

The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens
Worship Service
July 5,6

Welcome

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious
He breaks the cruel oppressors 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

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.

8:30am Confirmand Faith Statement: Sabrina McDaniel

10am Baptism: Lisa Feiner

“Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears 'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of cancelled sin He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean His blood availed for me

He speaks and listening to His voice New life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice The humble poor believe

Glory to God and praise and love Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above The church in earth and heaven

Scripture Reading Video:

1 Peter 2:13-25

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by Him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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Message

GRIT: "Goodness"

1 Peter 2:13-25

God has called us to subjugate ourselves to those who reward good and punish evil.

"Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good." 1 Peter 2:13-14

The heart of King Jesus always desires goodness, and He subjugated Himself to all in need.

"For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people." 1 Peter 2:15

Christ redeemed us for deeds of goodness, to be subject to others in need.

"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness." 1 Peter 2:24

"For this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example." 1 Peter 2:21

The good deeds of Jesus' followers become the conscience of our nation.

"For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." 1 Peter 2:25

Fourth of July Prayer Video

Prayers / Confession / Words of Forgiveness

Christ Be My Leader

Christ be my leader by night as by day
Safe through the darkness for He is the way
Gladly I follow my future His care
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth
Drifting or doubting for He is the truth
Grant me to trust Him though shifting as sand
Doubt cannot daunt me in Jesus I stand

Christ be my savior in calm as in strife
Death cannot hold me for he is the life
Darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation with Jesus I reign

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.

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." (from 1 Peter)

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

Webster Gardens "BOLT" Backyard Family VBS!

Instead of bringing your kids to VBS, let's bring VBS to your kids! This is a three-day, at-home, video-based VBS that you can do with your kids, grandkids, care communities, or neighbors this summer! BOLT VBS works on your schedule at any point this summer and takes about an hour or 90 minutes per day. Get all the details and register at webstergardens.org under EVENTS!

"The Church Confronts Racism" - A ZOOM Conversation

Thursday, July 9 at 7 pm, join Pastor Christiansen as he talks with Pastors John Schmidtke and Gerard Bolling in a ZOOM Conversation discussing this topic. Register at webstergardens.org/events to be a part of the conversation!

Summer Café, July 12, July 26 & August 9

This summer we are going to go out into two area neighborhoods to bring the message of Christ through our Summer Café. The threat of COVID-19 transmission may change the way we serve at this event, but the need may be even greater in these days. We will be serving 'to-go meals' to residents of these neighborhoods and providing school children with much needed school supplies. Sign up under Events on our website, webstergardens.org, to serve on one of these Sundays this summer (Sundays, July 12, July 26 & August 9).

PRAYERS

We pray for health and personal concerns for ...

Members and Guests: Cheryl and Jamie Brinker, Timothy Clausen, Heather Hediger, Dick and Laura Jostes, Cathy Luhman, Vickie Svaglic, Ken Wilhelms

Family and Friends: Connie Adams, David Callaway, Anita Eickhoff's mother, Hadley Kalb, Andy Leicht, Tom Nummela, Cheryl Pecka, Elmer Phelps

We rejoice with Mark and Michaela Feiner on the baptism of their daughter, Lisa Lorraine Feiner, in worship today!