

**The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens
Worship Service November 29 and 30**

Welcome

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!

Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!

Then greet the King of Glory foretold in sacred story:

Oh, blest is He that came in God the Father's name!

God's people, see Him coming; your own eternal King!

Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!

God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!

Oh, blest is He that came in God the Father's name!

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised King!

Your King, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too should bring.

All lands, bow down before Him! All voices, join in singing:

Oh, blest is He that came in God the Father's name!

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.

His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.

So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding:

Oh, blest is He that came in God the Father's name!

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

10:00 Baptism of Eden Noelle McCabe

Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

8:30am and 6:30pm "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

What the fathers most desired, What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.

Abram's promised great reward, Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord
Him of twofold race behold Truly came, as long foretold.

Welcome, O my Savior, now! Joyful, Lord, to You I bow.
Come into my heart, I pray; Oh, prepare Yourself a way!

Then when You will come again As the glorious King to reign,
I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.

10:00am "Thank You"

Thank You for Your kindness Thank You for Your mercy
Thank You for the cross Thank You for the price You paid
Thank You for salvation Thank You for unending grace
Thank You for Your hope Thank You for this life You give

There is no one like You There is no one like You, God
All my hope is in You Jesus, Jesus
Thank You for Your promise Thank You for Your favor
Thank You for Your love And everything You've done for me

There is no one like You There is no one like You, God
All my hope is in You Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
To Your name We give all the glory To Your name We give all the praise

You're alive Our God everlasting So let Your face shine on us
There is no one like You There is no one like You, God
And all my hope is in You Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

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Giving Moment

8:30 and 10:00am Mile Marker Presentation

Children's Message Video

Scripture Reading – Luke 1:5-20

In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."

The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time."

Expectations
Shattered Expectations - Luke 1:5-20

“Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord’s commandments and regulations blamelessly.” Luke 1:6

“But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren and they were both well along in years.” Luke 1:7

Expect more from God. Expect God to do what He has promised.

I will rescue. I will protect. I will answer them when they call on me.
I will be with them in trouble. I will honor them. I will satisfy them.
I will give them My salvation. Psalm 91

God shows up and answer our prayers.

“Your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. ...He will make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”
Luke 1:13,17

“I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.” Luke 1:18

God’s delay is not God’s denial.

“I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time.” Luke 1:19-20

God’s promise does not depend on your worthiness.
God’s promise is bigger than you.

Remember your name. The name Zechariah means “the Lord remembers.”

Choose some silence and reflect and contemplate on the most amazing gift of Jesus.

When expectations are shattered, look to the manger, look to the cross.

8:30am and 6:30pm "Come, O Precious Ransom, Come"

Come, O precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals! Come,
O Savior of the world; Open are to You all portals.
Come, Your beauty let us view; Anxiously we wait for You.

Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and never leave, Though I am but poor and lowly.
What vast riches will be mine When You are my guest divine!

My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray You;
Evermore, as best I can, Homage I will gladly pay You,
And in faith I will embrace Life eternal by Your grace.

Hail! Hosanna! David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Your kingdom, scepter, crown Bring us blessing and salvation
That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King!

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Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er leave, Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah what riches will be mine When Thou art my guest divine!

With Alleluia and with Song Graciously we meet you
And with everything we are Savior homage we will pay you
And in faith we will embrace The gift of love that sets us free
You are the ransom Our precious ransom.

Alleluia David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown Bring us blessing and salvation
That forever we may sing: Alleluia to our King!

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.

Contact Tracing and Offering

Text 'Here19' to 31996

Announcements**Benediction**

“Grace and peace be yours in abundance. So now in your hearts, set apart Jesus as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer for the hope that you have.”

1 Peter 1:1, 3:15

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

Giving Tree: Help us build “Homes with Hope”

This year our Christmas Giving Tree collection will provide materials to build “Homes with Hope” through Casas por Cristo and our missionary Nick Wille. While the pandemic cancelled our 2020 mission trips, we hope to be able to send WG mission teams to Mexico to help build in the new year, and we invite all of Webster Gardens to support our Casas partners in Mexico who are continuing all of their scheduled builds this year and planning for new builds in 2021. Gifts can be made electronically to the Giving Tree-Casas fund by texting “lcwg” to 77977, [through our website](#) or app, OR you can write a check to Webster Gardens and clearly mark “Giving Tree-Casas” in the memo line/envelope.

Did you know?

- The Webster Gardens Endowment Board will match each gift to the Giving Tree collection up to \$5000 AND they’ll double the match for all gifts received online on Giving Tuesday, December 1st.
- It costs approximately \$3000 to build a home with hope. As you consider your gift to Casas...think about funding a full home (\$3000), ½ home (\$1500), ¼ home (\$750), or some other amount.

Every gift will help families have a home!

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, December 13 at 11:00am

Immediately following the 10:00am service on December 13, we will hold our congregational meeting in the sanctuary to review the 2020 church year and adopt our Vision and Financial Plan for 2021. Documents will be e-mailed to the congregation on December 8 to prepare for the meeting, and there will also be a link to a video update from our Call Committee. If you have any questions after receiving the documents, please contact Kim Jacobs, Director of Operations, at kim@webstergardens.org.

2021 Giving Envelopes

Families who have requested giving envelopes for 2021 may pick them up from the table in Friendship Hall through December 20. Please contact the church office at info@webstergardenschurch.org or 314-961-5275 if you have any questions.

PRAYERS

We pray for health and personal concerns for ...

Members and Guests: The Fiala Family, Carmen and Tom Heard

Family and Friends: Janet Bold's great-niece Ada, Ben Delf and daughters Katie and Abby, Bob Ellis, Radka Fiala's father, Jerry and Linda Gann, the family of Lenny Kelam, The Linton Family, Kim Siefert's friend Christine, Dick Wilcox's mother Penny, those diagnosed with or recovering from COVID and healthcare workers who are serving those who are infected, students returning home from college, all those traveling.

We mourn with...

- The family of Ada Wylie who died November 24.
- Mike Griswold and family on the recent death of his grandfather.

We rejoice with ...

- Roger Sexton as he celebrates his 100th birthday on December 5.
- Matthew and Caitlin McCabe on the birth of daughter Eden Noelle McCabe on November 23.
- Dennis and Michelle Fricks and Rick and Judy Ruf on the birth of son and grandson Isaac Paul Fricks on November 19.
- Evan and Nicole Sanft on the birth of son Benjamin David Sanft on November 19.