

**The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens
Worship Service January 17 and 18, 2021**

Welcome

8:30am and 6:30pm "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

Sing praise to God, the highest good, the author of creation,
The God of love who understood our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills and ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r has made, in mercy He is keeping;
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping;
Within the kingdom of His might all things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!

All who confess Christ's holy name, give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast every idol from its throne, for God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

10:00am "You Are God Alone"

You are not a god created by human hands.
You are not a god dependent on any mortal man.
You are not a god in need of anything we can give.
By Your plan, that's just the way it is.

You are God alone, from before time began
You were on Your throne, You were God alone.
And right now, in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone.

You're the only God whose power none can contend.
You're the only God whose name and praise will never end.
You're the only God who's worthy of ev'rything we can give
You are God, that's just the way it is.

You are God alone, from before time began
You were on Your throne, You were God alone.
And right now, in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone.

Unchangeable, unshakable,
Unstoppable, that's what You are.
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Unstoppable, that's what You are.

You are God alone, from before time began
You were on Your throne, You were God alone.
And right now, in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone.

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

Jesus, All of Your Word points to You. All of creation points to You.
But many times I point to myself. I try to force You into my story.
Forgive me and rescue me. Draw me in to Your wonderful story.
Give me joy that You came for me and that I belong to You!

8:30am and 6:30pm "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 with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.
Refrain

10:00am "Everything Is New"

My eyes have seen salvation from the Lord
Prepared for all revealed for me to see
What once was hidden no longer mystery
Light has come the glory of our King

My eyes have seen the power of the Lord
His mighty arm exposed for all to see
He is redemption He's come for you and me
Victory is here the glory of our King

Good news! Great Joy! Everything is new!
Hallelujah! Everything is new!

I long to see the coming of the Lord
His glory on display for all to see
He is Jesus the advent of our peace
He'll split the clouds He'll come and set us free

Good news! Great Joy! Everything is new!
Hallelujah! Everything is new!
Glory to God in the highest
Hallelujah, sing across the earth

Glory to God in the highest
We sing Your praise in all the earth
Good news! Great Joy! Everything is new!
Hallelujah! Everything is new!

Scripture Reading – Luke 24:13-32

That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. But God kept them from recognizing Him. He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days. "What things?" Jesus asked.

The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and He was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed Him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified Him. We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago. Then some women from our group of his followers were at His tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. They said His body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, His body was gone, just as the women had said.

Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering His glory?" Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, but they begged Him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So He went home with them. As they sat down to eat, He took the bread and blessed it. Then He broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And at that moment he disappeared! They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as He talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

Message "His Story, Our Story"

"I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
Refrain

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
Refrain

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.

Offering and Contract Tracing and Announcements

Benediction

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 Search Committee

A Search 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.

Next Steps in Discipleship 2021

God always meets us right where we are, and then calls us to take "Next Steps" in our spiritual growth. Our whole worship calendar for 2021 is designed to help families and individuals know God's Story better by following the chapters of the Jesus Storybook Bible. Now is a great time to go check out the [Next Steps Guide](#) on our website and plan your next step in discipleship in 2021.

PRAYERS

We pray for health and personal concerns for ...

Members and Guests: Tim Appel, Sue Clark, Heather Griswold, Charley Hopfinger, Chris and Emily Moss, Donny Salas, Monica Vaughan

Family and Friends: Earl Kieffer, Carol, Eileen, Linda, Lori, those diagnosed with or recovering from COVID and those caring for them.

We rejoice with...

- Shawn and Amanda Leslie, Jim and Linda Lilley and Shirley Bretscher on the birth of daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter Elliana Rose Leslie on January 8.

We grieve with...

- Sandy McGuire on the death of her grandmother.
- Stacy Moeller on the death of her father.