

November 10, 2024 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church.



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

Setting Six

695 Take My Life and Let It Be



- 1 Take my life and let it be con se crat ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise. take my feet and let them be swift and beau-ti - ful for thee. take my lips and let them be filled with mes-sag - es from thee. take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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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



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The Word

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Grant us so firmly to believe in your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Be seated

Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹"Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for you."

¹⁰So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, "Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink."

"When she went to get it, he called to her, "Please bring me a piece of bread."

¹²She said, "As surely as the LORD your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die."

¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son. ¹⁴For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the LORD sends rain to water the surface of the ground." ¹⁵So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the LORD had said through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

111A LORD, I Must Praise You



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Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Now brothers, we want you to know about the grace of God that was given in the churches of Macedonia: ²In a severe test of trouble, their overflowing joy and their deep poverty overflowed into an abundance of their generosity. ³I testify that of their own free will they gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, ⁴pleading with us with an urgent request for the gracious privilege of joining in this service to the saints. ⁵And they did this not as we had expected, but in keeping with God's will they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us. ⁶As a result we urged Titus, since he had already made a beginning, to bring to completion this gracious gift on your part. ⁷But just as you overflow in every way—in faith, in word, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you also overflow in this gracious gift.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but to test how genuine your love is, by comparing it with the eagerness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich.

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

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 9:11

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Gospel Mark 12:38–44

He also said to them in his teaching, "Beware of the experts in the law who like to walk around in long robes and receive greetings in the marketplaces. ³⁹They love the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and offer long prayers to look good. These men will receive greater condemnation."

⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the offering box and was watching how the crowd put money into it. Many rich people put in large amounts. ⁴²One poor widow came and put in two small bronze coins, worth less than a penny. ⁴³He called his disciples together and said to them, "Amen I tell you: This poor widow put more into the offering box than all the others. ⁴⁴For they all gave out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all that she had to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

807 All Depends on Our Possessing



- Well he knows what best to grant me; all the longing hopes that haunt me, joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt his wisdom never; as God wills, so be it ever; I commit to him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth he lengthen, he my weary soul will strengthen; all my trust in him I place.

 Earthly wealth is not abiding like a stream away is gliding:

Earthly wealth is not abiding, like a stream away is gliding; safe I anchor in his grace.

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Sermon Live a Life of Startling Generosity Mark 12:38-44

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 can

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

Lord God, from whom all blessings flow, we praise you for everything you provide to sustain our lives. Lead us every day to be thankful for your gifts and content with what you have given. Today we pray that you would guide us to manage your blessings wisely for the good of your kingdom.

As we use your gifts to meet our needs, move us also to support the ministry of the gospel with our offerings.

Before your Son ascended to your throne, he called us to preach the good news to every creature. In grace you created the public ministry so that we may answer his call by sending others in our place. Impress on us the immense importance of the task you have given us to proclaim your Word to the world.

In our words and in our offerings, move us to be faithful witnesses of your grace.

Work in our hearts so that our gifts do more than support a cause or meet a need. Move us to give out of love for you, our King and Redeemer.

Lead us to bring our gifts first to honor you, the Giver of all things.

Teach us to give as an ongoing part of life since the work of the gospel continues every day. Forgive us for the sins of apathy and carelessness and for giving that reacts only to urgent pleas or crises.

Help us see the wisdom of planning our offerings as a regular routine of our faith.

Teach us determine our offerings in view of your blessings to us. The widow's coins were meager, but they were all she had. Move us to believe that to whom much is given, much is also expected.

Give us courage to bring gifts that reflect your gifts to us.

Teach us to give our offerings as a cheerful response of our faith in you and your Son. Spare us all feelings of obligation or resentment as we give. Help us to see our offerings as the vehicle that carries the gospel to the lost, and lead us to rejoice with the angels of heaven over every sinner who repents.

Help us to balance our duty to give with the joy of giving.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Precious Lord, all our blessings come from you. Lead us again and again to thank you and then move us to be wise and faithful stewards of your gifts. May our gifts and offerings bring souls here and far away to the gracious gift of Jesus and his love.

Lord, hear us and grant us this blessing. 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

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

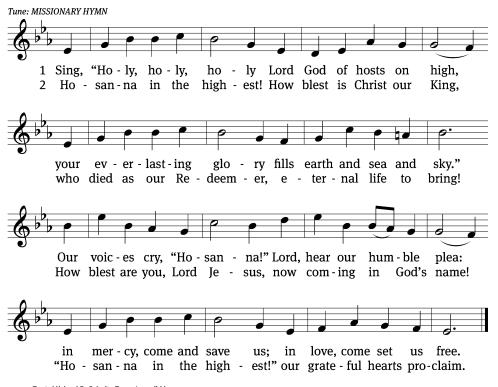
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

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:

1010 Sanctus (Amer) - MISSIONARY HYMN



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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.

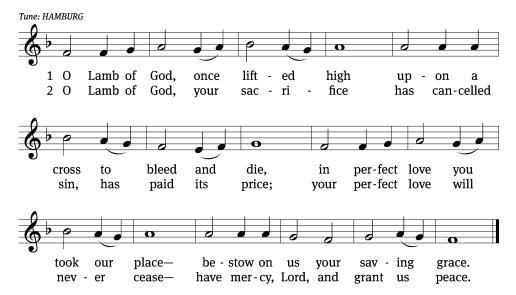
Words of Institution

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.**

1013 Agnus (Amer) - HAMBURG



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Be seated

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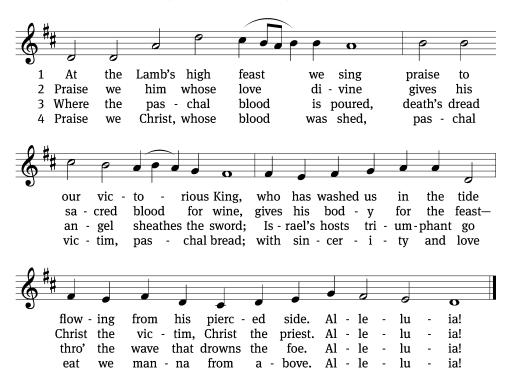
671Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior



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675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



- Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie. You have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

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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



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 Harmon, Isaiah Luellen & Andie Schlabach - engaged couples

Anthony Hoey

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:

Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 9:24-28, John 5:25-29

Thanksgiving Worship

Join us for a special service of
Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 pm
"Thanksgiving Mercy" Luke 17:11-19

Thank You to Today's Helpers

Accompanist: Jill Rasmussen

Altar Guild: Christine Pfeifer & Paula Twelmeyer

Counters: Leon Burger & Cassandra Canny

Streaming: Megan Bowman

Ushers 8 am: Lee Bowman & Jon Schaeffer

Ushers 10:30: 2 open spots

Next Sunday's Servants 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

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!

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.

Thanks for the Music!

We give thanks to the Lord for the many musicians and vocalists who have beautified our services lately. Contact Donna Bakken or Sarah Riese if you would like to play an instrument or sing during services.

November 2024 Forward in Christ

The November issue of Forward in Christ is on the shelf outside the Sanctuary or it can be read at forwardinchirst.net at anytime.

Paul Meier describes how a moment in nature inspired gratitude for God's blessings and the realization that gratitude drives out anxiety. Read this on page 10.

A woman shares how God carried her through her battle with mental illness. See page 20.

Are you or someone you know struggling with grief? John Boeder shares the comfort God gives us in his Word. Read this on page 30.

Need a refresher on the Sacrament of Holy Communion? David Scharf digs in, reminding you about its institution and its blessings. See page 15.

Sunday School Offerings to Ukraine

The offerings given this year by the children in Sunday School (and by parents in church by marking Sunday School on the offering envelope) will be directed to the Ukrainian Lutheran Church. With support from WELS and WELS sister churches around the world, Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC) pastors have been able to buy and distribute needed food, medicines, fuel, and clothing to help those desperate for these daily needs. Many times these are distributed after a worship service. This way the people receive spiritual food as well as physical provisions.

All the ULC Pastors are providing an invaluable service to the people of Ukraine by comforting those who they meet with God's Word and prayer. It reminds us that the kingdom often grows one person at a time. There continue to be so many people who are hurting; those who have lost loved ones, are not certain where their loved ones are, or if they are even alive. Prayers offered by pastors bring these hurting and grieving people true comfort and hope.

Bible Classes

Join us Sundays at about 9:15 am for a look at the Heroes of Faith in Hebrews 11. After this, we will begin a study on the Creeds.

On Wednesdays we are seeing God's gracious plans for salvation in the book of Revelation. Join us at 6:45 pm.

Women's Fellowship Group

Thursdays at 10 am

Encourage one another and discuss articles from Forward in Christ and Meditations.

Sunday School Christmas Service

The children will present the story of Christ's birth on Sunday, December 15th at 10:30 am. They are beginning to learn songs and parts now.

Two Saturday rehearsals are planned:

Please contact your child's Sunday School teacher with any questions.

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

November 10 - 17, 2024

Sunday	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 11:35 am	Worship with Communion Homeless Meal Delivery Sunday School/Bible Class Worship with Communion Kunama Worship Handbell Practice
Monday	5:15 pm	Church Council
Tuesday	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Pastors' Study Club Youth Night - Laser Tag
Wednesday	5:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm	Catechism and Bible History Choir Evening Prayer Bible Class/Children's Hand Bell Practice
Thursday	10:00 am	Women's Fellowship Group
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