this ministry we share in Jesus' name with children, youth and adults as an outreach to our community. We hope that you are willing to help in making VBS a time of learning and growing in God's grace revealed in Jesus Christ. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please talk to Pastor Ken.