

The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens
Worship Service October 25,26

Welcome

Opening Litany

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble;

ALL: My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust!

Pastor: The Lord is my rock and my deliverer; I shall not be shaken;

ALL: My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust!

Pastor: God is exalted among the nations; He is exalted in the earth;

ALL: My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust!

Pastor: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge;

ALL: My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust!

8:30am and 6:30pm "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious,

He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.

With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.

You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,

We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpow'r us.

Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.

His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!

One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;

For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.

Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,

Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.

The Kingdom's ours forever!

10:00am "A Mighty Fortress"

A Mighty Fortress is our God a sword and shield victorious
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious
The old satanic foe now means deadly woe
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight
On earth he has no equal

No strength of ours can match his might we would be lost, rejected
But now a champion comes to fight whom God Himself elected
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Explanation of 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Confession and Words of Forgiveness

God, you know me. You know my thoughts and my emotions. Nothing is hidden from You. I'm restless. I want explanations for things that don't make sense. I want to see things change and become better. Forgive me for seeking the world's answers and not Yours. Forgive me for seeking relief in things or experiences but not in You. Forgive me. Point me to the cross.

8:30am and 6:30pm "How Firm A Foundation"

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.

10:00am "This Is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory; The King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory; The King above all kings

This is amazing grace; This is unfailing love
That You would take my place; That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory The King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice; Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory; The King above all kings

This is amazing grace; This is unfailing love
That You would take my place; That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Worthy worthy worthy

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Children's Message Video

Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2 (video)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know Him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before Him. It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord." And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Sermon

Explain It; Change It
1 Corinthians 1:22-25

God, I'm tired of all this—so tired. Psalm 6:6
God, are You avoiding me? God, where are you when I need you? Psalm 10:1
It's been long enough, God - You've ignored me long enough. Psalm 13:1

So God..... Explain it; change it."

"Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." 1 Corinthians 1:22-24

The cross is wisdom.

1st Thesis: That when our Lord and Master said 'Repent,' He meant that the whole Christian life should be one of repentance."

The cross is power.

"I am resolved to know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." 1 Cor. 2:2
"For be it for me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Gal. 6:14

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Soloist:

In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.

All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

All Sing:

When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,

Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure; By the cross are sanctified;

Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion – Words of Institution

8:30am "By Grace I'm Saved"

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No; then this word must true remain; By grace you too will life obtain.

By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done Depends on grace - grace through His Son.

By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?

By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

8:30am "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe so far, His grace will see me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

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10:00am and 6:30pm "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love What depths of peace When fears are stilled
When strivings cease My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Offering and Announcements

Benediction

"We preach Christ Crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Christ the Power of God and the Wisdom of God."

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trick or Treat from Six Feet - Halloween is ON! Saturday, October 31

Neighborhood Groups/Small Groups Ministries would like to encourage and equip you to invite your neighbors to safely come out and *Trick or Treat from Six Feet*. Sign up to receive all you will need to organize a safe and fun neighborhood activity. Your registration will help us know who is planning to organize safe Trick or Treating their neighborhood. You can visit our website [HERE](#) for more information and sign up.

Thanksgiving Worship

Join us for our Thanksgiving worship on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00pm. There will not be a service on Thanksgiving Day. The church office will be closed on November 26 and 27.

PRAYERS

We pray for health and personal concerns for ...

Members and Guests: Pat Delf, Mary Gloeckner, Joyce Knolhoff, Mark Lang, Lauren and Trent Steffens

Family and Friends: Kathryn Gritts' sister Linda and family, Teresa Nelson's parents, Tim Nummela's grandmother, Rachel Taback, Diane Thomsen, Lail Tordnetto's mother, Carol, Jim, Kerry, Stella, Wes

We pray for ...

- Renee Whittle and Michelle Burford and their families on the death of niece and cousin Anne Whittle on October 13.