

**The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens
Worship Service January 10 and 11, 2021**

Welcome

8:30am and 6:30pm "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

Before You, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise to You, our King!

May ev'ry mountain height, each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light, and its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise
And join to raise a grateful song.

Earth, hear your Maker's voice; your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, and worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore,
And bow before the Crucified.

And when in pow'r He comes, oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, with joy to sing
To heav'n's high King salvation's song!

10:00am "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Come, now is the time to worship Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship Come, just as you are before your God. Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly trust You now

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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.

Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Heavenly Father, in Baptism You claimed me. You made me Yours. I belong to You alone. Yet, I haven't lived that way. I've chased after so many other things. I've lived for myself instead of for You. For the sake of Jesus, please forgive me.

8:30am and 6:30pm "This Is the Feast"

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain Has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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, 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 Let Your face shine on us

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Children's Message

Scripture Readings –

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?”

Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.”

Romans 6:1-5,11

Scripture text: What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Message - Pastor Christiansen

“Water Destroys!”

Romans 6

Water destroys.

Take water, add God to it, and you will see even more destruction.

“Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death.” Romans 6:3,4

Water plus the Word of God destroys.

“Count yourself dead to sin.” Romans 6:11

Water plus the Word of God destroys your old way of living.

“Baptism is a complete change of identity. You are leaving this one old community, and now you are joining a new community. It is a death to that whole identity and the structures and networks and all the rest of the old community, and it is a coming alive to a new community. This is very scary – and in many countries and many traditions today if somebody gets baptized they may not live very long. Baptism is a dangerous thing to do.”

N. T. Wright

Water plus the Word of God destroys a private and vague religion and makes your relationship with God public.

Take a picture of your baptismal certificate and post it on Facebook with the words: “I am baptized. I belong to Jesus.” Mention “@The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens” so we can all see.

Water plus the Word of God destroys self-centered individualism and makes you a part of the community.

“Count yourself alive to God in Christ Jesus.” Romans 6:11

Celebration of Baptism

Prayers and the 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.

Words of Institution

Communion

8:30am Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.

8:30am and 6:30pm "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your seed, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, I have Your Spirit now within.

My loving Father, here You take me Hence forth to be Your child and heir;
My faithful Savior, here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share;
O Holy Ghost, You comfort me Though threat'ning clouds around I see.

O faithful God, You never fail me; Your cov'nant surely will abide.
Let not eternal death assail me Should I transgress it on my side!
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

All that I am and love most dearly, Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Oh, let me make my vows sincerely, And help me Your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

8:30am "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation;
Through Christ's redemption they will stand Among the glorious heav'nly band
Of every tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray, Grant us Your Holy Spirit;
Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit;
Grant us to grow in grace each day By holy Baptism that we may
Eternal life inherit.

10:00am "Come to the Water"

Chorus: We come to the water, His sons and His daughters
Drowned in forgiveness and washed in His love.
We shed every sorrow and welcome tomorrow,
Walk out of the water as children of God.

In love He has sought us with blood He has bought us
The blood of our brother Christ Jesus His Son.
We're bonded to Him now, we die to our sin now
Rise up to new life now for Jesus has won. (Chorus)

And though we may wander, though we may squander
The treasure He gave us that made us His own.
His mercy has claimed us, adopted and named us,
Reminding us daily that heaven's our home. (Chorus)

His Spirit is with us to guide and to tend us
Through word and through water we're walking in faith.
His arms are around us, His angels surround us,
We're never forsaken, we're held in His grace. (Chorus)

Offering, Contract Tracing and Announcements

Benediction

"But these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."

~John 20:31

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

Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Call Committee

A Call Committee has been appointed to fill the open staff position for the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and the committee is currently seeking candidate nominations from the congregation through January 31, 2021. Nominations can be submitted through the [nomination form](#) which includes the ministry description for this position. Please note there are a variety of phases involved in this process, and the committee will continue to update the congregation as they move forward. If you have questions, please contact the committee chair, Pastor Brian King, at brian@webstergardens.org. Thank you for your thoughtful nominations and prayers!

Student Tech Arts Interns

Webster Gardens is pleased to announce a job opportunity for high school and college students with our new Student Tech Arts Intern Program, where students can apply for intern positions that will assist with livestream and screen production platforms during Sunday worship services. Interested candidates can review the job description and apply via the [Tech Arts Intern application form](#). Students must be at least 14 years of age to apply for these part-time paid positions. If you have questions, please contact Kim Jacobs at kim@webstergardens.org.

Upcoming Sermon Series 2021

Our new series of worship services and messages in 2021 is called '*His Story, Your Story.*' This series will walk through the narrative of the Bible, following the chapters of the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. In these narratives, you will discover the One who is at the center of God's great rescue story and at the center of your story also. Join us for this series in the new year!

Upcoming Livestream Worship, January 17, at 8:30am and 10:00am

You can find those services [HERE](#).

Webster Connects, Sunday, January 17, 9:25am

Are you new to Webster Gardens and interested in learning more about our church? Webster Connects is a great place to learn about our culture and values at Webster Gardens. To learn more please contact Tim Ellis at tim@webstergardens.org.

PRAYERS

We pray for health and personal concerns for ...

Members and Guests: The Andersons, Sue Clark, Diane and Charles Davis, Andrew DeVeydt and Amy, Charley Hopfinger

Family and Friends: Annette Crain, Chris Hofrichter, Earl Kieffer, Linda Nobbe's daughter Dawn, Welsey and Kerry, those diagnosed with or recovering from COVID, emotional and physical strength for healthcare workers as they navigate the pandemic.

We grieve with...

- Marilyn Fanger and family on the death of husband and father Ken Fanger on January 4.
- Bob Hanson and family on the death of father Don Hanson on January 6.