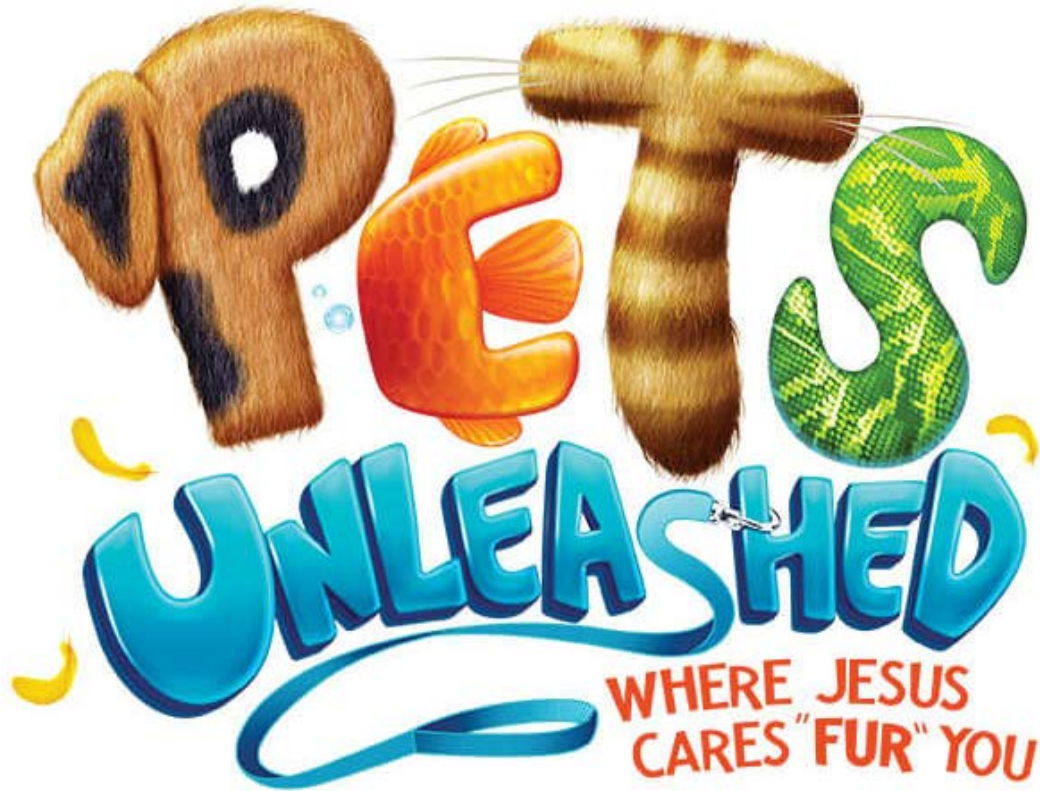


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Vacation Bible School Sunday
July 16, 2023



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- **Prelude** **Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**

- **Welcome** **Pr Mel Musser**

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: We bring our lives before you, knowing that we haven't lived as your faithful people. We have been petty. We have complained about our lot. We have been unsupportive of those who needed us. And we have doubted your faithfulness. We ask your forgiveness and long to be restored by your grace. Amen.

P: God is indeed faithful, all-knowing, and all merciful. We are pardoned, and we are reconciled by the one who never stopped loving us, no matter our mood or our behavior. Thanks be to God.

C: Amen.

- * **HYMN OF PRAISE** **“The B-I-B-L-E”** **Everyone sing**
(Sing 3 times)

**The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, that's the book for me;
I stand alone on the Word of God;
The B-I-B-L-E. Bible!**

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* Please stand if able

• Please be seated

*** VBS INTRODUCTION & WELCOME** **PJ Musser**

PJ Welcome to our pets unleashed celebration. I'm MS PJ, I've been the Meow-sic I mean Music and more leader and director during Pets Unleashed Vacation Bible School. This week we've been barking, chirping, meowing, squeaking, hopping, bopping, running, and leaping our way into discoveries of how Jesus cares fur us. That's our Bible point, by the way, and when ever you hear me say Jesus cares fur us, you'll shout, "THANK HIM" and make this motion (*Demonstrate the sign language for "Thank You."*) Kids, let's show everyone how it's done. Ready? Jesus cares fur us! Thank Him!... Yep, you've got it down purrrrrfectly!

All right, my Pets Unleashed friends, I need your helping paws and voices for this next part too. Let's lead everyone in the best part of VBS, singing!!!

Everyone stand up and join us in a song that celebrates how Jesus loves us. It's called Jesus Loves Me!

*** VBS SONG** **Jesus Loves Me** **VBS Children**

PJ: Please be seated. We could tell you about all the fun we had at Pets Unleashed VBS, but sometimes pictures say so much more than words. So, we put together a slide show so you can see the fun in action. Sit back, relax, enjoy the show, and howl with all your heart.

*** VBS SLIDE SHOW** **PJ Musser**

PJ: As you can see, we had a howling good time learning about the ways Jesus cares fur us. Thank Him! Another highlight of our VBS was meeting our new friend Goldie, the Retriever. Help me welcome Goldie.

*** VBS SKIT** **Goldie's Golden Heart** **MS PJ & Lexie Angles**

(Goldie comes on stage huffing and puffing, carrying a large bag of dog food.)

PJ: *(Looks surprised.)* My goodness Goldie. That might be the biggest bag of dog food I've ever seen.

Goldie: You're telling me! *(Huffs and puffs, short of breath.)* I wanted to make sure my dog, Romeo had plenty to eat.

PJ: *(Examines the huge size of the bag of dog food.)* Well, I think you're safe there. I thought Romeo was a small dog...

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Goldie: Oh, he is, but, well, I went to the Animal Shelter yesterday and I couldn't help myself. All those sweet faces. Romeo now had 3 new sisters and a couple of brothers too. I have quite a few mouths to feed.

PJ: Goldie, you have a wonderfully caring heart. I don't know if I could handle that many furry family members, but I know you'll love them all very well.

Goldie: Well, learning about how Jesus cares for us (THANK HIM!) inspired me to show more care for the people, things, and pets I love.

PJ: Me too, Goldie. In fact, let's hear about a special project the kids at Pets Unleashed put together to show loving care for others because of what they learned about Jesus. You better go and feed your growing pet family. *(Goldie exits.)* **(SLIDE)**



PJ: At this time I would like to have Marge come forward and explain the projects that the kids did this week...

Marge: We did two projects during Pets Unleashed benefiting the Darke County Humane Society. The first one was making these great doggie tug of war toys. I'm sure the dogs at the Humane society will enjoy these toys for a long time to come. We also made these cat scratchers. We hope the cats and kittens enjoy sharpening their claws on these great toys. In making these toys for the dogs and cats at the humane society, the children learned that all pets deserve to be loved just like we are all loved and cared for by Jesus. (THANK HIM!) And now we invite Julie Kossler and Lexie Angles to come forward and accept these toys as our children's gifts to the Humane Society from Trinity's Pets Unleashed VBS.

Julie/Lexie: Thank you!... *(Other remarks are optional...)*

PJ: It's so exciting to see all the learning, caring, praising, and serving that happened at Pets Unleashed VBS and it's all because Jesus Cares For Us! THANK HIM! Let's do exactly that as we join in prayer.

Carlee: Dear God, Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus and for giving him a heart like yours that cares for us in a way no one else can. We're thankful for the examples of loving care you surround us with in our family, our friends, and even in our beloved pets. We ask that you use our projects to bless others through the gifts these awesome kids made. People will see that it's you who cares most for them. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PJ: Before the kids return to their seats we would like to sing one more song. This song is called, "Thankful."

*** VBS SONG**

Thankful

VBS Children

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(Children return to their seats.)

* **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Robbie Arling

L: With the whole body of Christ in all times and places, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: We do not know the day or the hour of your return. In this time of in-between, make us ever mindful of all the ways in which you are present right now, that we might bear witness to your love and justice in the world and all the ways you care for us. Eternal God,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: You expect us to bear the fruit that is good, even as we anticipate a good yield from our own planting. Cultivate and encourage us in what is right, that we may not waste the precious place which we occupy on your bountiful planet. As you care for us, teach us to care for others and for all your creation. Eternal God,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: We pass time, count time, and even try to cheat time, yet nothing can save us from our inevitable end. Give us wisdom to spend what time we do have in gratitude toward you and in service toward our sisters and brothers. Eternal God,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Comfort all who suffer loss of any kind, who mourn loved ones, or those compromised by illness or injury, *(especially...)* Eternal God,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Disaster may strike at any time, and without warning or justification. Stop our mouths before we utter meaningless platitudes to those who suffer, and set us instead to the work of rebuilding and restoring your children to wholeness. Eternal God,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We are aware of all the unwanted pets and animals that are dropped off at shelters or are abandoned every day. Strengthen the work of all who work towards more ethical treatment of all pets and animals. Eternal God,

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C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: The saints before us have shown what a life truly lived looks like. Keep their example ever before us, and join us in purpose and destiny. Eternal God,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, loving God, we lift all for whom we pray, confident in your grace and mercy, through our savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

(The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor Mel

While the congregation is still standing say:

L: As we collect our offering here in person, those worshipping with us through the internet, may you go to our website located at www.pitsburgtlc.org where you'll find a button labeled "Give to Trinity." You can make your offering to God through our secure website.

L: So, let's pray for the offerings we receive this day... Eternal God, you gift us with all we need to move through the time allotted to us in this life. Accept from these gifts our returned offerings in gratitude and faithfulness to you. Use them for the work of bringing about your reign of justice and peace throughout the world.

C: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: We are united together as followers of our Savior Jesus Christ. So, let us pray as Jesus taught...

**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.**

● ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*** VBS PRAYER**

PJ Musser

PJ: Dear God, thank you for sending your son, Jesus, to be the light in the dark world. Thanks that Jesus gave his life so that we can be friends with you. Thanks for loving us and caring for us now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN**

“Praise Him, Praise Him”

Everyone sing

**Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.**

**Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.**

**Love Him, love Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.**

**Love Him, love Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.**

**Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.**

**Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.**

**Serve Him, serve Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.**

**Serve Him, serve Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.**

• Meal Grace

Superman Table Grace

VBS KIDS and Congregation

Thank you God
For giving us food
Thank you God
For giving us food
For the food we eat
For the Friends we meet
Thank you God
For giving us food!

*** DISMISSAL**

P: Until the next time we gather together as God’s people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ’s Love.

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C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

*** POSTLUDE**

Roxanne Groff

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Scripture readings for next Sunday, July 23rd
Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8

Health Tips for the Week

MIND: Try and name the nighttime constellations

BODY: Go for a swim

SPIRIT: Visit a shut in

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Organist	Roxanne Groff
Lector	Robby Arling
Parrish Nurse	PJ Musser
Custodian	Mark Groff
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Facebook Live Recorder	PJ Musser
Altar Flowers	Given to the Glory of God by Brad & Miranda Harleman in celebration of their anniversary.

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This Week @ Trinity – July 16 thru July 23, 2022

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun, July 16	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service
Wed, July 19	7:00 pm	Trinity Council Meeting
Thurs, July 20	11:30 am	Ladies & Gents Luncheon at Little York Tavern & Pizza
Fri, July 21	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
Sun, July 23	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Tuesday, July 25.

Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.



Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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