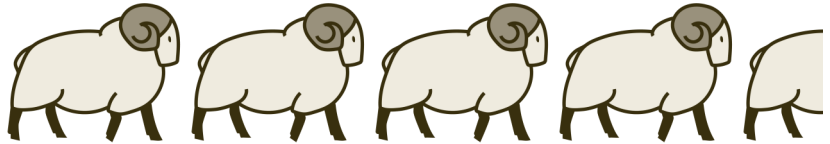


**September 22, 2024**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**THE NEED FOR**



**FOLLOWERSHIP**

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

## Setting Six

### 737 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



1 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -  
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but  
3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel you  
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride nor  
5 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -



ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -  
pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in  
place with - in the hands of those who seek to  
count our - selves a - bove the low - est place, the  
ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.  
ser - vant - hood, in low - li - ness you died.  
fol - low you and live by your com - mands.  
mean - est task that waits the gift of love.  
get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.

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*Stand*

## Invocation

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

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

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**

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 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.**

## 1001 Gloria (Amer) - MISSIONARY HYMN

CW 1001

*Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN*



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,  
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!  
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might-y God and Fa - ther, our hum-ble thanks we bring;  
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor-ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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# The Word

## Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please 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

## Numbers 12:1–15

Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman). <sup>2</sup>They said, “Has the LORD really spoken only through Moses? Hasn't he also spoken through us?” The LORD heard this.

<sup>3</sup>(Now the man Moses was very humble, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

<sup>4</sup>Right then the LORD spoke suddenly to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, “You three come out to the Tent of Meeting!”

The three of them came out. <sup>5</sup>The LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance to the tent. He called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward. <sup>6</sup>He said, “Now listen to my words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, will make myself known to him in a vision. In a dream I will speak with him. <sup>7</sup>Not so, however, with my servant Moses. He is faithful in my whole household. <sup>8</sup>With him I speak face-to-face, clearly, and not in riddles. He sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses?” <sup>9</sup>The LORD's anger burned against them, and he left.

<sup>10</sup>The cloud went up from above the tent, and immediately Miriam was leprous, as white as snow. Aaron turned to Miriam and saw that she was leprous.

<sup>11</sup>Aaron said to Moses, “My lord, please do not hold this sin against us. We have acted foolishly. We have sinned. <sup>12</sup>Please do not let her be like a stillborn infant that comes out of its mother's womb with its flesh half-eaten away.”

<sup>13</sup>Moses cried out to the LORD, “God, please heal her, please!”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “If her father had merely spit in her face, would she not be disgraced for seven days? Have her confined outside of the camp for seven days, and after that she can be brought back in.”

<sup>15</sup>Miriam was confined outside of the camp for seven days, and the people did not set out until Miriam was brought back in.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### 33A LORD, Let Your Mercy Be on Us

*Refrain*

Musical notation for the refrain, consisting of two staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef. The lyrics are: LORD, let your mer - cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

*Tone*

Musical notation for the tone, consisting of two staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The tone is a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you / righteous;  
it is fitting for the upright to / praise him.  
For the word of the LORD is / right and true;  
he is faithful in / all he does.  
By the word of the LORD the / heav'ns were made,  
their starry host by the breath / of his mouth.  
For he spoke, and it / came to be;  
he commanded, and / it stood firm. *Refrain*

The LORD foils the plans of the / nations;  
he thwarts the purposes of the / peoples.  
But the plans of the LORD stand firm for- / ever,  
the purposes of his heart through all gener- / ations.  
We wait in hope / for the LORD;  
he is our help / and our shield.  
In him our / hearts rejoice,  
for we trust in his / holy name.  
**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

## James 3:13–18

Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good way of living show that he does things in wise humility. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie, contrary to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but it is worldly, unspiritual, and demonic. <sup>16</sup>In fact, where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and every bad practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that comes from above is first pure, then also peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who practice peace.

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

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mark 9:35*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

## Mark 9:30–37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know this, <sup>31</sup>because he was teaching his disciples. He told them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him. But three days after he is killed, he will rise.”<sup>32</sup> But they did not understand the statement and were afraid to ask him about it.

<sup>33</sup>They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they remained silent, because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he will be the last of all and the servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and placed him in their midst. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me, welcomes not just me but also him who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*



## 767 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your



life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the  
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your  
 hum - blest char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious  
 life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
 good - ness melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 sen - tence, "You have done it all for me."  
 lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



and with that have free - ly giv - en bless - ings  
 till our cold and self - ish na - tures, warmed by  
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, that you  
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, hope, to



count - less as the sand to th' un - thank - ful  
 you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
 need what we can do, say - ing by your  
 stay our souls on you; but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"  
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

## **Sermon Followers of Christ Are Humble Servants Mark 9:30-37**

*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 God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

**Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer*

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

**Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.**

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

Be seated

## Good News for Kids/Offering

### 709 Christ the Vine



1 I long to serve my Sav - ior, to seek what's good and right,  
2 There came, with grace un - spar - ing, a vine from heav'n a - bove,  
3 And so I'll serve my Sav - ior with pow'r that he pro - vides,



to trust and nev - er wa - ver, to walk in truth and light.  
its branch - es meant for bear - ing the fruits of self - less love.  
for he, my blest Re - deem - er, with - in my soul a - bides.



But con - duct pure and ho - ly re - quires a pow'r not mine;  
This vine is Christ who of - fered his life up - on a tree;  
The fruit of self - less giv - ing will grow by God's de - sign



a branch is fruit - ful on - ly when an - chored in a vine.  
for all my sin he suf - fered and made a branch of me.  
as I, the branch, keep liv - ing by faith in Christ the vine.

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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.**

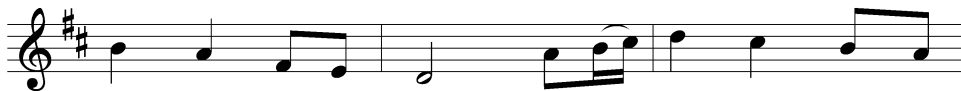
## 748 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our  
2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his  
3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice for the sake of Christ, your



best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a  
Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high  
Son; lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly in the



liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our  
mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,  
right - eous - ness he won. Bless and save us, help and



striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,  
free - ly, yield our bod - ies and our souls, thank - ful  
guide us, watch to com - fort and re - store, till in



then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.  
that his love pro - tects us, that his wis - dom all con - trols.  
heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

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## THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

September 22 - 29, 2024

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	WELS School Consultant Report
	9:00 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Kunama Worship
	11:35 am	Handbell Practice
Monday		Southern Pastors' Conference, O'Fallon, MO
Tuesday		Southern Pastors' Conference, O'Fallon, MO
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Catechism and Bible History
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
	6:45 pm	Bible Class
	6:45 pm	Children's Handbell Practice
Thursday	10:00 am	Women's Fellowship Group
Saturday	4:00 pm	Young Adult Bonfire at Lewis residence
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
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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 and Nura Jenka - expecting

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

## **Young Adult Bonfire & Bible Study**

Young adults in college or that age are invited for a Bonfire and Bible Study Saturday, September 28. Friends are welcome. It will be at Greg and Kathy Lewis' at 34129 L Ave, Adel. The fun starts at 4:00 pm. Food will be provided. We can also arrange rides for anyone. Contact Pastor Pfeifer with questions.

## **Online Giving**

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

**Accompanist:** Jill Rasmussen

**Altar Guild:** Abbey Norton & Tammy Rummel

**Counters:** Greg Lewis & Jeff Overson

**Mowing 9/22-9/28:** Kathy Lewis

**Streaming:** Benjamin Weber

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

**Ushers 10:30:** TBA

## **Next Sunday's Servants**

**Accompanist:** Donna Bakken

**Altar Guild:** Abbey Norton & Tammy Rummel

**Counters:** Karl Kuhrt & Steve Winecke

**Mowing 9/29-10/5:** Brad Pippett

**Streaming:** Benjamin Weber

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

**Ushers 10:30:** TBA

## **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: *2 Kings 6:8-17, Revelation 12:7-12, Luke 10:17-20*

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