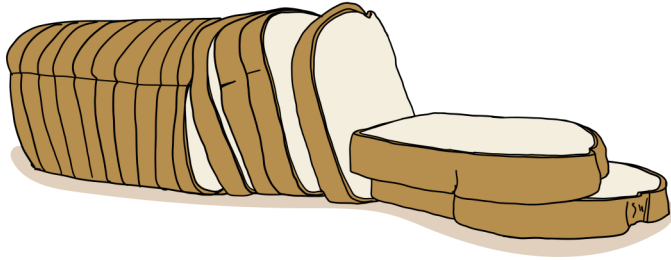


**August 25, 2024**  
**14th Sunday after Pentecost**



**I AM THE**  
**BREAD**  
**OF LIFE**

**Prepare for Worship**

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

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Amen.

# Setting One P. 154

## 606 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re-deemed us by his blood."  
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?

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Stand

## 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.

**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 Be to God on High

CW 157



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,



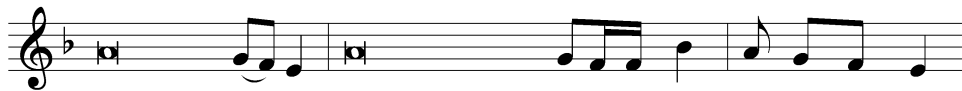
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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;



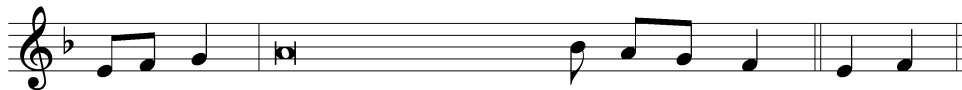
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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 God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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

***Joshua 24:1-2,14-18***

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, and he summoned the elders of Israel, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and they presented themselves before God.

<sup>2</sup>Then Joshua told all the people, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel has said.”

From ancient times your ancestors, including Terah, who was the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River, and they served other gods.

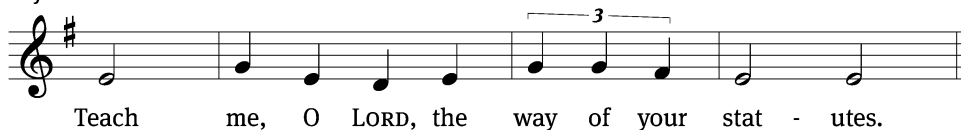
<sup>14</sup>Joshua said, “Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Remove the gods that your fathers served in the region across the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>But if you see no benefit in serving the LORD, then choose for yourselves today whomever you will serve—whether the gods that your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household—we will serve the LORD!” <sup>16</sup>The people responded by saying, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD in order to serve other gods! <sup>17</sup>For the LORD our God, he is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, where we were slaves. He is the one who performed these great signs right before our eyes and protected us on the whole journey that we made and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup>The LORD drove out of our presence all the peoples and the Amorites who were living in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God!”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 119D Teach Me, O LORD

### Refrain



Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

The musical notation for the refrain is a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. A triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) is indicated above the 6th, 7th, and 8th notes.

### Tone



The musical notation for the tone consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is a simple harmonic accompaniment consisting of chords and intervals.

Oh, how I / love your law!  
I meditate on it / all day long.  
Your commands are always / with me  
and make me wiser than my / enemies.  
I have more insight than all my / teachers,  
for I meditate on your / statutes. *Refrain*

I have kept my feet from every / evil path  
so that I might o- / bey your word.  
How sweet are your words / to my taste,  
sweeter than honey / to my mouth!  
I gain understanding from your / precepts;  
therefore I hate every / wrong path.  
**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 11:24–28

By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter when he grew up. <sup>25</sup>He chose to be mistreated with God's people rather than enjoy sin for a little while. <sup>26</sup>He considered disgrace for the sake of Christ as greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

<sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt without fearing the king's wrath, because he persevered as one who sees him who is invisible.

<sup>28</sup>By faith he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not strike them down.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

CW 161



*Refrain*



*Tone*



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## Gospel

## John 6:51–69

I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup>At that, the Jews argued among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

<sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. <sup>54</sup>The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink. <sup>56</sup>The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like your fathers ate and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever.”

<sup>59</sup>He said these things while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>When they heard it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?”

<sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, “Does this cause you to stumble in your faith? <sup>62</sup>What if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray him. <sup>65</sup>He said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me, unless it is given to him by my Father.”

<sup>66</sup>After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the Twelve, “You do not want to leave too, do you?”

<sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

**Reception of New Members**

## 631 Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening



1 Speak, O Sav - ior, I am lis - t'ning, as a ser - vant  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you and to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing where I quench my  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
 to your voice; let me ev - er love and fear you,  
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



to your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, that each day, my whole life  
 let your Word still be my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
 on your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will be my  
 that I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing your



through, I may serve and fol - low you. Let your Word e'er  
 Lord, flee in ter - ror at your Word; but to all who  
 light thro' death's cold and drear - y night; yes, they are my  
 praise, from my heart glad an - thems raise, till my high - est



be my plea - sure and my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
 feel sin's bur - den you give peace and words of par - don.  
 sword pre - vail - ing and my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
 praise is giv - en in the end - less joy of heav - en.

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*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

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## 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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

## 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



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated*

## Distribution



## 663 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; leave be -  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, and with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure nei - ther  
 4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, filled with



hind all gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet him, for with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure, but the price - less gifts of  
 joy most deep and ho - ly, as with trem - bling awe and



splen - dor; there with joy your prais - es ren - der  
 mor - tal he is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 won - der on your might - y work I pon - der,



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed has this won - drous  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore him, say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, naught would buy the  
 by such mys - ter - y sur - round - ed, depths that no one



sup - er found - ed. He, though reign - ing high and  
 there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -



ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive you, that I nev - er - more will leave you.  
 riv - en, and his blood, for you once giv - en.  
 bid - den se - crets that with you are hid - den.

- 5 Human reason, though it ponders,  
cannot fathom these great wonders,  
    that Christ's body must be boundless  
    since the souls it feeds are countless,  
and that he his blood is giving  
with the wine we are receiving.  
    These great mysteries unsounded  
    are by God alone expounded.
- 6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
you have left your throne in heaven  
    on the cross for me to languish  
    and to die in bitter anguish,  
to forgo all joy and gladness  
and to shed your blood in sadness.  
    By this blood redeemed and living,  
    Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.
- 7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends most tender,  
    Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
    fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
at your feet I cry, my maker,  
let me be a fit partaker  
    of this blessed food from heaven  
    for our good, your glory, given.
- 8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,  
help me when this meal is given  
    to receive it for my blessing  
    as I come, my sins confessing.  
In this supper let me measure,  
Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,  
    that, as I on earth have eaten,  
    I may be your guest in heaven.

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## 667 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - pared this feast for  
2 Al - though you did to heav'n as - cend, where an - gel  
3 Yet, Sav - ior, you are not con - fined to an - y  
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; it is your bod - y  
hosts are dwell - ing, and in your pres - ence  
hab - i - ta - tion, but you are pres - ent  
Word be - liev - ing that your true bod - y



and your blood, and at your in - vi - ta - tion  
they be - hold your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,  
ev - 'ry - where and with your con - gre - ga - tion.  
and your blood our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



as wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, we come to  
and though your peo - ple shall not see your glo - ry  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, un - moved by  
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, and there is



you for need - ed rest, for com - fort, and for par - don.  
and your maj - es - ty till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,  
an - y dar - ing hand or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.  
naught you can - not do, for you, Lord, are al - might - y.

- 5 Though reason cannot understand, yet faith this truth embraces: your body, Lord, is even now at once in many places.  
I leave to you how this can be; your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unailing.

- 6 Lord, I believe what you have said; help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust, and let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears refreshes me and stills my fears  
and is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive your supper, Lord, our Savior, and, truly grieving for our  
sins, may prove by our behavior that we are thankful for your grace  
and day by day may run our race, in holiness increasing.
- 8 For your consoling supper, Lord, be praised through out all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place the world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be a blessed comfort unto me when living and when  
dying.

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*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.**

## 932 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.  
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The sup - per is end - ed; O be now ex - tend - ed  
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of his teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
 One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us



shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 u - nite us as one in his life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us; his love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.  
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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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,- health

Nichelle Hoey and Nura Jenka - expecting

Kale Weis & Payton Yilek, Lucas Gilman & Karri Pippett, Zach Chicoine & Alexandria Lueck, Daniel Pfeifer & Paige Harmon, Isaiah Luellen & Andie Schlabach - engaged couples

## **Welcome to Our Family**

Steve and Lori Schaal have transferred to our congregation. May the Lord bless us as we work together for his truth.

## **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:

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Romans 9:30-10:4, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

## **Wednesday Evening Christian Education**

*Resumes on August 28<sup>th</sup>*

### **Catechism & Bible History**

*5:30-6:30 pm*

Catechism is for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students and focuses on the basic doctrines of the Bible using the Small Catechism.

Bible History is for 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students and goes through 58 of the most important stories of the Bible.

### **Choir**

*5:30 pm*

**Teens and adults of all singing abilities are invited to join the choir.**

### **Evening Prayer Service**

*6:30-6:45 pm*

All are invited for this time of song, prayer and Scripture. We will walk through Isaiah together this year closing each night with your choice of evening hymns.

### **Bible Class—Revelation**

*6:45-7:30 pm*

God “reveals” his wonderful plan to bring us through this life into the eternal life.

### **Children’s Handbells**

*6:45-7:30 pm*

5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join this handbell choir. Students will learn the proper techniques to play the real handbells and play for services when ready.

## **Can You Help?**

Volunteers are needed to help transfer the food Hy-Vee gives us to deliver it to a shelter, food pantry, schools on the southside and to our own church. We do it seven days a week usually from 9:45-10:30 am. This food allows our church to deliver meals to the homeless on Sunday mornings and stock our freezers if food is needed for anyone. If you’re interested in helping on a weekly basis or be on call as a back up, talk to Paul Menzel. You’ll usually find him preparing meals in the church basement between 9-9:30 am on Sundays.

## **Online Giving**

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

[www.LHELC.org/giving](http://www.LHELC.org/giving)



## **The Obadiah Lutheran Synod expresses its thanks**

Last January, I had the privilege of attending a special worship service of the Obadiah Lutheran Synod (OLS) in Uganda. Nearly 1,000 members of the Obadiah Lutheran Synod, some traveling for hours, attended this special service celebrating the fellowship that had been declared between our two church bodies at WELS' 2023 synod convention. Our synod does not provide operational support for the Obadiah Lutheran Synod. But thanks to special gifts received from WELS members, we are able to help with pastoral training, church building projects, and other special programs. As you might expect, travel in Uganda can, at times, be very difficult due to bad weather and roads that can become nearly impassable. Since Pastor Makisimu Musa, the president of the synod, spends much time visiting the various congregations and pastors of his synod, reliable transportation is a vital necessity. Thanks to generous gifts from WELS members, the Obadiah Lutheran Synod was able to purchase a used Toyota Land Cruiser. Pastor Musa would like to express thanks from his entire church body for this gift.

He wrote, "It is my pleasure again to say thank you, brother, for your gift of the vehicle to the OLS. This is helping us a lot to do church ministry work in Uganda. Please extend our heartfelt appreciation to the brothers and sisters in WELS for the gift. The gift (vehicle) reminds me of the day you visited us in Uganda to attend our celebration of fellowship and unity in the faith. Thank you for blessing our ministry of the Word in this region of Africa. May the Lord of the church Jesus Christ continue blessing you all for your generous support to the OLS." We pray that the gospel ministry being carried out by our brothers and sisters in Uganda will continue to be blessed richly by the Lord.

Serving with you in Christ,  
WELS President Mark Schroeder



## **Conference aims to empower women to share God's Word**

More than 450 women gathered at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, Wis., from July 28–30 for the WELS Women's Ministry Conference. Focused on the book of Acts, the conference theme, "Empowered to proclaim: You will be my witnesses," was carried out in the conference's worship, Bible study, and presentations. "The intent of our conference this year was to mobilize women through the work of the Holy Spirit to spread God's Word and share the saving message of Jesus in their homes, communities, workplaces, local congregations, and anywhere else God has placed them," explains Dawn Schulz, chair of WELS Women's Ministry Committee. Interest in this conference continues to grow since the initial conference in July 2007. This year women came from 25 states and four countries to hear about ministry topics that are relevant to Christians today. Fifteen breakout sessions (with time for each attendee to attend four) complemented the four keynote presentations as well as the opening worship service and three devotions. Conference organizers put together a five-week reading schedule to encourage all attendees to read the entire book of Acts before the conference. As one attendee noted, "I loved the focus around the Word."

Learn more at [welswmconference.net](http://welswmconference.net). Videos of the conference's keynote presentations and opening worship service will be released there in the coming months. Reactions from those who attended the National Conference on Worship, Music, and the Arts will be published in the Aug. 20 edition of Together .

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

**THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS**  
**August 25 - September 1, 2024**

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:00 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	LES Committee Meeting
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	10:30 am	Kunama Worship
	11:45 am	Kunama Bible Study
	3:00 pm	Sunday School Staff Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Catechism and Bible History
	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
	9:00 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	10:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Kunama Worship
	1:00 pm	Sudanese Meeting

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