



November 17, 2024
25th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church.

The logo for Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church. It features a large, stylized cross on the left side. The word "Lincoln" is written in a large, serif font, with the cross partially overlapping the letter "L". Below "Lincoln" is the word "Heights" in a similar serif font. At the bottom, the words "LUTHERAN" and "CHURCH" are written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font, separated by the word "Heights".

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Heights
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

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

Setting Two

495 The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and light tri -
2 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic -
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and earth's dark



um - phant breaks, when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and
to - rious, rose and left the lone - some place of death de -
night is past; that morn - ing can - not rise too soon, that



life to joy a - wakes— not as of old a lit - tle
spite the rage of foes shall dawn that glo - rious, wel - come
day that e'er shall last. Then let the end - less bliss be -



child to bear and fight and die, but crowned with
morn for all who know his grace— the day when
gin, as heav'n with prais - es rings. Hail, Christ the



glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
Christ in splen - dor comes and we shall see his face.
Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings!

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Invocation

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

Confession

CW 172

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 172

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

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



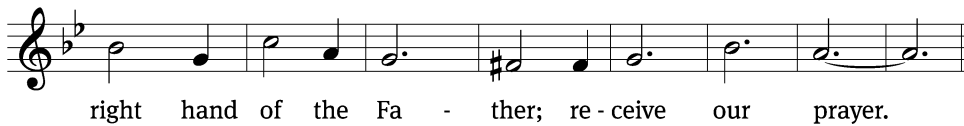
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



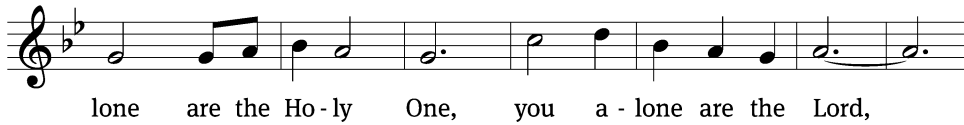
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; 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

Daniel 12:1–3

Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. ³Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

16B This Is the Day

Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made.



Let us re-joice and be glad in it.

Tone



LORD, you alone are my portion / and my cup;
you make my / lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant / places;
surely I have a delightful in- / heritance.

I keep my eyes always / on the LORD.

With him at my right hand, I will not be / shaken. *Refrain*

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue re- / jices;
my body also will / rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the realm / of the dead,
nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.

You make known to me the / path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at / your right hand.

**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

Hebrews 9:24–28

For Christ did not enter a handmade sanctuary, a representation of the true sanctuary. Instead, he entered into heaven itself, now to appear before God on our behalf. ²⁵And he did not enter to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Otherwise he would have needed to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once and for all, at the climax of the ages, in order to take away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And, just as it is appointed for people to die only once and after this comes the judgment, ²⁸so also Christ was offered only once to take away the sins of many, and he will appear a second time—without sin—to bring salvation to those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

CW 179



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Rejoice in the Lord for his love and faith - ful - ness.

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Gospel

John 5:25–29

“Amen, Amen, I tell you: A time is coming and is here now when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen will live. ²⁶For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹and will come out. Those who have done good will rise to live, but those who have practiced evil will rise to be condemned.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

485 Day of Wrath



1 Day of wrath, O day of mourn - ing! See ful - filled the
2 Death is struck and na - ture quak - ing; all cre - a - tion
3 See, the book, ex - act - ly word - ed, where - in all has
4 What shall I in awe be plead - ing, who for me be



proph-ets' warn - ing: heav'n and earth in ash - es burn - ing.
is a - wak - ing, to its judge an an - swer mak - ing.
been re - cord - ed; thus shall judg - ment be a - ward - ed.
in - ter - ced - ing when your mer - cy I am need - ing?

- 5 King of majesty tremendous, who such grace have freely sent us,
fount of pity, then befriend us.
- 6 Think, good Jesus, my salvation caused your wondrous incarnation,
made you suffer my damnation!
- 7 On the cross your dying spared me; just and righteous you declared me;
I await the joy prepared me.

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Sermon Live Free from the Fear of Judgment Hebrews 9:24-28

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

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ.
Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Be seated

Good News for Kids/Offering

486 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," the watch-men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
joy is spring - ing; she wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore you with harp and cym-bal's clear - est tone.



Mid-night hears the wel-come voic - es and at the thrill-ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, the strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, where, dwell-ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; her star is ris'n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, we gath - er round your ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad-ness take!
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus, God's own Son.
No vi - sion ev - er brought, no ear has ev - er caught



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care your-selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all the mar - riage hall
such great glo - ry; there - fore will we in vic - to - ry



to meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
to eat the Sup - per at your call.
sing hymns of praise e - ter - nal - ly.

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.

890 Jerusalem the Golden



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, all ju - bi - lant with song
3 There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,
4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!



the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
and bright with man - y an an - gel and all the mar - tyr throng.
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
The Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;
And they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest;



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare.
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.
for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white.
you are with God the Fa - ther and Spir - it ev - er blest.

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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

Pat Oswald, Makenzie Phippen, Steve Carter- health

Lucas Gilman & Karri Pippett, Daniel Pfeifer & Paige Harman, Isaiah Luellen & Andie Schlabach - engaged couples

Anthony Hoey

Online Giving

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



www.LHELC.org/giving

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 51:4-6, Jude 20-25, Mark 13:26-37*

Thank You to Today's Helpers

Accompanist: Kris Olson

Altar Guild: Christine Pfeifer & Paula Twelmeyer

Counters: Greg Lewis & Jeff Overson

Streaming: Megan Bowman

Ushers 8 am: Lee Bowman & Jon Schaeffer

Ushers 10:30: 2 open spots

Next Sunday's Servants

Accompanist: Donna Bakken

Altar Guild: Christine Pfeifer & Paula Twelmeyer

Counters: Karl Kuhrt & Steve Winecke

Streaming: Megan Bowman

Ushers 8 am: Lee Bowman & Jon Schaeffer

Ushers 10:30: 2 open spots

Open Forum

The next Open Forum will be on Sunday, November 24 at 9:15 am. Please be sure to attend and find out what is happening at Lincoln Heights.

Christmas Greetings to Students and Military

Plans are being made to send Christmas cards to Lincoln Heights members who are away from home this Christmas Season, either at school or serving in the military. Christmas cards and stamps will be provided in the narthex on upcoming Sunday mornings.

If you have a family member who is away at school or in the military, please send their current address to secretary@lhelc.org or pastor@lhelc.org. Thank you!

WELS Connection

Learn more about a new music center being built on the campus of Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, WI, that will serve young people through the years as they prepare to serve and praise God through music. Find out more about LPS at lps.wels.net

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

November 17 - 24, 2024

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
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	Open Forum
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