

**The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens
Worship Service February 28 and March 1, 2021**

Welcome

8:30am and 6:30pm “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

Dearest Jesus, at Your word

We have come again to hear You;
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
And in glowing faith be near You
As the promises here given
Draw us wholly up to heaven.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks the night,
Filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
Come but by Your gracious giving.

Radiance of God’s glory bright,
Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send Your blessed light;
Help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
That our prayers and songs may please You
As with grateful hearts we praise You.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most:
Your blest Gospel’s consolation
While we here on earth await You
Till in heav’n with praise we greet You.

10:00am "I Will Follow"

Where You go, I'll go Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move I will follow

All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my side High above my life
I will trust in You alone (trust in You alone)

Chorus: Where You go, I'll go Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move I will follow You
Who You love, I'll love How You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You I will follow You

Light unto the world Light unto my life
I will live for You alone You're the one I seek
Knowing I will find All I need in You alone (need in You alone)

Chorus

In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy, unending joy And I will follow

Chorus

Where You go, I'll go Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move I will follow you
Who You love, I'll love How You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow you
I will follow you

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.

Confession

Heavenly Father,
When You call to follow, I prefer to stay.
When You call me to bless others, I prefer to keep Your blessing for myself.
When You call me to believe, I find doubt and question.
Forgive me for the sake of Jesus.

8:30am and 6:30pm "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, Yourself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Your suffering, death, and merit Life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, Dearest Jesus, unto You.

You have suffered great affliction And have borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
For You chose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, Dearest Jesus, unto You.

Then, for all that bought my pardon, For the sorrows deep and sore,
For the anguish in the garden, I will thank You evermore,
Thank You for the groaning, sighing, For the bleeding and the dying,
For that last triumphant cry, Praise You evermore on high.

10:00am "How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide
It trembles at His voice Trembles at His voice

How great is our God Sing with me
How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God

Age to age He stands And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God Sing with me
How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God

Name above all names Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing How great is our God

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Children's Message Video

Scripture Readings – Genesis 12:1-4a; 15:1-6; 21:1-7

The Lord had said to Abraham, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

So Abraham went, as the Lord had told him.

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abraham in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abraham. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

But Abraham said, “Sovereign Lord, what can You give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abraham said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Abraham believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness.

Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what He had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Message
"Count 'em. Count on Him!" The Account of God's Promise to Abraham
Genesis 12,15,21

"Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you. I will make your name great. All the peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:1,2,4

God chose one person to bless all the other people.

*"You have given me no children; a servant in my household will be my heir."
Genesis 15:3*

*"Look at the heavens and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.
So shall your descendants be." Genesis 15:5*

*"And Abraham believed the Lord, and God credited it to him as righteousness."
Genesis 15:6*

Belief is not mere information. Belief is not some fuzzy feeling.

Belief is a radical trust; it is finding your security and your hope in God.

Don't confuse what you want God to promise with what God has actually promised.

*"A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham!
Matthew 1:1*

"If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendent." Galatians 3:29

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 and Communion

8:30am Choir Anthem

8:30am "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

8:30am, 10:00am, and 6:30pm "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin And a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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 WG Online, our new private community at www.facebook.com/groups/wgonline and gather with us. You must be a member to view content, so don't forget to click the "Join Group" button at the top. This private group is a new place where you can be connected to Jesus and grow in your faith, and where you'll find community online throughout each week - even during a pandemic. Pray for God to do amazing things through this new online ministry!

Join a Reading Group

Reading groups are forming to read and discuss Aaron Layton's book, *Dear White Christian: What Every White Christian Needs to Know About How Black Christians See, Think, & Experience Racism in America*. If you would like to purchase a book or join a reading group, click [HERE](#). You can watch our live stream of Aaron Layton's presentation at Webster Gardens [HERE](#).

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: Sue and Randy Clark, Denny Duvall, Charley Hopfinger, Angie Rosengarten

Family and Friends: Loretta Blattner, Shawn, those making major job and life changes, those refocusing their priorities, those suffering from depression.

We mourn with...

- David Schumaier and Joan Morie on the death of their brother, Terry Schumaier, on February 19.