

2023 Vacation Bible School
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
South Shore, SD



Pastor Ken Nelson
605-756-4259 Office
605-880-0436 Cell

Standing on the Promises

1. Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail.
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

3. Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me;
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

4. Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

5. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (†) , the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you**

Back to the Temple

Bible Story "The Boy Jesus in the Temple"

Jesus kept God's Law perfectly for us.



Scripture Reference: Luke 2:41-52

Truth: Jesus is our perfect Savior, who always obeyed his heavenly Father and his earthly parents.

Response: We show love to Jesus by obeying those who are in charge of us.

Memory Treasure: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

Dear Lord God, help me always remember that I am a sinner who needs a Savior to forgive my sins. Strengthen my faith in Jesus, who is that Savior. Help me listen and learn more about how Jesus earned eternal life for me. Amen.

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

Back to Jericho

*Bible Story "Zacchaeus Sees His Sin and His Savior"
Zacchaeus repents and turns to Jesus for Forgiveness*

Scripture Reference: Luke 19:1-10

Memory Treasure: Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17)

Confession of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus my Savior, I pray : Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

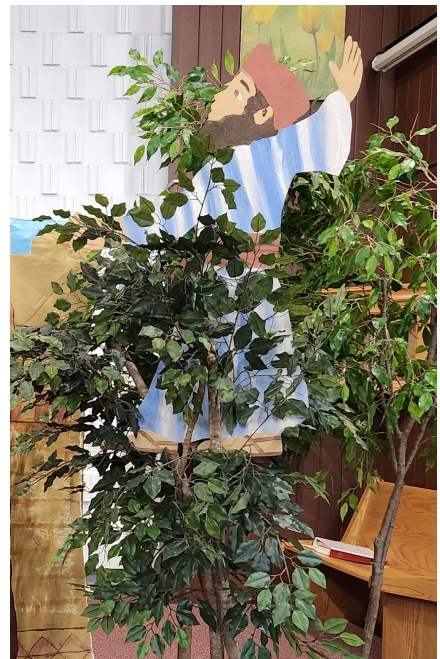
P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen

Zacchaeus

1. Zac-chae-us was a wee lit-tle man
A wee lit-tle man was he
He climbed up in a sy-ca-more tree
For the Lord he want-ed to see
And as the Sav-ior passed that way
He looked up in that tree
(spoken) And He said, "Zac-chae-us, you come down!
For I'm go-ing to your house to-day
For I'm go-ing to your house to-day"

2. Zacchaeus came down from that tree
with the Lord he wanted to be;
and when the Savior changed his heart,
What changes they could see.
'I'll split my goods in half', he said;
'Give one half to the poor;
[spoken] And I'll pay back what I've cheated anyone-
and I'll multiply it all by four!
and I'll multiply it all by four!"



3. Zacchaeus was a wee little man
A son of Abraham;
and Jesus who has come to us
is called the Son of Man.
He came to look for what was lost
to find and save them too;
(spoken) and what he did for a very little man
he can do for me and you.
he can do for me and you.

Back to Golgatha

Bible Story "Portions from the Gospels"

Jesus dies and then rises - Our sins are forgiven and we will rise to eternal life.

Truth: Jesus lived a perfect life, died on a cross, and rose from the dead to save sinners.

Response: We trust in Jesus as the only way to heaven.

Memory Treasure: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

I'll Fly Away

1. Some glad morning when this life is o'r
I'll fly a-way
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly a-way

Refrain

I'll fly a-way, O glory, I'll fly a-way (In the morning)
When I die Hal-le-lu-jah, by and by I'll fly a-way

2. When the sha-dows of this life have gone,
I'll fly a-way
Like a bird from pri-son bars has flown,
I'll fly a-way *Refrain*

3. Just a few more wea-ry days and then
I'll fly a-way
To a land where joy shall nev-er end,
I'll fly a-way *Refrain*

Refrain



Back to a Lonely Road

Bible Story "A Samaritan Man Shows Kindness"

Scripture Reference: Luke 10:25-37



Truth: Believers thank Jesus by showing love and kindness to others.

Response: We look for ways to help others.

Memory Treasure: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:11)

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for loving us so much that you died on a cross for us. Help us show how grateful we are by being kind and loving to others—whether they are our friends or our enemies. Amen.

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: **We too join them to praise your majesty.**

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: **Give us power to live as your faithful people.**

M: O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

C: **Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Back to Athens

Bible Story "Paul Preaches About Jesus"

Scripture Reference: Acts 17:16-34

Truth: An important part of a believer's life is to tell others that Jesus is the Savior from sin.

Response: We ask Jesus to give us opportunities to tell others about him.

Memory Treasure: Preach the good news. (Mark 16:15)



Dear Father, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for sending Jesus to live, die, and rise for me. And I thank you, Holy Spirit, for bringing me to faith in Jesus. Encourage me to share the life-giving message of salvation through Jesus with all the people of this world. Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord (†) look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

Let All Things Now Living

1. Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

2. His law he enforces; The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

WOW !! Another great time at Vacation Bible School this year.

THANK YOU to Jesus who puts all of the joy into Vacation Bible School.

Thank you to all of the children who brought all that energy and made it an exciting week.

Thank you to the parents who allowed your children to be with us this week as they learned about God's love for them.

Special thanks to Liz, NiNi and their helpers for putting together some wonderful sets to help illustrate our lessons this year.

Thank you to all of the teachers, helpers, kitchen crew and all of those behind the scenes who worked so hard to plan and to get things ready each day. Linda, thanks for cleaning up after us. We cannot do this without all of you helping. See you all again next year.