

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

August 24, 2025
11th Sunday after Pentecost



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

623 O Bless the Lord, My Soul



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with-in me join and
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, nor let his mer - cies lie for -
3 'Tis he for - gives your sins, 'tis he re - lieves your pain, 'tis
4 He fills the poor with good; he gives the suf - f'ers rest. The
5 His won-drous works and ways he made by Mo - ses known but



aid my tongue to bless his name whose fa - vors are di - vine.
got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness and with - out prais - es die.
he that heals your sick - ness - es and makes you young a - gain.
Lord has judg - ments for the proud and jus - tice for th'op - pressed.
sent the world his truth and grace by his be - lov - ed Son.

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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,



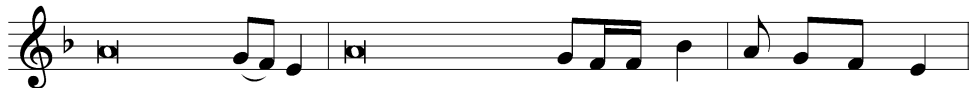
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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;



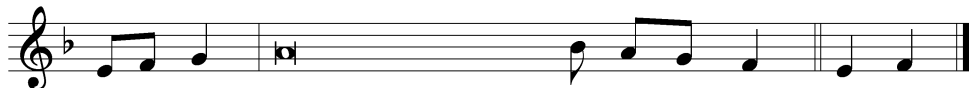
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Isaiah 66:18–24

As for me, because of their works and their thoughts, the time is coming for me to gather people from all nations and all languages. They will come, and they will see my glory.

¹⁹Then I will set up a sign among them, and I will send out survivors from among them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, to those who are archers, to Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands, who have not heard my message and have not seen my glory. Then they will declare my glory among the nations.

²⁰Then they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. They will bring them on horses and chariots and wagons and mules and dromedaries to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, in the same way that the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the LORD's house. ²¹Even from among these people I will take priests and Levites, says the LORD. ²²For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will remain standing before me, declares the LORD, in the same way your offspring and your name will stand. ²³As often as one new moon follows another and one Sabbath follows another, all flesh will come to worship before me, says the LORD. ²⁴They will go out, and they will see the corpses of the ones who were rebelling against me, for their worm will not die, and their fire will not be quenched, and all flesh will be horrified by them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

103B Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him



trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as ev - er,
 frame he knows. In his hand he gent - ly bears us,
 face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;



ev - er - more his prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia,
 slow to chide, and swift to bless, Al - le - lu - ia,
 res - cues us from all our foes; Al - le - lu - ia,
 all who dwell in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
 al - le - lu - ia! glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
 al - le - lu - ia! wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows!
 al - le - lu - ia! praise with us the God of grace!

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Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18–24

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, ¹⁹to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, ²⁰because they could not endure what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.” ²¹The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

²²Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly; ²³to the church of the firstborn whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people who have been made perfect; ²⁴to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

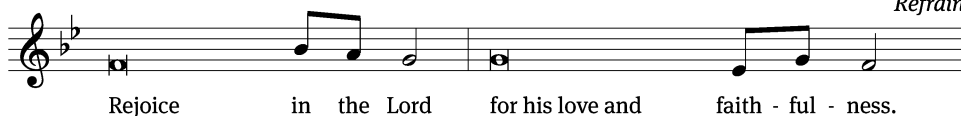
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Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Luke 13:22–30

He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone said to him, “Lord, are only a few going to be saved?”

He said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open for us!’ He will tell you in reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷And he will say, ‘I don’t know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.’ ²⁸There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. ²⁹People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

698 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may to find a way that leads to
 2 Seek whom you may to be your stay, none can re -
 3 Seek him a - lone who did a - tone, who did your
 4 My heart's de - light, my crown most bright, O Christ, you



your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled, on Christ I build,
 deem an - oth - er. All help - ers failed; this man pre - vailed,
 souls de - liv - er. O seek him first, all you who thirst
 are for - ev - er. Not wealth or pride or for - tune's tide



he is the one foun - da - tion. His Word is
 the God - man, Christ our broth - er. This Ser - vant -
 for grace that fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry
 our bond of love shall sev - er. You are my



sure, his works en - dure; he o - ver - throws all
 Lord our life re - stored; we're jus - ti - fied, for
 need seek him in - deed; to ev - 'ry heart he
 Lord; your pre - cious Word shall light my way each



e - vil foes; through him I more than con - quer.
 he has died, the guilt - less for the guilt - y.
 will im - part his bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
 daunt - ing day. O teach me, Lord, to trust you!

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Sermon The Door is Very Narrow Luke 13:22-30

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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

798 I Lay My Sins on Jesus



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, the spot-less Lamb of God;
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus, all full-ness dwells in him;
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, this wea - ry soul of mine;
 4 I long to be like Je - sus, meek, lov - ing, low - ly, mild;



he bears them all and frees us from the ac - curs - ed load.
 he heals all my dis - eas - es, my soul he does re - deem.
 his right hand me em - brac - es, I in his arms re - cline.
 I long to be like Je - sus, the Fa - ther's ho - ly child.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus to wash my crim - son stains
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my cares;
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;
 I long to be with Je - sus a - mid the heav'n - ly throng,



white in his blood most pre - cious till not a spot re - mains.
 he from them all re - leas - es, he all my sor - rows shares.
 like fra-grance on the breez - es his name a - broad is poured.
 to sing with saints his prais - es, to learn the an - gels' song.

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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.

930 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me;
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.
 Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren; I will keep you and give you peace.

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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

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: *Proverbs 25:6-7a, James 2:1-13, Luke 14:1, 7-14*

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.

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.

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.

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@lhlc.org with any questions, suggestions or ideas for the group.

DSM SW 9th Street Open, Sunday, September 7, Noon - 4 pm

Help us get to know our Southside neighbors and introduce them to Lincoln Heights Lutheran. SW 9th will be closed between Watrous and Park for this event.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. There are three shifts to choose from:

1. Set Up & Greet, 11:30 am - 1 pm

Take tent, tables and other items to 9th Street and set up before noon.

Talk to people, hand out gifts and information

2. Greet, 1 - 3 pm

Talk to people, hand out gifts and information

3. Greet & Clean-up, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Talk to people, hand out gifts and information.

Clean up at 4 pm and take items back to church

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.

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

August 24 - 31, 2025

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
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Evangelism Committee
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Catechism & Bible History
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
	6:45 pm	Bible Class
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:00 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	10:30 am	Kunama Worship

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