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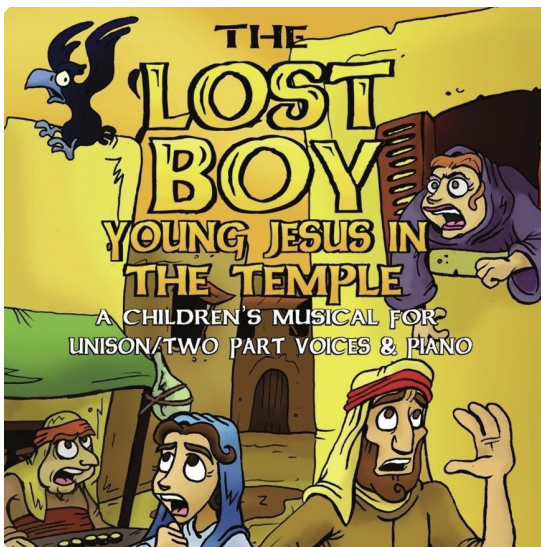
# Children's Bulletin

Holy Eucharist

10:00 am

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 26, 2026

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From the Book of Common Prayer  
(BCP) and *The Sunday Paper*:  
*Lectionary Cartoons*

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**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn:** "I come with joy to meet my Lord"  
I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall, his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are  
friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known, we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways  
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

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*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**Song of Praise:** "Praise to God"

**Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;  
bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ;  
all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.**

**The Word of God**

**Celebrant:** God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect (Prayer) of the Day*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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# The First Reading

## A reading from The Book of Genesis

### **Genesis 29:15-28** *New Revised Standard Version*

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country-- giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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# GENESIS 29:28

(Jacob marries Leah and Rachel,  
and his family begins to grow)



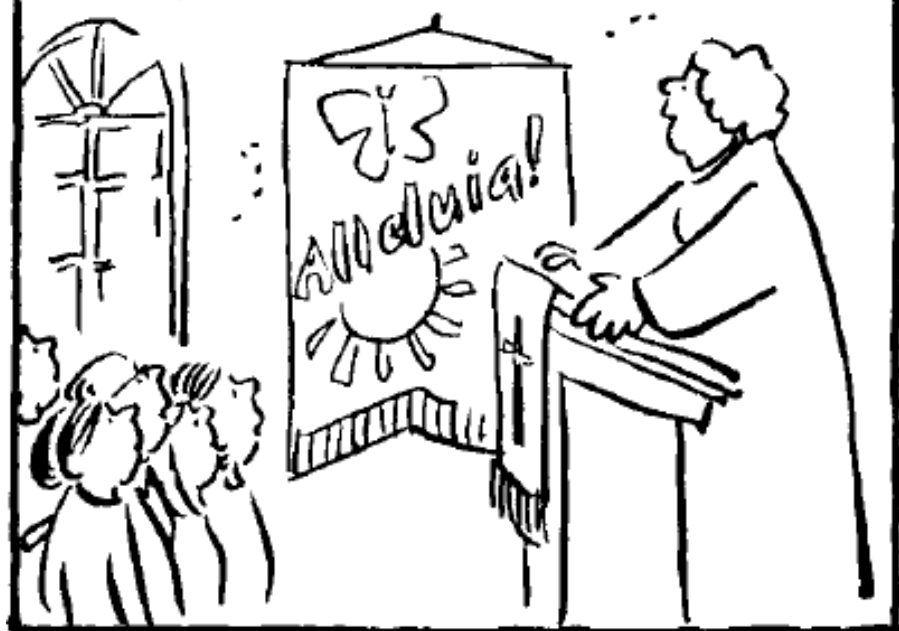
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## The Psalm (Psalm 105:1-11, 45b)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.**
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.**
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.**
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.**
- 7 He is the LORD our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.**
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand generations:**
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,**
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,**
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
to be your allotted inheritance."**
- 45 Hallelujah!**
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# PSALM 105:4

"Look for the Lord at all times;  
remember the wonderful  
things he has done"



**Sequence Hymn:** "Halle, halle, hallelujah"

Halle, halle, hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah

Hallelujah! Hallelujah

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## The Gospel Reading (Luke 2:41-52)

Deacon or Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People: Glory to you, O Christ.**

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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*The Lost Boy*

Scene 1: "This Day"

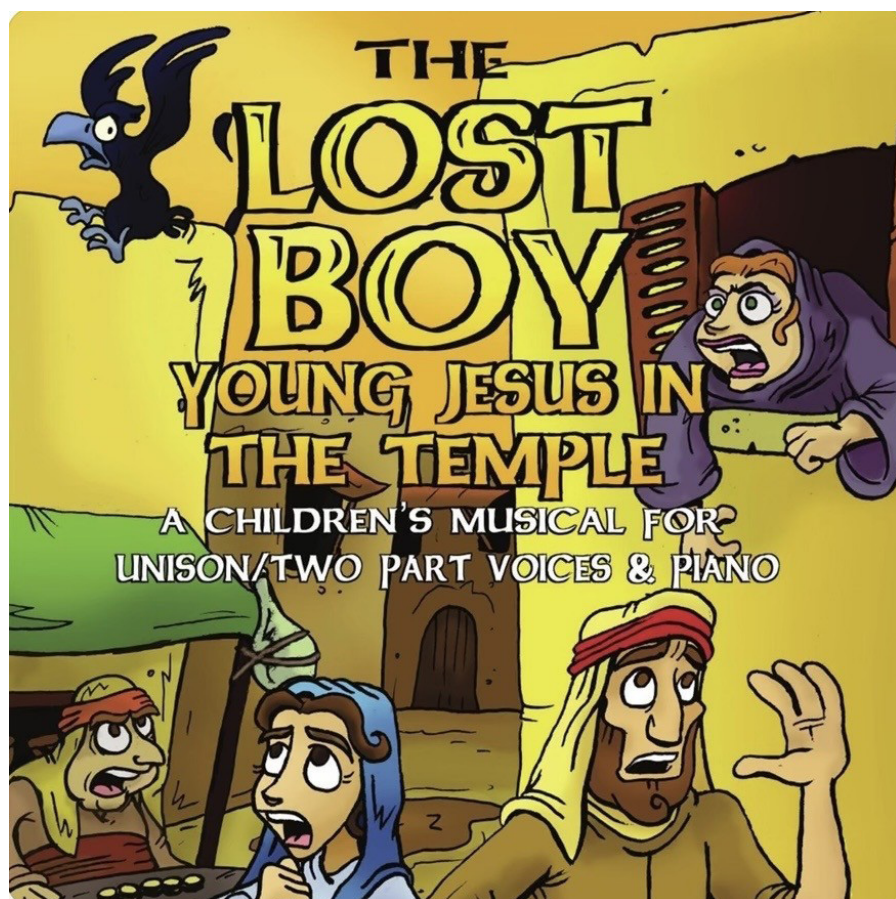
Scene 2: "How Did We Fail to Notice?"

Scene 3: "Looking for Jesus"

Scene 4: "The Master in the Temple"

Scene 5: "How Did We Fail to Notice?" (Reprise)

Scene 6: "This Day" (Reprise)



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# The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.



We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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# Prayers of the People

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**



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For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sarah, Mark, Gayle, and Mark  
our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*  
Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings*  
We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.  
*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*  
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you**

Almighty God, Mother and Father of us all, we offer our prayers  
to you in the name of Jesus Christ and through the power of  
your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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## The Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*A special "peace" candle is lit and this prayer is offered*  
**Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Peace

**Celebrant:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*All are now invited to exchange a sign of peace.*



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# The Offertory and Announcements

*Remain Seated*

**Offertory Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"**

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but He is strong.

**Refrain: Yes Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.

*Refrain*

Jesus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly thine;  
on the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee.

*Refrain*



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# The Presentation

## Presentation Hymn: "Celtic Alleluia"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

If we love one another, God remains in us  
and Love is brought to perfection in us.

## Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



### *The Celebrant says*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

*The Celebrant proceeds using a Proper Preface Of God the Son Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.*

### *The Celebrant continues*

Therefore, joining with Angels and Arch-angels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



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**Sanctus:** Holy, holy, holy Lord

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

**You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.**

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

**Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.**

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**



Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [\_\_\_\_\_] and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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 king-  
dom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

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# The Breaking of the Bread

## Fraction Anthem

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. *Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

*All children are welcome to participate in Communion.*



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**Communion Hymn:** "O wheat whose crushing was for bread"

O Wheat, whose crushing was for bread.

O bread whose breaking is for life,

O life, your seeming end is seed,

a seed for wheat, our bread and life.

O fruit whose crushing was for wine,

O wine whose flowing is for blood,

O blood, your pouring out is life,

Our life in you, O fruitful vine.

O life whose crushing is for love,

O love whose spending was to death,

O death, your mourning is our joy,

Full joy and birth to lasting life.



**Music During Communion:**

"Bless the Lord, my soul"

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Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

**The Prayer After Communion**

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Farewell Blessing for Father Rock**

**The Blessing**

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**Closing Hymn: "I want to walk as a child of the light"**  
I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

**Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all.**  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.

***Refrain***

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run the patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

***Refrain***

**The Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord  
**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**



Jesus said, "God's Kingdom is like a big fishnet that catches fish of every kind.  
The fishermen save the good ones,  
and throw out the bad ones."

MATTHEW 13:47-48



JESUS SAID, "GOD'S KINGDOM IS LIKE THIS!"

God's Kingdom is like a mustard seed. It was very small... but once it was planted, it grew big.



God's Kingdom is like yeast. A woman took just a little, and made a whole batch of dough rise.



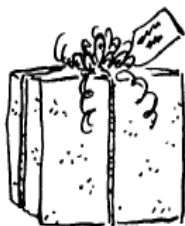
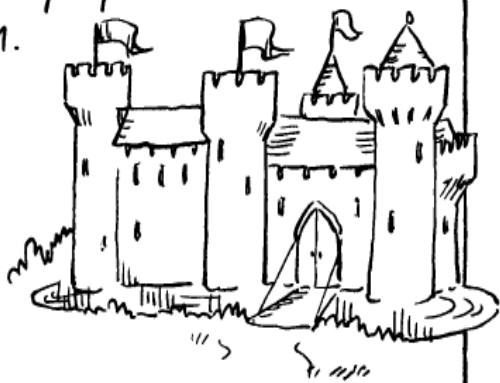
God's Kingdom is like buried treasure. A man spent all his money to buy the field where it was buried.



God's Kingdom is like a very precious pearl. A man sold everything he had, so he could buy it.



Jesus used many stories and ideas about ordinary things, to help us see what God's Kingdom is like. He said God's Kingdom is like yeast, and seeds, and treasure. It does wonderful things, and people who know about it want it very much.



What other things can you think of that God's Kingdom is like? What about the things in these pictures? Can you think of any more? Draw them in the space.

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# Serving This Sunday

Thank you to our worship leaders  
serving today. If you would like to  
volunteer, contact the church office:  
[office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

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## ***The Lost Boy:***

St. George's Vacation Bible School  
Music Camp

Jesse Pendleton - *Narrator 1*

Caitlynn Haney - *Narrator 2*

Roosevelt McConkie - *Mary*

Benjamin Jones - *Joseph*

Belle DeNap - *Elizabeth*

Beatrix Conner - *Zachariah*

Margaret Ford - *Rich Person, Crowd*

Ada Kopf - *Gambler, Crowd*

Lily Jones - *Merchant, Horse*

Malcom Kopf - *Merchant, Crowd*

Violet Knight - *Merchant, Crowd*

Lark Dawson - *Merchant, Crowd*

Harrison Ford - *Merchant, Crowd*

Oskar Knight - *Merchant, Beggar*

St. John McConkie - *Merchant*

Ward McConkie - *Merchant, Horse*

Nico DeNap - *Banqueteer, Jesus*

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## **Contact Our Vestry:**

The Vestry is our elected, lay leadership council led by our Senior Warden Kit Burns and our Junior Warden Wendy Cannon. The Vestry welcomes your questions, concerns, and feedback. Email them at: [vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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