

WORSHIP & MUSIC



Experiences and moments that build our faith, encourage our walk with God, deepen our appreciation for God's church:

- The hymn "I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry" touches my heart whenever it is sung in a service.
- When our music ministry did Handel's Messiah for Lessons & Carols a few years ago.
- Singing the Lord's Prayer is very emotional for me; I cry every time.
- On Eagles Wings being sung at St. Michaels in my childhood. Hearing my mother's voice singing.
- When I was baptized at age 6, I remember the light shining on me and the great feeling of belonging with God. That feeling has always sustained me.
- Singing the Lord's Prayer for Tom Bigot's funeral service. Hearing St. Olaf Choir sing Christiansen's "Day Full of Grace."
- Sunrise Service at Ham Lake Camp.
- Easter Service/Dance Party at upper Room Church
- Natalie Grant's song, "Held."
- Green Lake Bible Camp. St. Martin's in the Field, London. Taize worship service.
- Singing/participating in the Holy Week services. Have been foundational in connecting me to God and others.
- Favorite Hymn: Beautiful Savior.
- The first time I attended a Lutheran Christmas Eve service where they lit the candles and sang Silent Night with the lights turned off. Also, the Easter service here at LOC when trumpets performed during the service.
- Camp Wapo. Campfire at Wapo.
- The worships at the end of the day on the trip to Belize.
- Camp Wapo campfires.
- Summer Camp worship. Mission trips. Our children's baptisms.
- Pastor Bruce's sermons.
- Praise team's Joyful Noise
- Silver Dollar City in the Ozarks. Music faith festival, old church, cabins, with picture windows overlooking the Ozarks. Early morning run.
- Participating in the recitation of Psalm 23. Singing "I'm but a stranger here; heaven is my home."
- Outlaw Ranch Family Camp.
- Dallas TX LYF 1991
- The Service of the Nails on Good Friday.
- The song, "How Great Thou Art"
- Youth Group trip in high school, listening to a Christian band.
- Christmas Eve candlelight services always create a sense of awe and humility at the gift of the Christ Child.
- Church services in Arkansas and the invitation to commune
- Confirmation Camp singing songs together around the campfire at Taylor Falls
- A sunset at Camp Wapo that felt like I could talk to Him and see Him. My baby cousin's baptism.
- Baptismal services of two grandchildren. The 1st service focused on water using the same water pitcher gave daughter as wedding gift. Very personal message.
- Children of the Heavenly Father. Singing The Lord's Prayer
- The songs, "Amazing Grace," "Burning Cry," "Come to Jesus." Hearing these at weddings or funerals.
- Raise you up on Eagles Wings
- My children's baptisms

- The song, "When We All Get to Heaven."
- My Lighthouse.... hearing youth singing together.
- Every Christmas service with Pastor Bruch's emotional messages.
- The First Communion Services of my kids at Light of Christ
- Worshipping with brothers and sisters in South Africa
- Trout Lake Camp and worshipping with so many young people. Too many mid-90's worship songs bring me right back there and I love it!
- At our wedding, my childhood pastor announced us, the newly married couple, to those in attendance. At that moment, a large tree made a very loud cracking sound, sending a large limb to the ground. It will always remind me of the verse where stones cry out. A very special moment.
- My friend and I were walking at Lake Rebecca Park. I was talking about guilt I always felt about the sins I committed as a teenager. She asked, "Wasn't Jesus dying on the cross enough for you?" You have been forgiven by God's grace!" My favorite song is "This is the Day the Lord has Made."
- The annual Christmas Choir concert at Kingston Lutheran Church -- candles, country, songs.
- Hearing "Christ the Lord is Risen today!" on Easter Sunday after playing it for many years.
- On the mission trip to Atlanta while we were washing the feet of the kids and telling them how they are special to God and others, and to continue to share themselves and their talents.
- The song, "Oceans."
- When my daughter was born at Christmas service when we were singing
- Singing the Annunciation/Magnificat and all of Holden Evening Prayer during Lent. I get Amazing joy from this!
- The B-I-B-L-E song
- Salt Company worship at Iowa State
- Having music of all types – Praise Team, musicians, piano, guitar – all kinds to uplift your soul!
- The songs we sing in church brings me closer to Christ.
- A mission trip worship service in West Virginia
- I sat in the of the Mormon Tabernacle and listened as they practice hymns.
- Elvis Presley with his backup, spiritual choir
- Singing in the choir, especially on Easter morning. To proclaim, "Christ is Risen!"
- Synod Assembly Worship at Gustavus in the late 1990's. Amazing building, music and word.
- A mission trip with David and our high schoolers several months after a cancer diagnosis. God's love and grace were in full view with those kids!
- His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he is watching me.
- A great song is Beautiful Savior
- As a teenager in a group, "Singing Youth for Christ." What a Friend we have in Jesus.
- There is a cloud in a chapel during a thunderstorm on a mission trip or Broken Vessels, the song.
- All of Pastor Bruce's sermons!
- The song, "Blessed are They."
- Healing services. Singing with thousands—Handel's Messiah.
- Praise Team worship.
- When I imagine the millions of Christians around the world worshipping and singing and praying for the 24 hours of Sabbath.
- Christmas Services and Eater Services are ones that stand out to me.
- First Communion
- We felt very connected to the sermon and music at Light of Christ the first time we came. We felt Pastor Bruce was very genuine and we decided to become members.
- The song My Lighthouse has always been very moving and special to me.
- The song, Hello – Goodbye. Live concert. Faith like a Child. Michael W. Smith. Jars of Clay.
- 1998 National Youth Praise/Worship Convention in Washington DC
- Wednesday Dinners during Lent and sharing stories with other members.
- Caroling service during Christmas season

- Other misc. fellowship events throughout the year
- A worship on the shore of Lake Superior with my sister and friends.
- Singing “Oceans” after worship in Belize and after foot washing in Two Harbor’s MN
- Church. Prayers. Family.
- Our mission trip to Pennsylvania in 2013. What a memorable experience!
- Many sermons from Pastor Bruce. Our music gets better and better. Friendships and interactions.
- Decorating for Christmas, working with students and parents
- Anytime I participate in worship with the high school youth! Their joy and energy are amazing! The Holden Evening Service music during Lent.
- The sermon about Wynton Marsalis.
- The song, “Jesus Loves Me” is my moment. This song represents my faith.
- Going to Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp where I accepted the Lord as my personal savior with Pastor Struman from Oak Grove Lutheran Church, Richfield.
- My aunt’s funeral service, how comforting the music was and knowing she was not alone.
- One thing that has resounded with me is back when Pastor Lee was here in 2015 on Easter Sunday.