

The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens
Worship Service September 13, 14

Welcome

Opening Litany

Leader: One generation passes away, and another generation comes;

ALL: But the earth abides forever.

Leader: The sun also rises, and the sun goes down,

ALL: And hastens to the place where it arose.

Leader: The wind goes toward the south, and turns around to the north;

ALL: And comes again on its circuit.

Leader: All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full;

ALL: And they return again from whence they came.

Leader: That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done,

ALL: And there is nothing new under the sun.

Leader: Whatever God does, it shall be forever.

ALL: Nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it.

8:30am and 6:30pm "Oh, Worship the King"

Oh, worship the King, all glorious above.

Oh, gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Oh, tell of His might; oh, sing of His grace,

Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;

His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,

And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Your power has founded of old,

Established it fast by a changeless decree,

And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;

Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,

Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

10:30am "All We Need"

Rich or poor God I want You more Than anything that glitters in this world

Be my all all-consuming fire

You can have all my hands can hold My heart mind strength and soul

Be my all all-consuming fire

And we have all we need in You All we need is You All we need is You

Yeah we have all we need in You All we need is You All we need is You

Rich or poor God I want You more Than anything that glitters in this world

Be my all all-consuming fire

You can have all my hands can hold My heart mind strength and soul

Be my all all-consuming fire

Cause we have all we need in You All we need is You All we need is You (repeat)

All we need - All we need All we need is You (repeat)

Rich or poor God I want You more Than anything that glitters in this world

Be my all all-consuming fire

You can have all my hands can hold My heart mind strength and soul

Be my all all-consuming fire

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

8:30 Confirmand Faith Statement

Children's Message Video

Scripture Reading Video – Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and His disciples were on their way, He came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what He said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Sermon

Everything has Changed; Nothing has Changed

Luke 10:38-42

When it comes to being a disciple and follower of Jesus, nothing has changed.

"Mary sat at the Lord's feet listening to what He said." Luke 10:39

Jesus responded, "Mary has chosen what is better." Luke 10:41

To sit at someone's feet is a technical phrase that describes a relationship between a rabbi and his disciple.

"DISCIPLESHIP MEANS ADHERENCE TO CHRIST . . . AN ABSTRACT CHRISTOLOGY, A DOCTRINAL SYSTEM, A GENERAL RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE ON THE SUBJECT OF GRACE OR ON THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, RENDER DISCIPLESHIP SUPERFLUOUS. . . . CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT THE LIVING CHRIST IS INEVITABLY CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT DISCIPLESHIP, AND CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT DISCIPLESHIP IS ALWAYS CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT CHRIST." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

LET YOUR HOUSE BE A MEETING-HOUSE FOR THE WISE;
AND POWDER YOURSELF IN THE DUST OF THEIR FEET;
AND DRINK THEIR WORDS WITH THIRSTINESS. - Mishnah

Your home is the place where the rabbi is welcome, where you celebrate His presence and you drink His words.

Following Jesus is what Christianity is all about.

Disciples are with their teacher.

"He appointed twelve that they would be WITH HIM." Mark 3:14

Jesus has chosen you. You are His. Now choose what's better. Choose to go through life with Jesus.

Confession:

Jesus, You have come to my home to be with me. I realize that I have often ignored You. I have been distracted by so many other things. I have failed to follow You. I have not chosen what is better. As a result, I have missed out on the joy, peace, and fulfillment You offer. Please forgive me.

8:30am and 6:30pm "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe so far, His grace will see me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

10:00 – “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see!

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free, My God, my Savior has ransomed me;
And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
My chains are gone, I've been set free, My God, my Savior has ransomed me;

And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love, amazing grace. (Repeat)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine,
But God who called me here below Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.

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.

Communion

8:30 Choir Anthem "Eat This Bread"

Chorus: Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst. (Repeat)

Christ is the Bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father. (Chorus)

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven.

(Chorus)

Eat his flesh and drink his blood, and Christ will raise you up on the last day. (Chorus)

Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever. (Chorus)

If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. (Chorus 2 times)

8:30 Choir Anthem "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

All: O love, how deep, how broad, how high

How passing thought and fantasy

That God, the Son of God, should take

Our mortal form for mortals' sake

Choir:

For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged mocked, in purple robe arrayed, He bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up His dying breath.

For us He rose from death again, for us He went on high to reign; For us He sent His Spirit here to guide,
to comfort, and to cheer.

All: All glory to our Lord and God

For love so deep, so high, so broad.

The Trinity, whom we adore, Forever and forever more.

8:30am and 6:30pm "This Thing's Needful"

This thing's needful - Lord please teach me how to live as You have taught.

Working daily, oft providing for those whom we must supply.

In our sin we feel that no one Ever sees the work we do.

Help us, Lord, to learn what's needful, serving all to be with You!

See how Martha, cleaning, cooking, viewed time Mary spent with You

As a burden to her working, not as what we've ought to do.

Mary chose the one thing needful. She desired to learn from You!

Help us, Lord, to learn what's needful, serving all to be with You!

As you, Lord, corrected Martha, so we need correcting, too.

We have strayed from true disciples, 'stead of learning all from You!

Clear our busy minds and bodies, help us focus on Your Word!

Help us, Lord, to learn what's needful, serving all to be with You!

All our life, our loves, our fam'ly, they depend upon Your Word.

Let us find our love, our treasure, as we focus on You, Lord.

Search our heart and make it lowly, focus us upon Your Word!

Help us, Lord, to learn what's needful, serving all to be with You!

10:00am "Drink Offering"

My life I bring Like a drink offering and pour it out
To serve You, my King, at Your feet ministering, I'll pour it out
Saturated in Your presence, Your extravagance filling my soul

Your love is like the sweetest wine; and Your glory like the heavens it shines
So I will gather up All that is mine and I'll pour it out To You

I want to be Like Mary of Bethany, and pour it out
To take all I own All I've planted and grown and pour it out
To wash off Your feet with my glory;
To anoint You, my Savior, with tears

Your love is like the sweetest wine; and Your glory like the heavens it shines
So I will gather up All that is mine and I'll pour it out
Your love is like the sweetest wine; and Your glory like the heavens it shines
So I will gather up All that is mine and I'll pour it out To You

If I truly could Give what You're due Lord I'd never stop worshipping You
If I truly could Fathom Your fame Lord, I'd never stop praising Your name

Your love is like the sweetest wine; and Your glory like the heavens it shines
So I will gather up All that is mine and I'll pour it out
Your love is like the sweetest wine; and Your glory like the heavens it shines
So I will gather up All that is mine and I'll pour it out To You

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chat 'n Chill Neighborhood Ice Cream Social - Saturday, Sept. 26 or Sunday, Sept. 27

Neighborhood Groups/Small Groups Ministries would like to encourage and equip you to invite your neighbors over for an outdoor, spatially-distanced, prepackaged ice cream treat social in your neighborhood the weekend of September 26 or 27. You pick which day, supply the ice cream treats (if you need assistance with purchasing treats, let us know on the form) and Neighborhood Ministries will give you the tools to help you plan and throw a fun Neighborhood Social. To receive a helpful planning guide and to register your Chat 'n Chill neighborhood social, text *wgchill* to 31996. Or visit our website at webstergardens.org under 'Events'.

Call Committee's Next Steps

The Call Committee is excited to announce its next steps in the call process. This committee is tasked with leading the call process for a new senior pastor to fill Pastor Christiansen's position when he retires. Both a summary of the survey results and a ministry description for this position are now available on the 'Call Process page' of the website under '[Resources](#)'. In addition, if you are aware of a qualified candidate you would like to nominate, please submit his name via our nomination form that is available on that same page. The committee will be accepting nominations from the congregation until October 11, 2020. Please check the website for additional information and contact the committee at 'callprocess@webstergardens.org' if you have questions.

Next Steps in Discipleship

God always meets us right where we are, and then calls us to take "Next Steps" in our spiritual growth. During times when gathering for church campus discipleship opportunities are challenging, we have put together ministry resources on our website that will help individuals and households take ownership in their Next Steps from home. Would you go to the website this week and look at the ways God is calling you to walk in those next steps with Him? Check it out [Here](#).

PRAYERS

We pray for health and personal concerns for ...

Members and Guests: Donna Adams, Cindy and Tim Appel, Laurie Gindler, Barb Hollenbeck, Mark Lang, Katie Ringwald, Gerry Rosso

Family and Friends: Rachel Taback

We grieve with...

- Ken Wilhelms on the death of his wife Betty on Sept. 8.