

**The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens
Worship Service February 21 and 22, 2021**

Welcome

8:30am "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our victory has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

10:00am "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 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
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

God's Word forever shall abide no thanks to foes who fear it
For God Himself fights on our side with weapons of the Spirit
Were they to take our house goods honor child and spouse
Though life be wrenched away they cannot win the day
The Kingdom's ours forever The Kingdom's ours forever

6:30am "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 overpower 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!

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.

10:00 Baptism

Owen Marvel; Lucy and Courtney Menard; Lydia and Ryan Minda

8:30 and 10:00 New Member Welcome

Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Lord, I have focused more on the approval of others than on my life with You. I've given more thought to my own reputation with the people around me than following You. I've used my words and my talents for my own glory. And I've avoided Your commands, to do what's right in my own eyes. For Jesus' sake, forgive me. Guide me toward You. Lead me toward what's best.

8:30am and 6:30pm "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

10:00am "Your Name"

As morning dawns and evening fades You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder 'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name

Jesus, in Your Name we pray Come and fill our hearts today
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder 'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name (Repeat 2 times)

Scripture Readings - Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Acts 2:1-4, 6-8,11b

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

Message - Pastor King

*“God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them,
'Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.'” Genesis 9:1*

*“Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens,
so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered
over the face of the whole earth.” Genesis 11:4*

**They didn’t just settle, they “settled.”
Watch out for the towers in your heart!
Our hope is not in a building. It’s in the Builder.**

*“But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building.”
Genesis 11:5*

*“The LORD said, ‘If as one people speaking the same language, they have begun to do this,
then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.’” Genesis 11:6*

*“Do not turn aside after things that have no worth and cannot save you,
for they are nothing.” 1 Samuel 12:21*

Put your hope in the Builder.

**The LORD came down at Babel. The LORD came down in Jesus.
The LORD came down at Pentecost. The LORD comes down to you today.**

8:30am & 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 "Jesus Firm Foundation"

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word
What more can He say than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not He is with us O be not dismayed
For He is our God our Sustainer and Strength
He'll be our Defender and cause us to stand
Upheld by His merciful almighty hand

How firm our foundation How sure our salvation
And we will not be shaken Jesus firm foundation
The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord
Will press on enduring the darkest of storm

And though even hell should endeavor to shake
He'll never no never no never forsake
He'll never no never no never forsake

How firm our foundation How sure our salvation
And we will not be shaken Jesus firm foundation

Age to age He stands faithful to the end
All may fade away but He will remain He will remain

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And we will not be shaken Jesus firm foundation
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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, Contact 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

Season of Lent

God uses the season of Lent to shape us. Our midweek Lenten services will be online and available Wednesdays at 9:00AM on webstergardens.org.

Join Our Online Campus

Join our new Online Campus! Go to www.facebook.com/groups/wgonline and click the “Join Group” button. Our online community will be a place to connect you to Jesus, to help you grow in your faith and where you’ll find community online throughout each week.

Forum on Racial Reconciliation with Aaron Layton, Thursday, February 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Webster Gardens welcomes diversity educator and author Aaron Layton, who will discuss his book, *Dear White Christian: What Every White Christian Needs to Know About How Black Christians See, Think, & Experience Racism in America*. Join us in the Webster Gardens sanctuary to hear Aaron speak. Admission is free, no registration is necessary, and the talk will also be livestreamed. COVID precautions will be in place, and masks are required to enter the building.

Big Spring Clean Up, Saturday, March 27 at 10:00 am

Webster Gardens is doing some Spring Cleaning! Join our congregation as we serve the community by raking flower beds and cleaning up yards for those who can’t do so on their own. We will gather at the YaCC, and a sack lunch will be provided. Find registration and yard nomination forms [HERE](#). Serving alongside our friends, relatives, associates, neighbors and kids makes for strong community connections.

Growing Deeper Zoom Bible study on NEW NIGHT! Wednesdays 6:50-7:40pm

Zech Teasdale, our Director of Small Groups & Neighborhood Groups, will lead via Zoom. He will be joined by other leaders from Webster Gardens with discussion and reflections on the current Webster Gardens Grow Deep reading plan. To join the Zoom Bible study, click [HERE](#) to complete the form and get the Zoom link. If you want to view the previous recorded Bible studies, click [HERE](#).

PRAYERS

We pray for health and personal concerns for ...

Members and Guests: Denny and Joan Duvall, Charley Hopfinger

Family and Friends: Brad and Lindsey Dunajcik, those struggling physically, emotionally or financially due to the pandemic and continued good health for those waiting to be vaccinated.

We rejoice with...

- Aaron Marvel and Amanda Townes on the baptism of their son, Owen Raymond Marvel, in today's worship.
- Mark and Julie Minda on the baptism of their daughter, Lydia Ann and son, Ryan Jack in worship today.
- All those who are becoming new members in worship today including Bill and Mary McSwain; Mark, Alison and Henry Franke; Travis, Elizabeth, Tristen, Kaiden and Kylie Barrett; Gary and Lois Ward; Keith, Courtney, and Lucy Menard; Joseph, Meygan and Teddy Martin and Dominic DeRienzo; Daniel, Jessica, Ramsey and Max Gibson; Shirley Isaak; and David, Radka, Vašek, Emma, Helen and Jonny Fiala.