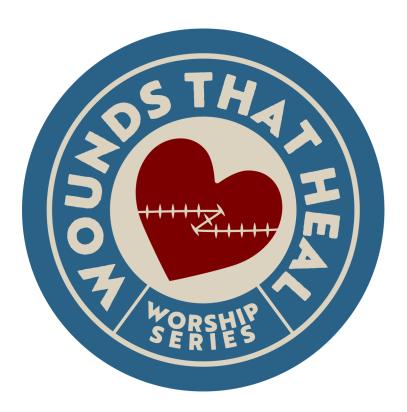
Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

August 31, 2025 12th Sunday after Pentecost



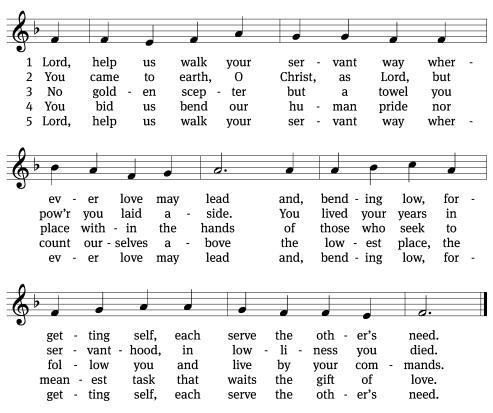
Prepare for Worship

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Amen.

Setting One

737 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



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Stand

Invocation

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

Absolution CW 154

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.



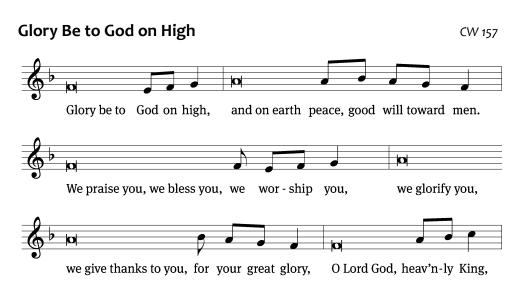
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



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



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The Word

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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

Proverbs 25:6,7a

Do not honor yourself in a king's presence. Do not stand in a place reserved for great people,

⁷because it is better to be told, "Come up here," than for you to be humiliated before a ruler whom your eyes have seen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

18C The LORD My God Will Turn





The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my de- / liverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take / refuge.

In my distress I called / to the LORD;
I cried to my / God for help.

From his temple he / heard my voice; my cry came before him, in- / to his ears. *Refrain*

He reached down from on high and took / hold of me; he drew me out of deep / waters.

He rescued me from my powerful / enemy, from my foes, who were too / strong for me.

They confronted me in the day of my dis- / aster, but the LORD was / my support.

He brought me out into a / spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted / in me. *Refrain*

You, LORD, keep my lamp / burning; my God turns my darkness / into light. With your help I can advance a- / gainst a troop; with my God I can / scale a wall.

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

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Regrain

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Second Reading

James 2:1-13

My brothers, have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ without showing favoritism. ²For example, suppose a man enters your worship assembly wearing gold rings and fine clothing, and a poor man also enters wearing filthy clothing. ³If you look with favor on the man wearing fine clothing and say, "Sit here in this good place," but you tell the poor man, "Stand over there" or "Sit down here at my feet," ⁴have you not made a distinction among yourselves and become judges with evil opinions? ⁵Listen, my dear brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom, which he promised to those who love him? ⁶But you dishonored the poor man. Don't the rich oppress you, and don't they drag you into court? ⁷Aren't they the ones who blaspheme the noble name that was pronounced over you? ⁸However, if you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, since you are convicted by this law as transgressors.

¹⁰In fact, whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles in one point has become guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not commit murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law of freedom. ¹³For there will be judgment without mercy on the one who has not shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

CW 161





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Gospel Luke 14:1,7–14

One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him. ⁹The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, 'Give this man your place.' Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place.

¹⁰"But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you, 'Friend, move up to a higher place.' Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you.

¹¹"Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." ¹²He also said to the one who had invited him, "When you make a dinner or a supper, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, so that perhaps they may also return the favor and pay you back.

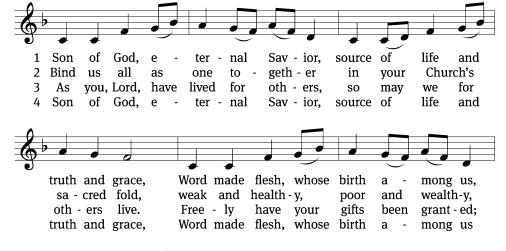
¹³"But when you make a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Certainly, you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated 9

729 Son of God, Eternal Savior





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Sermon Those Who Exalt Themselves Will Be Humbled Luke 14:1, 7-14

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. 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

The Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. The Lord's Supper makes a second statement. It says, "We are one in all that we do." We don't know if this type of bond exists with our guests, so we ask that if you are not a member of a WELS or ELS congregation you refrain from the Lord's Supper today and meet personally with our pastor if you desire to receive the sacrament in the future.

Stand

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The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.

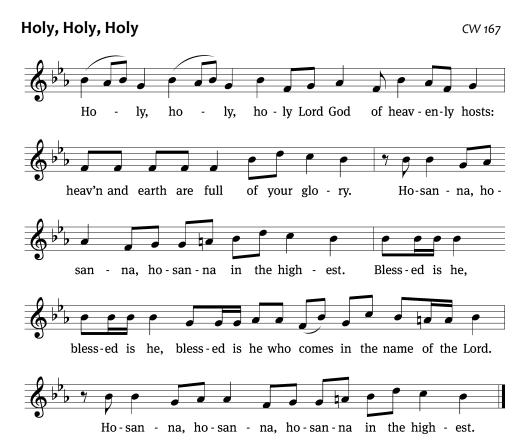


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.

Words of Institution

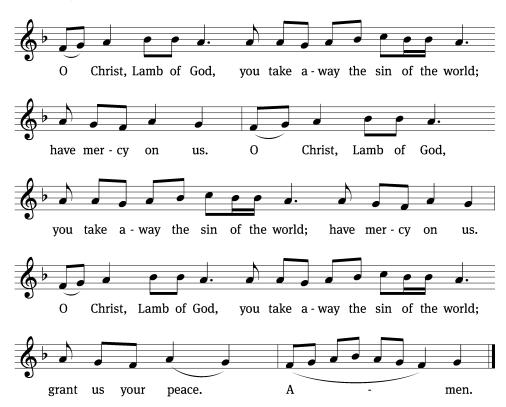
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

O Christ, Lamb of God

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Be seated

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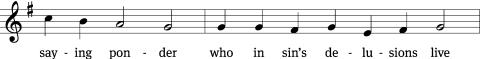
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, whose own feast of love I savor, bidden by his gracious call.
 - Wedding garments he provides me, with a robe of white he hides me, fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, comfort in my tribulation, balm to heal the troubled soul.

God, my shield from ev'ry terror, cleanses me from sin and error, makes my wounded spirit whole.

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say - ing pon - der grace re - veal - ing, Lord for - sak - en; tent con - fes - sion. who in sin's de - lu - sions live par - don, peace, and life pro - claim; wea - ry souls who lost their way Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



from God and heav - en wan der. and here their ills have per - fect heal - ing are by Christ, the Shep-herd, tak grant for all my sins re - mis - sion.

Here is hope for who with hum - ble in his arms that Let these words my



- Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scarlet my transgression, it shall be as white as snow by your blood and bitter passion, for these words I do believe: Jesus sinners does receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace, from the law I stand acquitted. Christ has purchased my release and my ev'ry sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners does receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners does receive, even I have been forgiven. And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to him I cleave: Jesus sinners does receive.

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A suggested prayer to use after receiving Holy Communion Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

Stand

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

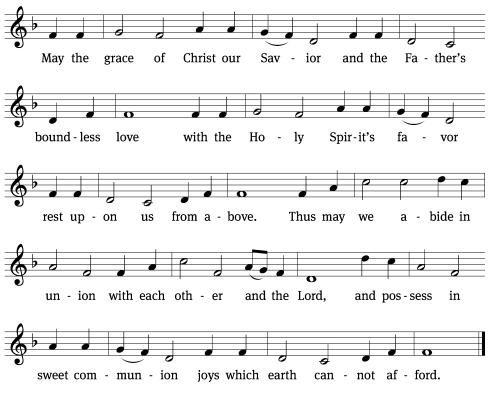
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.

928 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior



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Welcome to Lincoln Heights!

We are glad you are here today to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Restrooms with changing tables are past the library on the left.

Quiet room. We love for children to be in the service, but if you need to take your child out for a moment, you may use the classroom past the restrooms on the right. The service will be showing on the television in this room.

Assisted Listening devices are available in the entry. Pick up a receiver and headphones. You may use your own headphones also.

Please speak with an usher for any other help.

Yellow Cards

Please fill out a yellow card and place it in the offering plate when passed. You can also do so with your phone at this QR code. Thank you.



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

Ray & Gloria Overson, Sherry Just and Randy Michael- shut-ins

George Kokke, Diane Butrum, Gary Finch, Merle Carter, Linda Thielke, Larry Borchert, Jeff Overson, Makenzie Phippen - health

Addyson Pender & Zach Ostendorf, Caleb Winecke & Makayla Gallentine - engaged couples

Payton Weis - expecting in February

Choir Interest Meeting

The first choir practice will be Wednesday, September 3 at 5:30 pm. If you would like to sing in the choir, please try to come. We'll discuss the schedule and start working on some music for September. If you can't make it, please contact Donna Bakken at dybakken@hotmail.com and let her know your interest.

Sunday School Begins September 7th

Sundays at 9:15 am

Sunday School serves children who are 3 years old through 8th grade. The children learn to sing, play instruments, pray and to love the stories of our salvation found in the Scriptures. Christ is the focus of every Sunday.

Sunday Adult Bible Class Begins September 7th Sundays at 9:15 am

"The House of the Lord" is our topic this fall. Where does God dwell? Where does God meet with his people? We'll look at the houses of the Lord throughout history.

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS August 31 - September 7, 2025

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:00 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	10:30 am	Kunama Worship
Tuesday	10:00 am	Pastors' Study Club
Wed.	5:30 pm	Catechism & Bible History
	5:30 pm	Choir Interest Meeting
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
	6:45 pm	Bible Class
Thursday	10:00 am	Womens' Fellowship Group
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
Sunauj	9:00 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Kunama Worship
	12:00 pm	9th Open Street Festival
	12.00 pm	7th Open Succer resultar

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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: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Philemon 1, 7-21, Luke 14:25-35*

Thank You to Today's Helpers
Accompanist: Buff Kokke
Altar Guild: Denise Menzel
Counters: Greg Lewis

Counters: Greg Lewis Streaming: Lee Bowman Mowing: John Hoey

Ushers 8 am: B. Pippett & Moural

Ushers 10:30 am: Open

Next Sunday's Servants Accompanist: Donna Bakken Altar Guild: Tammy Rummel

Counters: Karl Kuhrt Streaming: Jon Schaeffer Mowing: Lee Bowman

Ushers 8 am: Schaeffer & Nolte

Ushers 10:30 am: Open

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Join us at Principal Park for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The Iowa Cubs take on the Omaha Storm Chasers on Sunday, September 21 at 1:08 pm. Tickets are \$9 for those over age 3. Kids will be running the bases after the game. Money will be collected the week of the game by Pastor Pfeifer. A sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

Women's Fellowship Group to Resume, Thursday, Sept. 4, 10 am

The Women's Fellowship Group is a place for all women of the congregation to connect with each other.

The discussion primarily focuses on the articles in the current issue of Forward in Christ magazine. Meditations is used occasionally, as well as a Bible Study focusing on the Fruits of the Spirit. Suggestions for good articles or materials are always welcome. Prayer requests are shared with the group, and all information shared is confidential. Child care is not provided.

All women are invited to attend whenever available. Come every week, or once to see if this group is for you.

Email Paula Twelmeyer at secretary@lhelc.org with any questions, suggestions or ideas for the group.

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