November 20, 2022 Last Sunday of the Church Year



Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

486 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying





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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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. Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4 (EHV)

The threatening oracle which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

2 How long, LORD, must I cry for help, but you do not listen?

I call out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save!

3 Why do you cause me to see injustice?

Why do you overlook misery?

Devastation and violence confront me.

There is strife, and tensions rise.

2:1I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the city wall. I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer he will give to my complaint.

2 Then the LORD answered me. He said:

Record the vision and write it plainly on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

3 Indeed, the vision is waiting for the appointed time. It longs for fulfillment and will not prove false. If it seems slow in coming, wait for it, because it will certainly come and will not be delayed.

4 Look, his soul is puffed up and is not righteous within him—but the righteous one will live by his faith.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Out of the depths I cry to / you, LORD;

Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- / tentive

to my cry for / mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, / serve you. *Refrain*

I wait for the LORD, my whole / being waits,

and in his word I / put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,

more than watchmen wait for the / morning.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.

He himself will redeem / Israel

from / all their sins.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

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is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain
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Second Reading

Revelation 22:6-13 (EHV)

The angel said to me, "These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

7 "And look: I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who holds on to the words of the prophecy of this book."

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I bowed down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. 9 But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and also with those who hold on to the words of this book. Worship God!"

10The angel also said to me:

Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

11Let the one who is unjust continue to be unjust.

Let the one who is filthy continue to be filthy.

Let the one who is just continue to do what is just.

Let the one who is holy continue to be holy.

12Look, I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to repay each one according to what he has done. 13I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Luke 12:35-40 (EHV)

"Be dressed, ready for service, and keep your lamps burning. 36Be like people waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. 37Blessed are those servants, whom the master will find watching when he comes. Amen I tell you: He will dress himself and have them recline at the table, and he will come and serve them. 38Even if he comes in the second or third watch, they will be blessed if he finds them alert. 39But know this: If the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 40You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you are not expecting him."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

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Sermon The Last Day: Be Prepared to Be Served Luke 12:35-40

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near. **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness. **Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again. **Amen.**

Be seated

Good News for Kids/ Offering

559 If Your Beloved Son, O God CW 559



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Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

Be seated

850 It Is Well with My Soul



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THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS November 20 - 27

Today	8:00 am 8:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	Worship Homeless Meal Delivery Sunday School Adult Bible Class Worship with Communion Kunama Worship Choir
Monday	5:15 pm 7:30 pm	Church Council Grand View Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Fellowship Group
Wed.	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Worship
Saturday	9:00 am	Christmas Decorating
Sunday	8:00 am 8:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	Worship with Communion Homeless Meal Delivery Sunday School Adult Bible Class Worship with Communion Kunama Worship Choir

In Our Prayers

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list: Ukraine Makenzie Phippen - health Randy Carter - hospice Morgan Winnekins - expecting in March

Baptisms

Buomkuoth Thon, son of Mary Latjor, was born on August 3, 2022. He will be baptized into the Christian faith this morning.

Henry Alan Schaeffer, son of Jon and Jenna Schaeffer, was born October 27, 2022. He was baptized into the Christian faith on November 5, 2022.

Antonio Amanuel Tekas, son of Genet Agar and Amanuel Tekas, was born on August 5, 2022. He was baptized into the Christian faith on November 12, 2022.

We rejoice that the Lord has made Buomkuoth, Henry and Antonio forgiven children of God and has written their names in the Book of Life.

Thanksgiving Worship

Thanksgiving Worship will be held Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 7:00 pm. No Catechism or Bible class that evening.

Christmas Decorating

Saturday, November 26 at 9 am. Help us decorate the church for Christmas. Work off the Thanksgiving turkey and stuffing. Fun for all ages.

Counting Schedule

Nov. 20: Leon & Cassandra Nov. 27: Ashley & Karl Dec. 4: Steve & Karl Dec. 11: Clyde & Greg

November Usher Schedule

8:00 am: James Norton Jr. and Peter Nolte 10:30 am: Kirk, Brett or Kyle Twelmeyer and Larry Borchert

November Altar Guild

Christine Pfeifer and Paula Twelmeyer

Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas, there are forms and envelopes on the table in the narthex. Fill out the form, put it in the envelope with payment and place in the offering plate. Cost is \$11 per plant. Flowers may be taken home after Christmas services.

Forward in Christ Update

The November issue of Forward in Christ is on the shelf in the narthex. The article on the back cover "The Gift of Rest" is applicable for this time of year. What promises, blessings, and answers to prayer are you missing because of the noise in your life?

There is also a limited supply of the October issue.

Prepare for Next Sunday

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the readings for this week on Monday through Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday through Saturday. The Word for next Sunday: *Isaiah 2:1-5, Philippians 4:4-7, Matthew 21:1-11*



Advent by Candlelight "Five Little Words" Sunday, December 4, 2022 5:30 pm Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 8051 EP True Parkway West Des Moines

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. You may bring a main dish or dessert, host a table, help lead the program, help clean up or give someone a ride. You may also simply attend. Please sign up by Sunday, November 27. If you're going out of town for

Thanksgiving, today is your last chance to sign up.



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