

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

## October 19, 2025

### 19th Sunday after Pentecost



#### Prepare for Worship

Heavenly Father, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We give thanks for your abundant blessings over the years, for the faithful proclamation of your Word, and for the countless lives touched by the Gospel through our synod's ministry. Lord, for many generations, you have preserved and guided your Church both through trials and blessings, raising up pastors, teachers, and lay leaders to serve your kingdom. As we remember this milestone, we ask for your continued guidance and strength to remain steadfast in the truth, proclaiming Christ crucified and risen for the salvation of all. Bless this synod with unity, wisdom, and a renewed commitment to spread the kingdom of God, that your name may be glorified now and forever. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## Setting One

### 557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

sts. 1–5



- 1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion
- 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly
- 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -
- 4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -
- 5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -



spring-ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my  
tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg-ment fought, no hope for  
da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for  
pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of my crown, and bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, pro-claim the won - ders God has done, how  
moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life  
me re - main - ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de - spair left  
my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought  
all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; slay



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!  
had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.  
my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.  
bit - ter death for them that they may live with you for - ev - er."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.

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Stand

## Invocation

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

## Confession

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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.**



6 The Son o - beyed his Fa - ther's will, was born of vir - gin  
 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and  
 8 "The foe will shed my pre-cious blood, me of my life be -  
 9 "Now to my Fa - ther I de - part, the Ho - ly Spir - it  
 10 "What I on earth have lived and taught be all your life and



moth - er, and, God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, he came to  
 cas - tle. Your ran - som I my - self will be; for you I  
 reav - ing; all this I suf - fer for your good; be stead - fast  
 send - ing and, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, my help to  
 teach - ing; so shall my king-dom's work be wrought and hon - ored



be my broth - er. No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a  
 strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, your friend di - vine, and  
 and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; my  
 you ex - tend - ing. He will a source of com - fort be, teach  
 in your preach-ing. Take care that no one's man-made laws should



ser-vant's form like mine he bore to lead the dev - il cap - tive.  
 ev - er - more you shall be mine; the foe shall not di - vide us.  
 in - no - cence shall bear your sin, and you are blest for - ev - er.  
 you to know and fol - low me, and in all truth will guide you.  
 e'er de - stroy the gos - pel's cause; this fi - nal word I leave you."

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## The Word

## Salutation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer to thank you for 175 years of blessings on WELS. Continue to speak the peace and forgiveness of Christ through us as he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

## Deuteronomy 6:1–9

Moses spoke as follows:

Now this is the body of commands, and these are the statutes and the ordinances that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, so you may carry them out in the land to which you are crossing over to receive as a possession, <sup>2</sup>so that you may fear the LORD your God by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I am commanding to you, as well as to your children and grandchildren, all the days of your life, and so that your days may be long.

<sup>3</sup>Listen, O Israel, and be conscientious about doing those things, so it may go well for you and so you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you. <sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God. The LORD is one!

<sup>5</sup>Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

<sup>6</sup>These words that I am commanding you today are to be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>Teach them diligently to your children, and speak about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Tie them as a sign on your wrists, and they will serve as symbols on your forehead. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 100B All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
2 Know that the LORD is God in - deed; with - out our  
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
4 For why? The LORD our God is good; his mer - cy



LORD with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with fear; his praise  
aid he did us make. We are his folk; he doth  
joy his courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless his name  
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times firm -



forth - tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice!  
us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
ly stood and shall from age to age en - dure.

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## Second Reading

## 2 Corinthians 5:18–21

And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. <sup>19</sup>That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## CW 161



## Luke 5:1–11

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## 716 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and fol - low you, for -  
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve the truth for a - ges sealed, whose  
3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they'd nev - er trod to  
4 O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, the mar-tyrs' strength and song, the



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways for ven - tures bold and new:  
words and works a - wak - ened faith, the ways of God re - vealed:  
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim the near - er reign of God:  
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King to whom the saints be - long:



grant us to hear your call to risk se - cur - i - ty and,  
in - struct us now, we pray, by your em - pow'r - ing Word. True  
send us on ways where faith tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, where  
though gen - er - a - tions pass, our trib - ute still we bring, our



bound in heart and will to you, find per - fect lib - er - ty.  
teach - er, be for all who seek their light, their life, their Lord.  
love in - forms and hope sus - tains both life and min - is - try.  
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, our lives an of - fer - ing.

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**Sermon**

**Christ THROUGH Us**

**2 Corinthians 5:18-21**

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**

Gracious God, the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, has redeemed us from sin, and the work of your Spirit in our hearts has brought us to faith. According to your promise, preserve us in faith through your Word and sacraments. Accept our humble thanks for these rich blessings, and help us to rejoice in them and use them faithfully. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you have brought us together in a church body in which your Word is proclaimed faithfully, the message of reconciliation through Christ is the central focus of ministry, and the mission is to reach the lost and strengthen the saved. For this gift of your grace, we give you thanks. Work in us by your Holy Spirit to rekindle our zeal for the work you have set before us. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, you have given us opportunities to proclaim your Word in our nation and throughout the world. Move the hearts of more young people to prepare for the teaching and preaching ministry. Help us view them as your precious gifts. Bless the work of our schools that prepare them for ministry and provide the opportunities for them to serve in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, you have brought us together as a church body that we may proclaim your praise. Inspire us by your grace to let our light shine so that more people may be led to glorify you. Forgive us when we fall short of living and working together as your people. Renew in us an godly determination to serve you and one another in love. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, you have preserved our synod and blessed its ministry for the past 175 years. We thank you for the faithful ministers of the gospel throughout our history who have taught your truth and proclaimed your Word. Bless us in the future as you have in the past so that our synod, its congregations, and each of us may boldly confess your name for the salvation of precious souls. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Hear us, help us, and hold your guiding hand over us that in all our service your saving name may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**Good News for Kids**

**Offering**

## 855 The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,  
 4 Tho' with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,  
 5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end.  
 by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

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Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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.**

## 640 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for -  
ev - er; to spread its light from age to age shall be our  
chief en - deav - or. Thro' life it guides our way, in death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its  
teach - ings pure through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

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# THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

## October 19 - 26, 2025

|           |          |                                               |
|-----------|----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 8:00 am  | Worship                                       |
|           | 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                                |
|           | 11:35 am | Handbell Practice                             |
| Tuesday   | 10:00 am | Pastors' Study Club                           |
| Wednesday | 5:30 pm  | Catechism & Bible History                     |
|           | 5:30 pm  | Choir                                         |
|           | 6:30 pm  | Evening Prayer                                |
|           | 6:45 pm  | Bible Class                                   |
| Thursday  | 10:00 am | Womens' Fellowship Group                      |
| Saturday  | 9:30 am  | LWMS Rally                                    |
| Sunday    | 8:00 am  | Worship with Communion                        |
|           | 9:00 am  | Homeless Meal Delivery                        |
|           | 9:15 am  | Sunday School                                 |
|           | 9:15 am  | Bible Class                                   |
|           | 10:30 am | Worship with Communion                        |
|           | 10:30 am | Kunama Worship                                |
|           | 11:35 am | Handbell Practice                             |
|           | 4:00 pm  | Joint Reformation Service at Beautiful Savior |

## **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

Paul White, George Kokke, Diane Butrum, Gary Finch, Linda Thielke, Larry Borchert,

Jeff Overson, Makenzie Phippen - health

Addyson Pender & Zach Ostendorf - engaged

Payton Weis - expecting in February

## **Online Giving**

Thank you for your generous and cheerful offerings to the Lord.

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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: *Joshua 4:1-9, Revelation 3:7-13, John 8:31-36*

## **Joint Reformation Service**

*Sunday, Oct. 26, 4 pm*

Professor David Scharf from Martin Luther College will preach for our joint celebration of the Lutheran Reformation. Join our brothers and sisters of the WELS and ELS churches of Central Iowa for a Reformation worship service at Beautiful Savior in West Des Moines, 8051 EP True Pkwy.

## **Thank You**

To all who helped with the Fall Festival yesterday, thank you.

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