

The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens
Worship Service
June 6, 7 and 8

Welcome

Holy Holy Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty
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Children's Message

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:1-9

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with His blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith

are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

MESSAGE

GRIT

1 Peter 1:1-9

Pastor Joel Christiansen

Who you are determines what you will do!

"To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father... ." 1 Peter 1:2

You are aliens!

You are chosen!

"In His great mercy, He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

You have been given mercy.

You have a new birth.

You have a living hope.

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
Jesus, John 16:33

This is grit!

"In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials." 1 Peter 1:6

Rejoice and grieve!

"My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death." Jesus, Matthew 26:38

Don't long for the past "normal."

Don't escape this world, engage it.

"Christians are not different from the rest in their nationality, language or customs. They live in their own countries, but as sojourners. They fulfill all their duties as citizens, but they suffer as foreigners. They find their homeland wherever they are, but their homeland is not in any one place. They are in the flesh, but do not live according to the flesh. They live on earth, but are citizens of heaven. They obey all laws, but they live higher than that required by law. They love all, but all persecute them."

– Address to Diognetus

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.

Be Thou My Vision (Celebration Hymnal #562)

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I need not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Communion

"Great Are You, Lord" CCLI # 6460220

You give life You are love; You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs; So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise; It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life You are love; You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs; So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise; It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise; Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord
And all the earth will shout Your praise; Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs; So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise; It's Your breath in our lungs
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Prayers and 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 Announcements

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."

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.

Prayers

We pray for health and personal concerns for ...

Members and Guests: Donna Adams, Timothy Clausen, Pat Delf, Jackson Ellis, Ken Gnuse, Linda Hirsch, Dick and Laura Jostes, Mark Lang, Cathy Luhman

Family and Friends: Hadley Kalb, Andy Leicht, Dave and Gail MacIntosh, Elmer Philips, Joel Rogge, Barbara, LWML Leadership

We celebrate in prayer with ...

- Mark and Michaela Feiner on the birth of daughter, Lisa, on June 3
- Brent and Jodi Beth Haberman on the birth of daughter, Lucy, on June 4.

We pray for ...

- Aaron Ferber on the death of his father, Randall Ferber, on June 2.