

Worship in the Park



EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Samuel Lutheran School

Welcome Visitors!

We wish a warm welcome in Jesus' name to any that might be visiting us in the park today. We pray that you feel at home and we invite you to worship with us anytime in our beautiful church building on the corner of 3rd and Marshall just down the street. Again, welcome!

July 31, 2016

OPENING HYMN:

CW #586: O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

O Splendor of God's glory bright, You daily bring forth light from light.
O Light from Light, light's fountain-spring, O Day, our days enlightening:

Come, very Sun of truth and love, Come in your radiance from above,
And shed the Holy Spirit's ray On all we think or do today.

Teach us to work with all our pow'r To conquer in temptation's hour.
Let faith her eager fires renew And hate the false and love the true.

Oh, joyful be the livelong day, Our thoughts as pure as morning ray,
Our faith like noonday's glowing height, Our souls undimmed by shades of night.

All praise to God the Father be, All praise to Christ eternally,
Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore.

Please remain seated for the service

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.** (spoken)

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

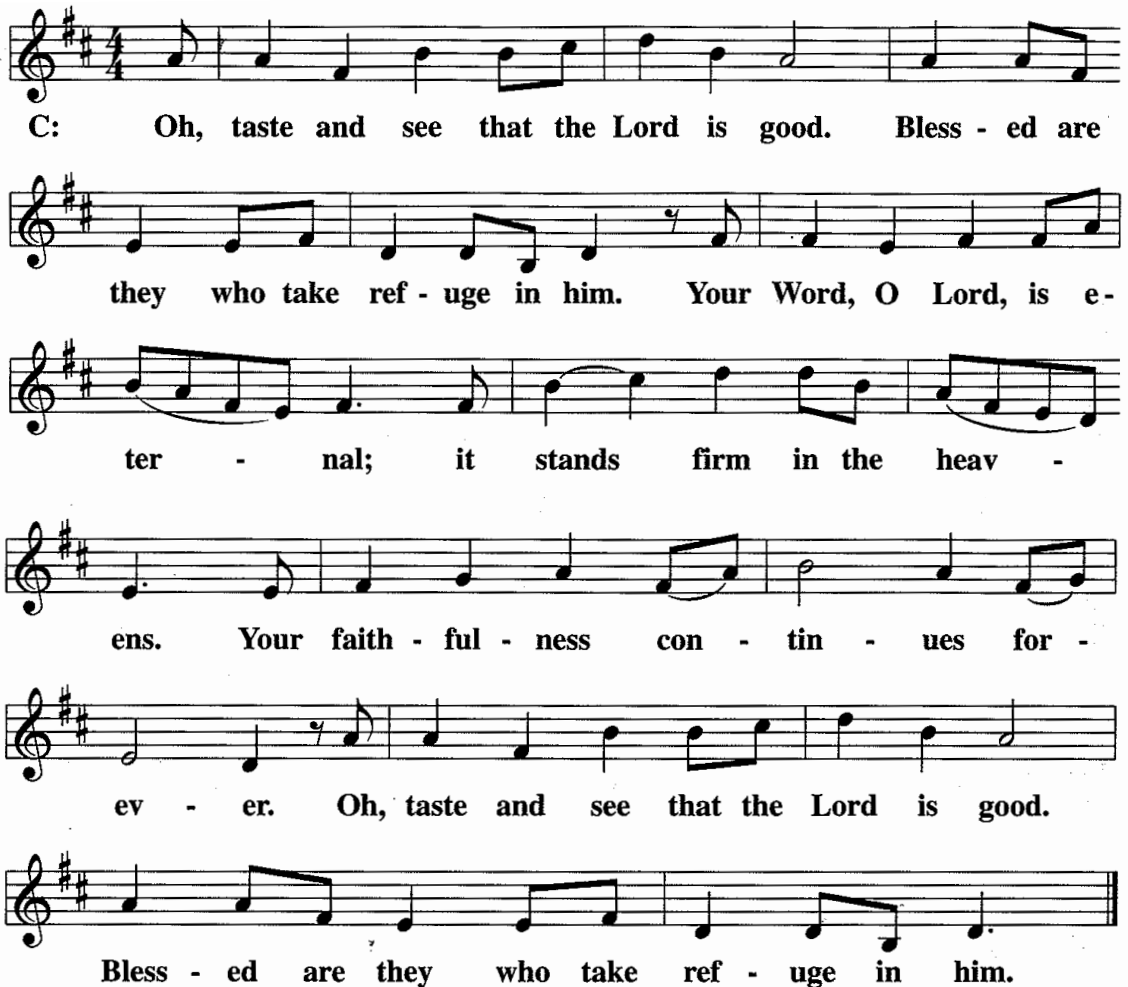
C: **Amen.** (spoken)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE

Oh, Taste and See
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C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** (spoken)

The Word

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:1-24

PSALM

Psalm 33

Refrain: The earth is full of the good-ness of God,
the good-ness of our God.

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you 'righteous;*
it is fitting for the upright to 'praise him.

For the Word of the Lord is 'right and true;*
he is faithful in 'all he does.

By the word of the Lord were the 'heavens made,*
their starry host by the breath 'of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it 'came to be;*
he commanded, and 'it stood firm.

Refrain

The Lord foils the plans of the 'nations;*
he thwarts the purposes of the 'peoples.
But the plans of the Lord stand firm for'ever,*
the purposes of his heart through all gener'ations.

The Lord loves righteousness and 'justice;*
the earth is full of his un'failing love.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*
and to the Holy 'Spirit,
As it was in the be'ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 1 Samuel 18:1-12; 19:1-7

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) Praise be to you O Christ!

Hymn:

CWS #752: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone – who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine –Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Statement of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

Hymn:

CW #341: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love -- Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.

SERMONETTE

RESPONSE

**The children from our Vacation Bible School will sing -
"Christ Is With Me"**

OFFERING

This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Christ Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

CW #353: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Praise the one who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the one who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands With the Father's word of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the one who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the one who makes us one.

PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

CW #334: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Congregation and Children sung acapella

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!