

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEKEND

Sat. July 31, 2021, 6:00 p.m. & Sun. Aug. 31, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

* indicates congregation stands

We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!

John 3:16-17

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Opening Hymn

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear *LSB 908*



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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* Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* Opening Sentences

Psalm 33:1-4, 20, 23

Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

All: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!

Leader: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

All: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

All: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

* Confession and Absolution

Leader: Let us now confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Strengthen us, Lord, and grant us Your forgiveness. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of our many sins, those known to us and those unknown as well. Create in us clean hearts, gracious Lord, and put new and right spirits within us that we may know the fullness of Your love and be at peace with all people. Grant that the Holy Spirit guide and direct us into new opportunities for growth in Christian learning and strengthened faith.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

* Prayer of the Day

Leader: Let us pray together,

All: Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4–15 NIV

Teaching the Lord's words to children.

Lector: The Old Testament Reading is from the 6th chapter of Deuteronomy.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:37–41 NIV

The promise is for you and for your children.

Lector: The Second Reading is from the 2nd chapter of Acts.

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* Holy Gospel

Luke 18:15–17 *NIV*

Jesus calls the children to come to Him.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord

People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways *LSB 707*



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - ues still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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Sermon

Rev. Mark Rossington

*** Nicene Creed**

**All: 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.**

*Offerings will be received at the end of the service
as you exit the Sanctuary.*

* Prayer of the Church

Leader: With humble hearts, Lord, we bring You our prayers. We remember Your acts of kindness to Your people through the ages. We bless You that we have come to know the Good News of the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. We praise You for the Church, which has transmitted the blessed Gospel to us, and we pray that it would grow unhindered in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the world in which we live, that world to which our Lord was willing to come to carry out the plan of salvation. Grant that peace and justice, understanding and harmony, and goodwill prevail all over the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all those who are involved in Christian education: teachers, administrators, church workers, and volunteers. Give us a full appreciation of the gift that each person is who shares the faith today and who has shared it in the past. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those with special needs and concerns in these days, remembering the sick, the shut-in, and the hospitalized and other situations as well, [especially . . .]. From Your treasury of grace, meet the needs of all who call to You, granting them whatever is best for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: With gratefulness, we remember Your saints of all time, including those who have instructed and guided us and all those we hold dear in our hearts. Grant that we be inspired by their faithful witness and seek to serve You constantly all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

* Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

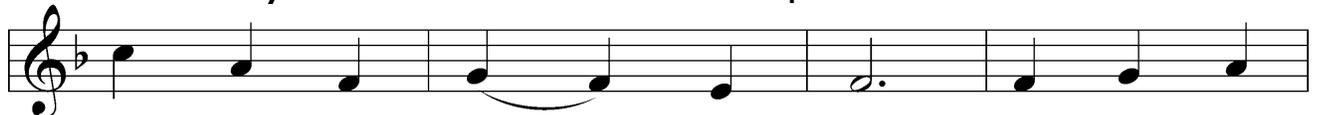
* Words of Institution

Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be offered continuously. You may follow the direction of the usher. We invite those who are not communing to receive a blessing by crossing their arms when standing before the bread host. The wine will be offered by individual cups. Please place empty individual cups in the glass bowls in front of the aisles. Those preferring non-alcoholic wine may take the individual cups from the center of each tray. Those needing a gluten free wafer may request one from the bread host.

Distribution Hymn

Shepherd of Tender Youth *LSB 864*



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.

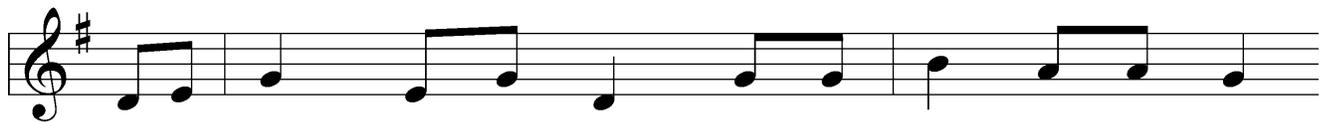
5 So now, and till we die,
 Sound we Your praises high
 And joyful sing:
 Infants and all the throng,
 Who to the Church belong,
 Unite to swell the song
 To Christ, our king!

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How Firm a Foundation *LSB 728*



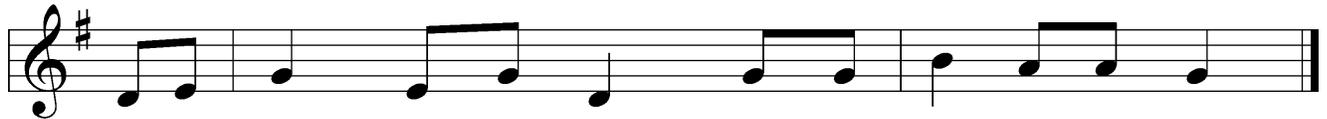
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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* Post-Communion Blessing

* Post-Communion Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

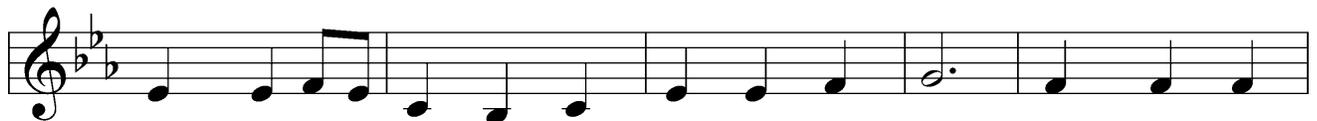
Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Christ Be My Leader *LSB 861*



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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Postlude

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WE WORSHIP GOD!

While we are united through faith in Jesus Christ, we express our praise and thanksgiving with different worship styles. Holy Communion is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

**Saturday • 6:00 p.m. &
Sunday • 8:30 a.m.**

Traditional worship services featuring the Lutheran liturgy, hymns and choral music.

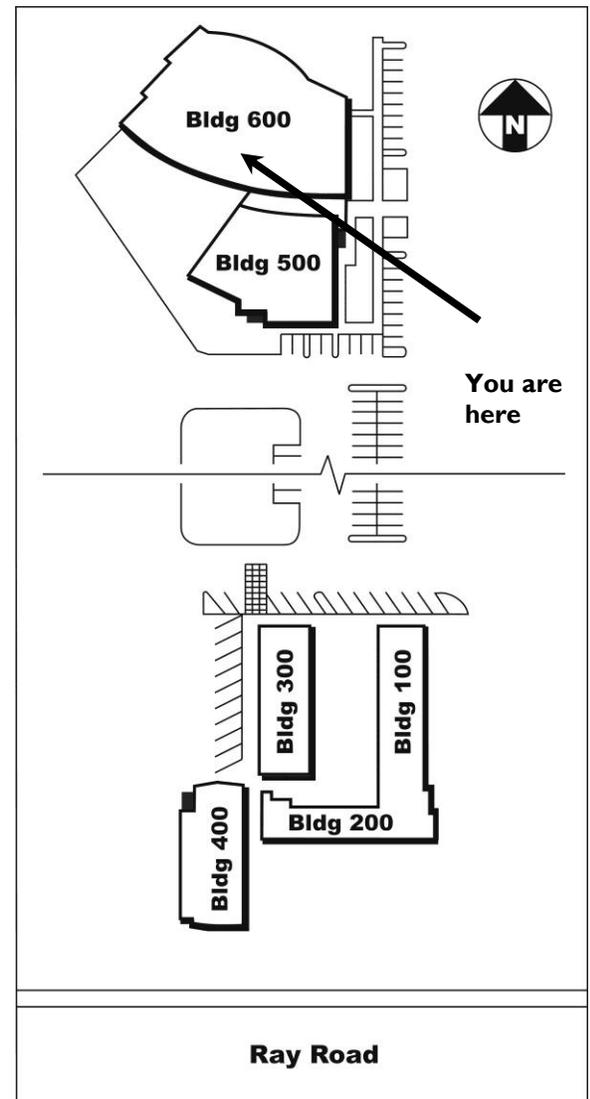
Sunday • 11:00 a.m.

An informal and celebrative worship experience using contemporary Christian music led by our praise band.

WE GROW IN FAITH!

• 9:45 a.m. •

We offer simultaneous Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School classes at various rooms on our North and South Campuses. See the *Epiphany Star* insert for class descriptions and locations. Please feel free to ask Pastor Mark or ushers if you are uncertain about a location.



Campus map

- 100 • Classrooms
 - Youth room
- 200 • Classrooms
 - Dining area/Fellowship Hall
 - Kitchen
- 300 • Classrooms
 - Ray of Light Preschool Office
- 400 • Education
- 500 • Church Office
 - Conference Rooms
 - Nursery
- 600 • Worship Center/Sanctuary

