

10th Weekend After Pentecost August 13 & 14, 2017

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

8:00 am & 6:30 pm

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

**TODAY’S THEME:
HOW CAN CREATION BE TRUE?**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist and Speaker.....Pastor Brian Adams
Keyboard/Guitar Chris Driesbach

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;
Congregation: **Our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 48

P: Praise the Lord. Praise the LORD from the heavens,
C: **Praise him in the heights above.**

P: Praise him, all his angels,
Men: **Praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

P: Praise him, sun and moon,
C: **Praise him, all you shining stars.**

P: Praise him, you highest heavens
Women: **And you waters above the skies.**

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD
M: **For he commanded and they were created.**

P: He set them in place for ever and ever;
W: **He gave a decree that will never pass away.**

P: Praise the LORD from the earth,
C: **You great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.**

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;

C: His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

P: He has raised up for his people a horn,

C: The praise of all his saints, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord!

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: O Holy God and just Judge, if we look to the heavens, we remember that we've offended you in many ways.

C: I've sinned against heaven and against You. I'm not worthy to be called Your child.

P: If we look to the earth, we realize that through our sin we have disgracefully wasted creation. We've often wasted not only the darkness of night, but also the light of day.

C: I've loved and worshipped created things and have not loved and worshipped You, the Creator of all things. My body is your creation, to be used in Your service; but I have used my body in the service of sin. My heart is your creation but my heart is full of evil. My life is to shine with the light of Your love but the stars put me to shame. With sorrow I confess my sin to You, my Creator.

P: With joy, we flee to Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Through Christ, I believe without any doubt that Your grace and the forgiveness of sins are mine - all mine. All creation accuses me. My conscience accuses me. Both tables of the divine Law accuse me. Day and night Satan accuses me.

P: But you, O kindest Jesus, take up our defense. You desire that we forsake comfort in any created thing. A refuge has been prepared for us in the satisfaction You made for our sins.

C: I have a refuge in Your intercession for me at the right hand of the Father. I take refuge in Your wounds, O Jesus. I hide in You, My Rock. In You, I have protection. In You, I am acquitted of all my sin.

Please be Seated

PRONOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

"PRODIGAL SON"

Chris Driesbach

*I'm a prodigal son in a distant land,
Wasting my father's gifts as fast as I can.
The world's so conditional, well, it made me a slave.
Now my heart is empty of the love that I've craved.
Father, forgive me. I know what I've done.
Please, open your arms to this prodigal son.*

*I've been chasing the wind, trying to win the prize
Of the money and the power, that look in a woman's eyes,
Lavish consumption of everything till I bust,
With no distinction between love and lust.
Father, forgive me. I know what I've done.
Please, open your arms to this prodigal son.*

*I'm a boat on the ocean tryin' not to drown.
Any little thing can bring me up or knock me down.
I've squandered it all, I'm empty and I'm left for dead
A broken man of the world. I want to be your man instead.
Father, forgive me. I know what I've done.
Please, open your arms to this prodigal son.*



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OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 am Service

OPENING HYMN "SEE THIS WONDER IN THE MAKING"
Christian Worship #300 (9:30 am Only)



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God him -
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we



self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in his
door to heav - en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be -
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to your arms we
take a new-born crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or



keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing,
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"
place *him*, With your love and peace em - brace *him*.
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

C: **Our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

P: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

P: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

P: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Peyton Elise Worzala, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Please Stand

EXHORTATION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Peyton may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: **Yes, as God gives me strength.**

P: Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Peyton and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BRIEF ADDRESS

by Pastor

1. THE CREATOR



RESPONSIVE READING

P: For this is what the LORD says—

C: **he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it.**

P: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.” (Isaiah 45:15)

C: **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.** (Genesis 1:1)

HYMN

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

Christian Worship #256, verses 1 & 4

- 1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**
- 4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**



You make known to me
THE PATH OF LIFE
in your presence there is
FULLNESS OF JOY

2. THE CREATION—HUMAN BEINGS

RESPONSIVE READING

P: God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

C: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:13,14)

HYMN

"GOD MADE IT ALL"
Chris Driesbach

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
The Word was there with the Spirit upon the waters.
God said, "Let there be light," and it came to be Light
and dark, evening and morning, the first day.
I don't know how he did it, but then he made the sky
Above the water - infinitely high!
God made the waters join and the dry ground to appear.
He named the sea and the land and said that it was good.

Chorus:

Day one! -- Dark and light Day two! -- He made the sky.
Day three! -- Plants and trees Day four! -- Sun, moon and stars.
Day five! -- Birds and fish Day six! -- the animals.
In his own image he made man and he made woman.
In six days God made it all - he made it all.
In six days God made it all - he made it all.
In six days God made it all - he made it all
and on the seventh day he rested.

He made the green things grow on land - according to their kind
With fruit and seeds – beautifully delicious!
Oh, what a show he put on when he made the sun and moon

A universe filled with stars - and it was good.
Then my God invented birds and creatures of the sea
And every animal – he's such an awesome God!
He made a man - and God saw - he was sad to be alone
So from Adam he made Eve and Adam loved her.

Chorus:

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3. THE ANGELS

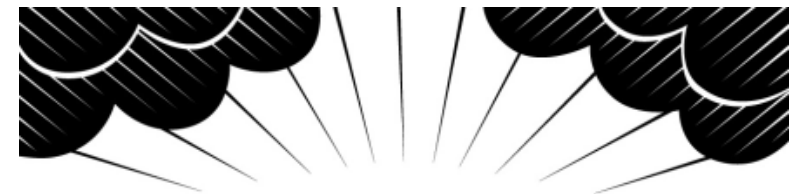
RESPONSIVE READING

P: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

C: For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. (Colossians 1:15,16)

P: No harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. (Psalm 91:10,11)

C: Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? (Hebrews 1:14)



HYMN

“NOW THE LIGHT HAS GONE AWAY”
Christian Worship #593, verses 1,4,5

1. **Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray,
Asking you to watch and keep And to send me quiet sleep.**
4. **Now my evening praise I give; You once died that I might live.
All your precious gifts are free -- Oh, how good you are to me!**
5. **Ah, my best and kindest Friend, You will love me to the end.
Let me love you more and more, Always better than before.**

4. VEGETATION

RESPONSIVE READING

- P:** Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation; seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.”
- C:** **And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.** (Genesis 1:11)

HYMN

“PRAISE TO GOD, IMMORTAL PRAISE”
Christian Worship #612, verses 1 & 2

1. **Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy, Let your praise our tongues employ.
All to you, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.**
2. **All the plenty summer pours, Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores,
Flocks that whiten all the plain, Yellow sheaves of ripened grain --
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.**

5. THE HEAVENLY BODIES

RESPONSIVE READING

- P:** And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.”
- C:** **And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from darkness.**
- M:** **And God saw that it was good.** (Genesis 1:14-18)
- W:** **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him?** (Psalm 8:3,4)

SONG

“MODERN EVANGELIST”
Chris Driesbach

*Man, you know it's hard to be a modern evangelist So many hard people with hard hearts to win.
But God's got the answers to all the hard questions, Like, how did the universe ever begin?
When a scientist looks in an electron microscope At a simple little blade of grass,
He'll explain photosynthesis in lots of detail. If you ask him how, he'll say it just came to pass.
He'll say amazing things like this just happened. Simple stuff got more complicated.
It's 'cause everything sat around for millions of years That's how the world became populated
With animals and bees and plants and trees, Clouds and rainbows and the northern lights,
Mathematics and music, brains and eyeballs, Glaciers and whales, a butterfly in flight.
When you don't allow for a God of creation You're stuck with crazy theories like this.
It makes really smart people have fuzzy thinking. They have to make ignorance sound like bliss.
And all those folks who study biology, Astounded at the wonders of the world they see
Why don't they recognize the God of eternity, Praising his name as they fall to their knees?
God is greater than human thinking. His thoughts and ways are higher than ours.
He says, "Where were you, little man, when I made the mountains?
Where were you when angels sang with the stars?"
("Where were YOU?")*

*It's rough to be a modern evangelist And this might come as a big surprise,
But when folks consider the need for a Savior They want to close their minds and their eyes.
It's an awful thing to think I might be sinful. I'd rather believe I've got good qualities.*

*I'd rather think I'm not so bad, Rather look at all the folks that are worse than me.
Sure I'm greedy but at least I'm not lazy. Maybe I'm a drunk but I didn't beat my wife.
OK, I'm lustful, but not criminal or crazy. I cheat on my taxes, but so does everybody else in life.
(They ALL do it!)*

*But God demands that we be holy. We break part of his law - we broke it all.
God says sin earns death in wages. Every human rescue will stumble and fall.
So folks invent a god of their choosing. That way they can kind of stay on top.
They just make up a god that doesn't punish Or make 'em feel guilty or tell 'em to stop.
Lying, hating, desiring, sneaking Questionable internet surfing at night
Children in need while you gamble with your money- "Well, you can't judge me, so that makes it all right."
(Don't judge me! You know, judge not!)*

*Man, you know it's tough to be a modern evangelist.
You wouldn't think it would be that way, But people don't seem to want the gift we offer
Eternal life for the future and peace for today. Even though Jesus is the perfect hero.
All earthly heroes have feet of clay. He outscored Satan by everything to zero,
Won heaven for all by taking sin away. The shrinks say we need more self-esteem,
But thinking more of myself makes trouble and strife. Navel-gazing just makes it worse.
We need better medicine for the pain in life! But, hey, you wanna talk about self-esteem?
You've got it in faith in Jesus Christ. He thinks of us all so incredibly highly,
He loved us so much - he laid down his life. So, why do so many say "no" to heaven
When God wants every single soul to come home? The devil is strong, Father help me keep singing
How you sent your Son to die and atone. Until I'm singing with the choir around the throne,
Telling everybody, "Let Christ be known!" Just keep on going... Until I'm gone.*

6. THE RUIN OF GOD'S CREATION

RESPONSIVE READING

P: So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

C: **After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.** (Genesis 3:23-24)

M: Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin. (Romans 5:12)

C: **We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.** (Romans 8:22)

HYMN

"ALL MANKIND FELL IN ADAM'S FALL"

Christian Worship #378, verses 1,2,3

- 1. All mankind fell in Adam's fall; One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends, And over all God's wrath impends.**
- 2. Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps And us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.**
- 3. From hearts depraved, to evil prone, Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul Nor seeks nor finds its heav'nly goal.**

7: THE CREATOR DIES TO REDEEM HIS CREATION

RESPONSIVE READING

P: God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. (2 Corinthians 5:19)

M: **"For your Maker is your husband—the LORD Almighty is his name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.**

W: **The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit—a wife who married young, only to be rejected," says your God.**

C: **"For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the LORD your Redeemer.** (Isaiah 54:5-8)

P: For God so loved the world

C: **That he gave his one and only Son**

P: That whoever believes in him

C: **Shall not perish but have eternal life.**

SONG

“CARRY THE CROSS”

Chris Driesbach

The Lord told his friends he would suffer and die
To save them from the father of lies.
But after three days he would be raised
Take them to heaven, be with them always.
They didn't understand the things he said now
But they wanted to follow, so he told 'em how-
“Turn your back on this world, take up your cross,
Come, follow me, whatever the cost.”

Chorus:

**Carry the cross, be not ashamed
Children of Christ! Shout out his name!
Lift it up high, to the sky, carry the cross.
Lift it up high, to the sky, carry the cross.**

His cross redeems and ours is the way
We drown the desires of our flesh every day.
Our cross is the mark that says we're his own.
The path of our cross is leading us home.

Speaking the truth isn't easy to do.
He brought a sword- but he gives peace to you.
Why gain the world and forfeit your soul?
Carry the cross though it may be a lonely road.

Chorus

He'll lift you up though your spirit is broken,
Help you believe, help you keep hopin'.
This life is short, and soon comes the day
Heavenly wings will fly you away.

Chorus

CREEDAL SONG

“BECAUSE MY FATHER LOVES ME”

Chris Driesbach

My Father made the universe because my Father loves me.
He created all the stars and moon because my Father loves me.
There's a room for me in heaven I'm surely in his heart
And some day he'll take me home because my Father loves me.

Chorus:

**God three in one, Father, Spirit, Son
All one God and He loves me, he loves me.**

My Jesus died to save me because my Jesus loves me.
He kept the law perfectly because my Jesus loves me.
He fought to the death with Satan
And won the victory
Then he rose from the dead because my Jesus loves me.

Chorus

The Spirit wrote the Bible because the Spirit loves me.
He told Moses what to say because the Spirit loves me.
He told Paul what to write
And every word is true.
He helps me to believe it because the Spirit loves me.

Chorus

THE OFFERING

We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

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INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**8:00 AM SERVICE ONLY**

P: Dear friends in Christ, in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his body, the Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. You have been selected for positions of service to our Lord on behalf of this congregation. The Lord has entrusted you with an office which you are to carry out as his servants and according to his Word.

St. Paul wrote concerning service in the Church: “We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”

The Lord seeks faithfulness from all who serve, as Scripture says, “It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” The Lord does not seek from us what he has not given to us. But when he does give a gift, his will is that we use it faithfully to his glory and for the benefit of his people.

You are also, as servants of Jesus Christ and workers in this congregation, to set for your own families and the whole Church the example of Christian lives. Make the Word of God your foundation and guide. Search it daily for comfort and instruction.

PROMISE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

P: So, that the congregation may be assured of your willingness to serve, I ask you in the presence of God and this congregation:

Will you diligently and faithfully carry out the office entrusted to you, according to the ability which God gives you? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

INSTALLATION

P: I now install you as officers and board members of St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May God grant you his Holy Spirit and give you wisdom and strength to carry out your duties to his glory and for the good of his people.

EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

P: Members of St. Paul’s, I urge you to regard these fellow believers as servants of Jesus Christ and God’s gifts to his Church. Pray for them, support them in their service, and help them so that through the gospel ministry of this congregation, more people will be reached for Christ and his kingdom.

PRAYER

P: Merciful and gracious God, give these men a spirit of devotion and prayer, that in every time of need they may present their request to you. Help them be examples of what is good, that by their lives they may build up your congregation and give the enemies of the Church no cause for complaint. Make them a blessing to your fellow believers, help them to work with their pastors and with one another, and grant that by their service the unity of this congregation be strengthened, your name be hallowed, your kingdom be enlarged, and your will be done, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

C: *(Spoken)* **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: Go, then, and give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

The almighty and merciful God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – bless you. Go in peace.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

"PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

Christian Worship #334

**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!**



CHRIS DRIESBACH SHORT BIOGRAPHY

I'm a member of Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Madison, Alabama and during the last ten-plus years I've been on many musical tours, playing for worship and concerts at over 750 WELS and ELS churches in 41 states from Anchorage, Alaska to Orlando, Florida. My songs are all original Christian music and I love to tell the story of the Spirit's powerful work in my stubborn and unbelieving heart.

My former church, Crown of Life of New Orleans was almost destroyed August 29, 2005, when flooding caused by hurricane Katrina put 4.5 feet of muddy seawater in our 3 church buildings. I was one of the first to get into our property after the water went down and I have to say I really thought we were finished as a congregation. I was so wrong! God's love poured over us through the overwhelming kindness of individuals, churches, and our church body. WELS Builders for Christ helped restore our church, fellowship hall and parsonage. Our church was rededicated October 29, 2006. 41 of our neighbors' and members' homes were rebuilt by WELS Kingdom Workers - Faith in Action group. In all, 1,300 volunteers have come to help us. Ample funds were generously donated to pay for it all. I wish I could tell you what it's like to have been among the recipients of all this care and love. It's completely amazing - awesome and impossible to comprehend!

I've been writing Christian songs for the many years, including a song about my personal experience with hurricane Katrina. I have recorded 7 Christian CDs: "Lifted" in 2006 and 2007, "Feed Your Faith" in 2008, "Let Christ Be Known" 2009, a collection of hymns also in 2009, "Jesus Is the Man!" finished in October 2010, "One Cross, Three Nails" July 2012, and my newest CD "Jesus Wins!" December 2016.

I played music professionally for 30 years on the west coast. I was an atheist until age 33, and after that sort of a new-age spiritualist. 9 years later I became a Lutheran and a Christian at the same time in 1995. Faith Lutheran Church and Pastor James Oldfield in Anchorage, Alaska were my first church and pastor. We went through a 22-week Bible study course together. Pastor Oldfield read to me out of the Bible when I asked him all of the hardest questions I could think of and after 6 weeks of his class I was given the gift of faith by the Spirit working through God's Word. My life completely changed, of course! On November 10, 2012, I was married to my wonderful wife Cindi. We live in Huntsville Alabama, known as "Rocket City" because of all the NASA-related activity here. My plans

are to continue a limited schedule playing music in our churches around the US about 24 weeks per year.

I lost all my musical equipment in the flood following Katrina, but generous WELS members gave money to replace it, and I've got some really wonderful new gear. I have a deep desire to go sing my songs and tell the happy story about Jesus and meet and worship with my brothers and sisters around the USA. This thing God is letting me do is a dream come true for me!

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*To help support Chris' ministry,
there will be a free-will offering following the services.
His CD's are also available for purchase.*

*Following the 9:30 am service,
Chris will also give a concert for anyone
who would like to stay.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM: Today in the 9:30 AM service Peyton Elise Worzala will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Peyton is the daughter of Rick & Tiffany Worzala. Serving as his godparents are Britney Schmitt, Tony Worzala & Crystal Eigner. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

SUMMER APPEAL UPDATE: We give thanks to the Lord that we have received \$25,445.00 in offerings to date for our Summer Appeal.

INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS: During the 8:00 am service, the following new officers and board members will be installed into their offices.

President – Dave Brightsman
Vice-President – Terry Konell
Secretary – David Wirtz

Board of Elders
Jacque Vallier

Board of Spiritual Growth
Jim Braun
Mark Riel
Larry Ellenberger
Steve Mess

Board of Lutheran Schools
Tim Orłowski
Chad Clough
Dan Mertz
John Milazzo

Board of Outreach
Marty Sievert

Building & Grounds
Jeff Graetz

May the Lord continue to bless these men and give them wisdom and strength from God's Word to carry out their tasks for building up the church of God.

“THE STORY” BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, August 26th. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: “New Beginnings”.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS: Confirmation photos are here! Please pick up your copy on the counter in the church/school office.

WLHS JR. VIKINGS FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP: This fall, the Wisconsin Lutheran High School football program will again be providing a 3-day camp in September for boys in grades 2-4 to familiarize themselves with the fundamentals of football in a Christian setting. Participants will spend time practicing football basics (stance, catching, throwing, etc.) before dividing into teams to play games. Cost is \$25 per person. For registration information, visit www.wlhs.org/flagfootball.

JR. VIKING FLAG FOOTBALL: Registration is now open for boys in grades 2-4 to participate in the Jr. Viking flag football program. More information and registration forms are available at wiscofootball.com. Registrations are due August 25th.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (August 13 & 14)

- 8:00 AM – Dave & Dawn Brightsman
- 9:30 AM – Roberto & Kendra Matus; Mara & Caleb
- 6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (August 20 & 21)

- 8:00 AM – Terry & Linda Ganyo
- 9:30 AM – Steve & Irva Baade
- 6:30 PM – Dave & Janet Long

USHERS FOR AUGUST

- 8:00 AM – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser
- 9:30 AM – Kyle Brightsman, Randy Raduenz, Luke Raduenz, Terry Ganyo
- 6:30 PM – Dave Long, Terry Plant, John Kiesow, Curt Stellwagen

ALTAR GUILD

- Aug 9-15 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel
- Aug 16-22 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh, Karen Hille

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

- Aug 13: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug
- Aug. 20: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

GRASS CUTTING:

- Aug 16-19 – TEAM #4 – Dave Qualmann
- Aug 23-26 – TEAM #1 – Gordy Lesser

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 13

- Worship Service featuring Chris Driesbach8:00 AM
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Monday, August 14

- Worship Service featuring Chris Driesbach 6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 15

- Church Council 6:30 PM
- Board of Spiritual Growth 7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 16

- School Cleaning 6:30 PM
- Men's Open Gym 7:30 PM

Sunday, August 20

- Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
- Worship Service with Communion9:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 74, 9:30 AM – 89, 6:30 PM – 68
Total Attendance – 231