

Worship in the Park



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 29, 2018

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.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 1, selected

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.

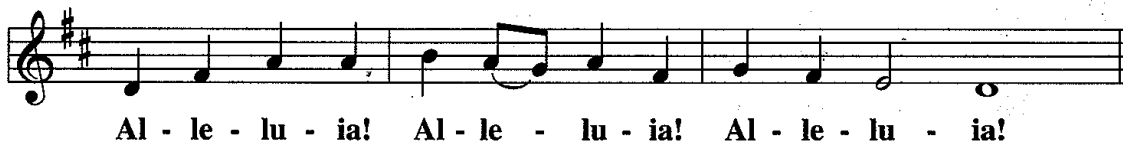
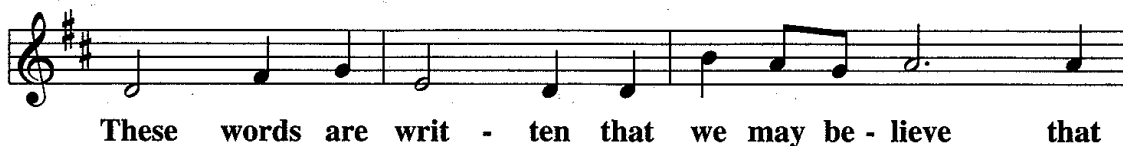
Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*
and to the Holy 'Spirit,
As it was in the be'ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Acts 8:26-40

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.



GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We Marvel



Small Group 1. We mar - vel at the flaw - less Word that tells of God's great
All 2. We mar - vel at the gos - pel love that Christ our Sav - ior
All 3. We mar - vel at the sav - ing faith that God the Spir - it
All 4. We mar - vel at the bound - less grace that flows from God a -



plan showed For our re - dempt - ion, full and free, which
 stirred When he, for us, hung on the cross and
 above. With - in our hearts, and strength - ens still through
 He looks u - pon our sin - ful hearts and



came through God made man. This ho - ly book we
 bore sin's hea - vy load. For sin and death and
 Sac - ra - ment and Word. Through faith God gives true
 shows us per - fect love. For now we have the



have been giv'n is such a treas - ure dear. The
 Sa - tan's pow'r were crushed when Je - sus died. The
 right - eous - ness by no works of our own. We
 com - fort of our Fath - er's warm em - brace As



one true sto - ry of God's love is found in Script - ure clear.
 on - ly path to heav'n - ly life is Christ the cru - ci - fied.
 know that we are just - i - fied— it is through faith a - lone.
 he pro - claims that we're for - giv'n; all this a - lone through grace.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.**

MEMORY TREASURES

Day 1 - Genesis 1:1: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Day 2 - Psalm: 145:13: *The LORD is faithful to all his promises.*

Day 3 - John 8:12: *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Day 4 - 1 Thessalonians 4:14: *We believe that Jesus died and rose again.*

Day 5 - Philippians 2:15,16: *Shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.*

PRAYER

Hymn:

CW #152: I Know that My Redeemer Lives

*VBS Students: I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!*

*VBS Students: He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.*

Congregation: *He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death. He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring my safely there.*

Congregation: *He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"*

SERMONETTE

OFFERING - Special music by summer music students

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 and LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING (spoken Amen)

CLOSING 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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