

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

August 17, 2025
10th Sunday after Pentecost

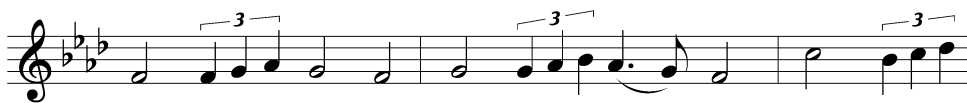


Prepare for Worship

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

Amen.

630 Thy Strong Word



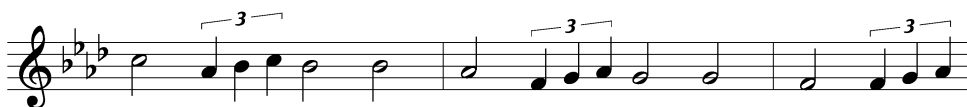
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
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- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats to shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

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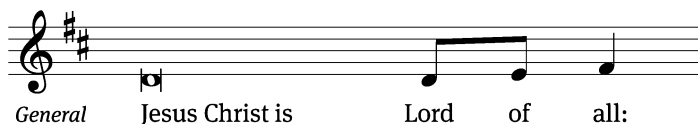
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Opening Sentences

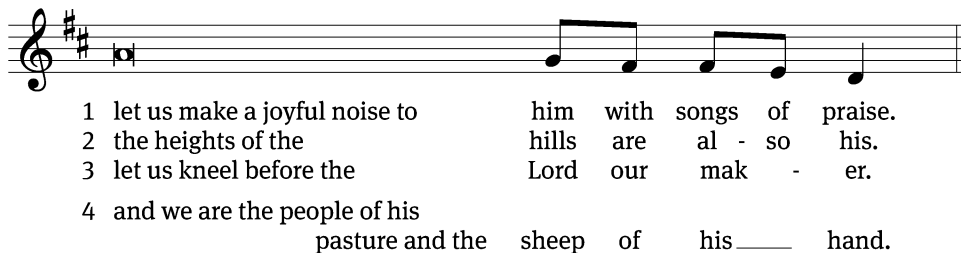
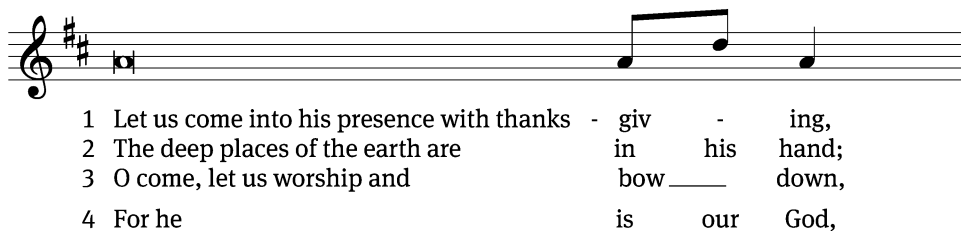
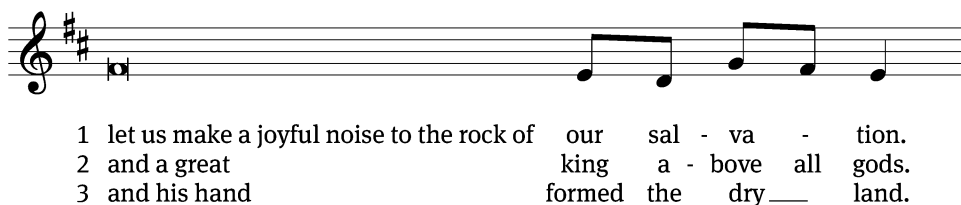
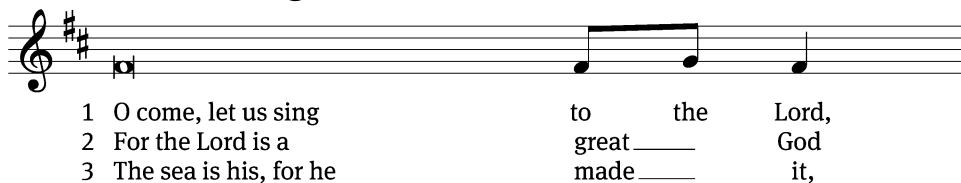
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General



O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord



First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23–29

Am I a God who is only nearby, declares the LORD,
and not a God far away?

²⁴Can anyone hide in secret places
so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD.

Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

²⁵I have heard what the prophets who prophesy lies in my name have said. They say, “I have had a dream! I have had a dream!” ²⁶How long will this be in the hearts of these lying prophets? These prophets proclaim the fantasies of their own hearts. ²⁷They think they can make my people forget my name with the dreams each one tells his neighbor, the way their fathers forgot my name because of Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream. But let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully.

What has chaff to do with grain? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like a fire? declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

4A Answer Me When I Call

Refrain



An-swer me when I call, my God; you a-lone keep my life se-cure.

Tone



Answer me when I / call to you,
my / righteous God.
Give me relief from / my distress;
have mercy on me and / hear my prayer. *Refrain*
Tremble and / do not sin;
when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be / silent.
Offer the sacrifices of the / righteous
and trust / in the LORD. *Refrain*

Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us pros- / perity?"

Let the light of your face / shine on us.

In peace I will lie / down and sleep,
for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in / safety.

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*

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Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1–13

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. ²Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. ³Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart. ⁴You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood in your fight against sin. ⁵Have you also forgotten the encouragement that addresses you as sons? My son, do not regard the Lord's discipline lightly, and do not become weary of his correction. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one whom he loves, and he corrects every son he accepts. ⁷Endure suffering as discipline. God is dealing with you as sons. Is there a son whose father does not discipline him? ⁸If you are not disciplined (and all of us have received it), then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹In addition, we have earthly fathers who disciplined us, and we respected them. Should we not submit even more to the Father of the spirits and live? ¹⁰They disciplined us for a little while, according to what seemed best to them, but God disciplines us for our good, so that we may have a share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant when it is happening, but painful, yet later it yields a peaceful harvest of righteousness for those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore strengthen your weak hands and feeble knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but rather healed.

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

Stand

Gospel

Luke 12:49–53

"I came to throw fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already ignited. ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is finished! ⁵¹Do you think that I came to bring peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²Yes, from now on there will be five divided in one household: three against two, and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided: father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

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

590 O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in and in our hearts
 2 Give to your Word im - pres - sive pow'r that in our hearts
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your dear Word,



your work be - gin, your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour as fire it may be glow - ing,
 in doubt and strife, in us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, a - round and in
 that in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty we faith - ful wit -
 that we be faith - ful un - to death and live in love



us bright - ly shine, to joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
 and ho - ly faith, from you true wis - dom learn - ing.



that we may be tru - ly liv - ing, to you giv - ing
 Hear us, cheer us by your teach - ing; let our preach - ing
 Your grace and peace on us show - er; by your pow - er



prayer un - ceas - ing and in love be still in - creas - ing.
 and our la - bor praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
 Christ con - fess - ing, let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

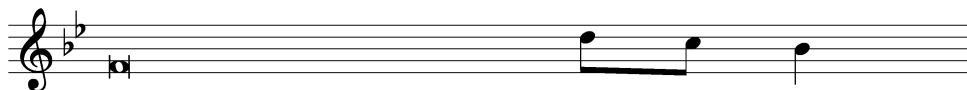
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Sermon

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We Praise You, O God

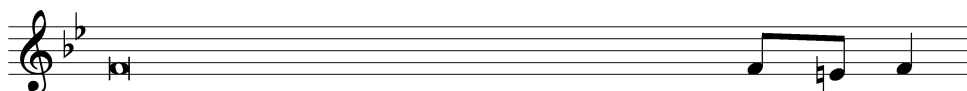
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- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.

5 When you became man to set us free,
6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 You overcame the sting of death
6 We believe that you will come

5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.

7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,


7 bought with the price of your own blood,

7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Be seated

Good News for Kids/Offering

876 Fight the Good Fight



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; his bound-less
4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chang-es



strength and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes and seek his face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Lean, and the trust - ing
not, and you are dear. On - ly be - lieve, and




it shall be your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
you will see that Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

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Lord, Have Mercy

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Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and an-swer me.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Church

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the president of our synod, for the president of our district, for all pastors and teachers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the gospel, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing on human labor and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart and show forth your glory in all we do, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

[For... *here name the person and the cause of the petition*, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.]

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all our lives to Christ our God.

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.

Benedicamus



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Blessing



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

811 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart;
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; take all my
my zeal in - spire! As thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide. Bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran-somed soul!

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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

Online Giving

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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: *Isaiah 66:18-24, Hebrews 12:18-24, Luke 13:22-30*

Thank You to Today's Helpers

Accompanist: Recorded

Altar Guild: Denise Menzel

Counters: Steve Winecke

Streaming: Lee Bowman

Mowing: John Hoey

Ushers 8 am: B. Pippett & Mournal

Ushers 10:30 am: Open

Next Sunday's Servants

Accompanist: Lori Schaal

Altar Guild: Denise Menzel

Counters: Burger & Canny

Streaming: Lee Bowman

Mowing: Open

Ushers 8 am: B. Pippett & Mournal

Ushers 10:30 am: Open

Catechism & Bible History Begins August 27 at 5:30 pm

Catechism is for 7th-8th grade students and focuses on the basic doctrines of the Bible using the outline of Luther's Small Catechism.

Bible History is for 5th –6th grade students and goes through 58 of the most important stories of the Bible. The goal is to have the students see the Bible as one story, the story of Christ, and to prepare them for Catechism class.

Wednesday Bible Class Begins August 27 at 6:45 pm

The Lutheran Confessions are the statements of faith made by the early Lutherans.

These confessions faithfully explain the teachings of the Bible. Join us to go through the final Lutheran confession, the Formula of Concord.

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, September 4, 2025

10:00 am

Church Library

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.

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS
August 17 - 24, 2025

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	10:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Kunama Worship
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Sunday School Staff Meeting
	10:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Kunama Worship

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