

**February 16, 2025**  
**6th Sunday after Epiphany**



**Prepare for Worship**

Gracious God, you nourish my faith with the good news that you have forgiven my sins in Christ. Let the gospel be proclaimed by all who come to worship today: by ministers called to preach the gospel, by musicians who adorn the gospel with beauty, and by all who proclaim the gospel in song and prayer. Let the miracle of your forgiving love touch my heart and the hearts of all.

Amen.

# Setting One

## 576 Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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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**

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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.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**A - men.**

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## Glory Be to God on High


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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



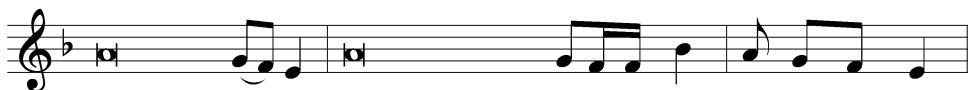
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;




O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



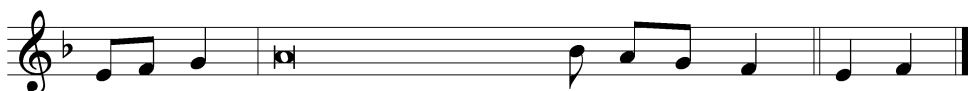
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## The Word

### Salutation

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

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of power and might, you know that we live in the midst of many great dangers, and in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Give us strength and protection to support us in all peril, and carry us through all temptations; 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

## Jeremiah 17:5–8

This is what the LORD says.

Cursed is anyone who trusts in mankind, who seeks his strength from human flesh, and who turns his heart away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>He will be like a juniper bush in the wasteland.

He will not see good things when they come.

He lives in a dry place in the wilderness, in a salty land where no one lives.

<sup>7</sup>But blessed is anyone who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.

<sup>8</sup>He will be like a tree planted by water.

It sends out its roots to the stream.

It does not fear the heat when it comes.

Its leaves will remain green.

It is not concerned about a time of drought.

It does not stop producing fruit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 1A Blessed Are They

## Refrain

Bless - ed are they, bless - ed are  
they who hope in the LORD.

## Tone

Blessed is the one who / does not walk  
in step with the / wicked  
or stand in the way that / sinners take  
or sit in the company of / mockers,  
but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law / day and night.  
That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,  
which yields its fruit in / season  
and whose leaf does not / wither—  
whatever they do / prospers. *Refrain*

Not so the / wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. *Refrain*

For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.

**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***

## Second Reading

## 2 Corinthians 12:7b–10

I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me, so that I would not become arrogant. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that he would take it away from me. <sup>9</sup>And he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will be glad to boast all the more in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may shelter me.

<sup>10</sup>That is why I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I am weak, then am I strong.

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

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

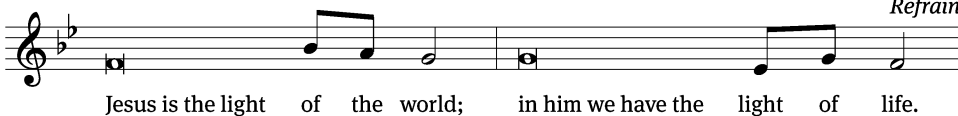
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*Refrain*



*Tone*



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## Gospel

## Luke 6:17–26

He went down with them and stood on a level place with a large crowd of his disciples, and a large number of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, as well as from the coastal area of Tyre and Sidon. These people came to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases.

<sup>18</sup>Those who were troubled by unclean spirits were also cured. <sup>19</sup>The whole crowd kept trying to touch him, because power was going out from him and healing them all.

<sup>20</sup>He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said:

Blessed are you who are poor,  
because yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>Blessed are you who hunger now,  
because you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,  
because you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>Blessed are you whenever people hate you,  
and whenever they exclude and insult you  
and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this: Your reward is great in heaven!  
The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>But woe to you who are rich,  
because you are receiving your comfort now.

<sup>25</sup>Woe to you who are well fed now,  
because you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
because you will be mourning and weeping.

<sup>26</sup>Woe to you when all people speak well of you,  
because that is how their fathers constantly treated the false prophets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## 816 I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus



- 1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, trust - ing on - ly you;
- 2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; at your feet I bow,
- 3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing in the crim - son flood;
- 4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; you a - lone shall lead,



trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, free and true.  
for your grace and ten - der mer - cy trust - ing now.  
trust - ing you to make me ho - ly by your blood.  
ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing all my need.

- 5 I am trusting you for power;  
you can never fail.  
Words which you yourself shall give me  
must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever  
and for all.

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**Sermon Blessings are Cursed; Curses are Blessed 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10**

*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**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

**You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

**Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**Good News for Kids/**

**Offering**

# 797 I Know My Faith Is Founded



1 I know my faith is found - ed on Je - sus Christ, my  
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, for Sa - tan seeks by  
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; and this my faith con - fess - ing, un -  
 night and day to rob me of this trea - sure and  
 grief, and pain should seek to o - ver - whelm me, let



moved I stand up - on his Word. Our rea - son can - not  
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with you be -  
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And then at my de -



fath - om the truth of God pro - found; who trusts in world - ly  
 side me I shall be un - dis - mayed; and led by your good  
 par - ture, at home with you I'll be, and there will I in -



wis - dom re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
 her - it all you have prom - ised me. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, it makes di - vine - ly sure, and,  
 me, O Sav - ior, a firm - er faith be - stow; then  
 death, Lord, keep me un - til your heav'n I gain, where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, my faith shall rest se - cure.  
 I shall bid de - fi - ance to ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
 I by your great mer - cy the end of faith at - tain.

*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.**

## 924 Abide, O Dearest Jesus



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word  
3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.  
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.  
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.  
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.

- 5 Abide with your protection  
among us, Lord, our strength,  
lest world and Satan fell us  
and overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
among us with your love;  
grant steadfastness and help us  
to reach our home above.

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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. Please speak with an usher for any help.

## **Yellow Cards**

Please fill out a yellow card and place it in the offering plate when passed. 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

Linda Thielke, Larry Borchert, Jeff Overson, Pat Oswald, Makenzie Phippen- health

Lucas Gilman & Karri Pippett, Daniel Pfeifer & Paige Harman, Isaiah Luellen & Andie

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

## **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:

*Genesis 45:3-15, Romans 12:14-21, Luke 6:27-38*



## **Thank You to Today's Helpers**

**Accompanist:** Buffy Kokke

**Altar Guild:** Cassandra Canny & Karen Holmen

**Counters:** Leon Burger & Cassandra Canny

**Streaming:** Lee Bowman

**Ushers 8 am:** Dennis Moural & Jon Holmen

**Ushers 10:30 am:** Greg Lewis

## **Next Sunday's Servants**

**Accompanist:** Jill Rasmussen

**Altar Guild:** Cassandra Canny & Karen Holmen

**Counters:** Greg Lewis & Jeff Overson

**Streaming:** Lee Bowman

**Ushers 8 am:** Dennis Moural & Jon Holmen

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## **Lost and Found**

There is a collection of lost items in the church office. If you have lost glasses, toys, hair accessories, jewelry, earbuds or any other small item, please stop by and see if anything belongs to you. The items are in a basket on the desk. Thank you.

## **Youth Group Night – Bowling!**

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Monday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:00 pm

We meet at Beautiful Savior Lutheran at 5:30 pm for snacks and Bible study and then go to Spare Time for bowling. Contact Pastor Pfeifer to sign up and to arrange a ride.  
515-771-5111

## **Can You Help?**

The Altar Guild committee is in need of two volunteers. Ladies work in pairs and are assigned two months of the year. Duties include setting up for Communion, changing the paraments and hanging banners. If you can help in this way, please contact Karen Pippett at [sewgirlie09@gmail.com](mailto:sewgirlie09@gmail.com) or 515-249-7161. Thank you.

## **February 2025 Forward in Christ**

The February issue of Forward in Christ is on the shelf outside the sanctuary. You may read it at [forwardinchrist.net](http://forwardinchrist.net) if you prefer.

Some articles of note are highlighted below.

Hear from a cancer survivor, who shares grace truths he learned through the years, truths he continues to lean on. Read *My Christian Life* by James A. Aderman on page 7.

We learn from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount that our anticipation of future blessings can help us enjoy them right now. See *The Power of Anticipation* by Aaron Boehm on page 10.

While staying home seems cozy, being part of a community offers opportunities to support and serve one another in Christian love. Read *Beware of Burrowing* by Linda R. Buxa on page 12.

Meet Logan Hirsh, a former atheist who finds a church home - and a church mom - while looking for peace after his mom dies. See *Confessions of Faith* on page 18.

Discover the good news shared in Isaiah chapter 61 and its fulfillment by Jesus illustrated in the gospels. See *Jesus Has Come: Isaiah's Prophecies of the Lord's Ministry* by Aaron H. Goetzinger on page 32.

### **Lent and Easter Worship Schedule**

March 5    Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion at 4:30 & 7 pm  
March 12-April 9    Wednesday Lenten Worship at 7 pm  
April 17    Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion at 5 & 7 pm  
April 18    Good Friday Worship at 5 & 7 pm  
April 20    Easter Worship at 8 & 10:30 am

**THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS**  
**February 16 - 23, 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
	11:30 am	Hand Bell Practice
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Sunday School Staff Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Catechism and Bible History
	5:30 pm	Choir
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
	6:45 pm	Bible Class
	6:45 pm	Children's Hand Bell Practice
Thursday	10:00 am	Women's Fellowship Group
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
	11:30 am	Hand Bell Practice

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

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