October 13, 2024 21st Sunday after Pentecost



Prepare for Worship

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

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

Amen.

878 Christ Alone the World's Redeemer



- 1 Christ a lone the world's Re deem er, Christ, God's own be -
- 2 Word a lone, in spired and ho ly, Word re veal ing
- 3 Grace a lone, and not our work ing, brings sal va tion
- 4 Faith a lone from God the Spir it can God's gra cious
- 5 Un to God be praise and glo ry, to the Fa ther,



got - ten Son, Christ, the sac - ri fice for sin - ners, Christ our Lord, liv ing, ac - tive voice of Je - sus, un - to all. Grace a lone! Your gifts you give us ef - fort. gift re ceive: not by hu - man works or and the Son. and to God the Ho - lv Spir - it:



bv his death sal - va - tion won. Christ a - lone our me - di sharp - er than a two-edged sword. Word to teach and Un - i - mag-ined love- exwe hear your gen - tle call. as call - ing be - lieve. Faith is liv - ing, bus - v, God to One. Hymned by saints of earth and glo - ry to the Three in



a - tor, Christ a - lone our great High Priest, his right-eousin com-fort and to heal— God's own Word en mon - ish. Word to all our sin for right - eous - ness, chang-ing grace on grace thro' seek-ing ways to the least, the ac - tive, ev - er care, in heav - en by an - gels at his throne, all cre - a - tion and



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Invocation

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

Confession CW 154

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.**

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



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



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



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The Word

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us forsake all trust in earthly gain and find in you our heavenly treasure; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-27

¹⁴So he went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. Then his flesh was restored like the flesh of a small child, and he was clean. ¹⁵Then he and his whole escort went back to the man of God. He stood in front of Elisha and said, "To be sure, now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now accept a gift from your servant." ¹⁶But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives, in whose presence I stand, I will not take anything." Even though Na'aman urged him to accept something, he refused.

¹⁷Then Na'aman said, "If you do not want anything, please give me, your servant, as much dirt as two donkeys can carry, for your servant will never again burn incense or sacrifice to other gods, but only to the LORD. ¹⁸But may the LORD forgive your servant this one thing: When my master goes into the house of Rimmon to bow down there and he supports himself on my arm, then I too have to bow down in the house of Rimmon. When I bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant this one thing."

¹⁹Then Elisha said to him, "Go in peace."

When Na'aman had gone some distance from him, ²⁰Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "My master was too easy on this Aramean, Na'aman, when he did not accept anything that he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him." ²¹So Gehazi chased after Na'aman. When Na'aman saw him running after him, he got down from his chariot to meet him. He said, "Is everything all right?"

²²Then Gehazi said, "Yes, everything is all right. My master sent me to say, 'Look, just now two young men from the hill country of Ephraim, from the sons of the prophets, have come to me. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing."

²³Na'aman said, "Certainly! Take two talents!" He urged Gehazi and tied up the two talents of silver in two bags with the two sets of clothing. Then Na'aman gave them to his two servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴When he came to the hill, he took the gifts from them. Then he hid them in the house and sent the men back, so they left. ²⁵Then he went in and attended his master.

Elisha said to him, "Where were you, Gehazi?"

Gehazi said, "Your servant didn't go anywhere."

²⁶Then Elisha said to him, "Didn't my heart go along when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take silver, or to accept clothes or olive groves or vineyards or sheep or cattle or male and female servants? ²⁷Na'aman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever." Then Gehazi went out from his presence, leprous like snow.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

90A Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord







Lord, you have been our / dwelling place throughout all gener- / ations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the / whole world, from everlasting to everlasting / you are God.

You turn people / back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you / mortals."

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has / just gone by, or like a watch / in the night. *Refrain*

Teach us to number / our days,

that we may gain a heart of / wisdom.

May the favor of the Lord our God / rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work / of our hands.

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 4:12-13

¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. ¹³And there is no creature hidden from him, but everything is uncovered and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we will give an account.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand



CW 161





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Gospel Mark 10:17–27

¹⁷As Jesus was setting out on a journey, one man ran up to him and knelt in front of him. He asked, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. ¹⁹You know the commandments. 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰The man replied, "Teacher, I have kept all these since I was a child."

²¹Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²²When he heard this, he looked sad and went away grieving, because he had great wealth. ²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus told them again, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in their riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶They were even more astonished and said to one another, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For people, it is impossible, but not for God, because all things are possible for God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

560 Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ



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Sermon Followers of Christ Maintain Proper Priorities Mark 10:17-27

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is. seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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

The Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. The Lord's Supper makes a second statement. It says, "We are one in all that we do." We don't know if this type of bond exists with our guests, so we ask that if you are not a member of a WELS or ELS congregation you refrain from the Lord's Supper today and meet personally with our pastor if you desire to receive the sacrament in the future.

Stand

Preface 165

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.

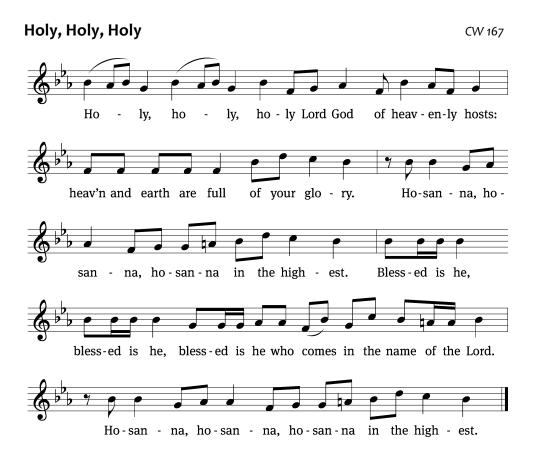


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.

Words of Institution

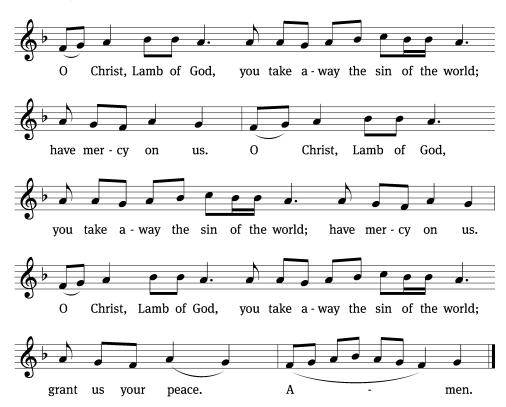
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



Be seated

Distribution

717 What Is the World to Me



- What the world is me The world seeks af - ter wealth
- The world is like cloud 3 a
- What is

with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure and all that mon-ev

of fers. va - por fleet - ing, a

and like the world to me! Je - sus My is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure! yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers. shad-ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing. life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



dear - est Lord, You on - ly, I have a high - er good, Je - sus shall re - main, My joy, my crown, my all, my

soul's de - light shall my con - tent with I'11 be: it all things fade though and flee. bliss my e - ter - nal - ly.

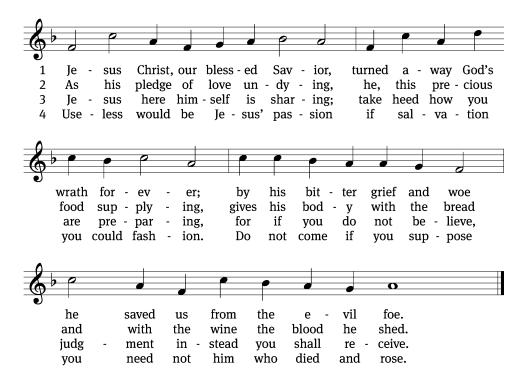


are my peace, my rest. you my Je - sus is my wealth. my ev - er - last - ing rock. Once more then Ι de - clare:

the world to What is me! What is the world to me! What is the world to me! What is the world to me!

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659 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



- 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor, and receive my grace and favor; those who feel no pain or ill need no physician's help or skill."
- Then hold fast with faith unshaken that this food is to be taken by the souls who are distressed, by hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven unto us such food has given and, to mend what we have done, gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth professes and your mouth your sin confesses, surely you will be his guest and at his banquet ever blest.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; John Hus, c. 1369–1415 Tune: Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1533, ed. Joseph Klug, alt. Text and tune: Public domain Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

Stand

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

405 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless-ed Je - sus, King of grace,



that life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures have no pow'r to hide your face.





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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

Nichelle Hoey - expecting

Lucas Gilman & Karri Pippett, Daniel Pfeifer & Paige Harmon, Isaiah Luellen & Andie Schlabach - 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:

Isaiah 53:10-12, 1 Corinthians 9:7-12, 19-23, Mark 10:32-45

Thank You to Today's Helpers

Accompanist: Donna Bakken

Altar Guild: Candice Pippett & Andrea Travi **Counters:** Leon Burger & Cassandra Canny

Mowing 10/13-10/20: Jay Pender

Streaming: Brad Pippett

Ushers 8 am: Brad Pippett & Kale Weis

Ushers 10:30: 2 open spots

Next Sunday's Servants Accompanist: Buffy Kokke

Altar Guild: Candice Pippett & Andrea Travi

Counters: Greg Lewis & Jeff Overson

Streaming: Brad Pippett

Ushers 8 am: Brad Pippett & Kale Weis

Ushers 10:30: 2 open spots

Can You Hear Me Now?

We send a weekly email update to all in the congregation who have given us an email address. It comes from "Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church"

email@email.church360.org. If you do not receive these emails please try the following:

- 1) Check your spam and promotion folders. Move the messages into your main inbox so the algorithm learns that you want to see emails from the church.
- 2) Send pastor@LHELC.org an email with your address to make sure we have your current email address.

I attempt to keep the emails short and only one each week. If there is information you would like to see in the email, bulletin or newsletter, please let me know. - Pastor Pfeifer

Youth Group - Save the Date

Tuesday, November 12, 6-8 pm. All in 7th-12th grades are invited to join us for a Youth Night. Beautiful Savior is hosting this time. After food and God's Word, we will play some laser tag at Spare Time. Contact Pastor Pfeifer to sign up.

Joint Reformation Service and Dinner at Lincoln Heights

Worship with believers from our congregations in West Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and North Liberty, Oskaloosa, Indianola, and Ames to celebrate the Reformation. Pastor Orie Thomford, a home missionary in Burlington, IA, will be the guest preacher. The service is at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 3, with a meal to follow at 5:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to bring soups, bread or crackers, cheese, salad, desserts, milk or other items of your choice. The sign-up sheet is hanging up in the narthex. Linda Thielke's group will be serving for this event.

Forward in Christ - October 24

The newest issue of Forward in Christ is available on the shelf outside of the sanctuary. You may also read it anytime at forwardinchrist.net.

Some articles of note are listed below.

Spend alone time this month with WELS President Mark Schroeder's column, which highlights the great "alones" of the Lutheran Reformation. Page 6.

Read how a missionary kid found her home in the body of Christ and now serves as a missionary herself in Latin America. Page. 7.

During Pastor Appreciation Month, see how a pastor and his wife point the people they come in contact with to the Good Shepherd. Page 20.

Join Forward in Christ's live online Bible study this month based on Charles Degner's series "When Politics Drives You Crazy". Page 32. The study will be Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 7:30 pm. Register now at forwardinchrist.net/online-study.

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS October 13 - 20, 2024

	October 15 - 20, 2024	
Sunday	8:00 a	m 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	Hand Bell Practice
Monday	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
	6:30 pm	GLNA Meeting
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Happy Anniversary

Beautiful Savior, West Des Moines, is celebrating 30 years as a congregation today. May the Lord bless our fellow believers as they proclaim the gospel to all in their area.

Giving Reports

Third quarter giving reports are in the mailboxes. Direct any questions or concerns to Paula Twelmeyer at secretary@lhelc.org. Thank you.

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



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