



**November 8, 2020**  
**Last Judgment**

Lincoln  
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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## 441

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past

6 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your saints have  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re -  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are like an

years to come, Still be our guard while

years to come, Our shel - ter from the  
 dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your  
 ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing  
 eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that

trou - bles last And our e - ter - nal home!

storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,  
 arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
 you are God, To end - less years the same.  
 ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly, forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last  
And our eternal home!

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**OPENING HYMN**                      **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**                      **441**

*STAND*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

**Daniel 7:9-10 (NIV84)**

“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. <sup>10</sup> A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

**PSALM 90** *read responsively by the pastor and congregation*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place\*

**throughout all generations.**

Before the mountains were born

or you brought forth the earth and the world,\*

**from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day

that has just gone by,\*

**or like a watch in the night.**

You have set our iniquities before you,\*  
**our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

You turn mortals back to dust.\*  
**You sweep them away in the sleep of death.**

The length of our days is seventy years-  
or eighty, if we have the strength;\*  
**yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.**

Teach us to number our days aright,\*  
**that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,\*  
**that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NIV84)**

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,<sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.<sup>3</sup> While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.<sup>4</sup> But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.<sup>5</sup> You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.<sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled.<sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.<sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.<sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.<sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.  
Alleluia. (Matthew 24:42)

*STAND*

**M:** The Gospel is from Matthew, chapter 25, beginning at verse 31.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

## **GOSPEL**

### **Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV84)**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.<sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.<sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.<sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,<sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’<sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’<sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?’<sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’<sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’<sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.<sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,<sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’<sup>44</sup> “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’<sup>45</sup> “He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’<sup>46</sup> “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **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 fully 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.**

*BE SEATED*

**SERMON**                      **Saved From Wrath by Christ**                      **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**OFFERING**

**GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS**

*STAND*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

**C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**

M: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

**C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**

M: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

**C: Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

M: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

**C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.**

M: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

M: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

**C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. 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.**

## THE SACRAMENT

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M:** 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 till 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

*Sanctus*

**C:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

**C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## DISTRIBUTION

*We will commune by families or individuals. Come forward in the center aisle. Return by the side. Please stand directly in front of the front pews. Pastor will bring Communion to you. Only touch one individual cup. A basket is available for empty cups as you return.*

## THANKSGIVING

*STAND*

## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*

**C: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

**M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

**M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. 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.**

**C: Amen.**

**M: 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.**

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

**Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See**

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# *Announcements*

## **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.

Lindsay Behl - expecting in November

Ashley Covell - expecting in May

Joyce Russell - recovery from knee surgery

Anne Marie Hansl - hospitalized with covid19

## **Baptisms**

Dustin Lee McDougal, son of Kiara Thielke and Austin McDougal, was baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, on October 31, 2020.

Sada Lino Abdala, daughter of Lino Ismail and Nayi Gali, was baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, on November 1, 2020.

We give thanks to the Lord for adopting Dustin and Sada into his family.

## **Musicians and Vocalists Wanted**

We would like to add more music to worship services in November and December. If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument, please contact Pastor Pfeifer.

## **Building Fund Update**

\$4485 donated as of 11/01/2020 out of \$55,000 Goal

The money will be used for church window replacement in classrooms and offices.

## **Divine Call to South Attleboro, MA**

Pastor Pfeifer has received a divine call to serve as the pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in South Attleboro, Massachusetts. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he considers where it is best for him to serve the Lord. Please talk with Pastor if you have any advice.

## **Church Library Book Delivery**

The church library materials are now available to be delivered to your door. If you would like a book or DVD, contact Pastor or the church office. There are many book choices such as devotions, Martin Luther, books of the Bible, Christian fiction and children's books.

## **Prepare for Next Sunday**

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the reading for this week on Monday - Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday - Saturday. The Word for next Sunday: *Isaiah 52:1-6, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13*

## 219

## Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see And taste your king-dom's

The first system of music features a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al robe shall be, My

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The melody includes a sharp sign (F#) and a dotted quarter note. The bass line maintains its accompaniment pattern.

joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The melody features a dotted quarter note and a quarter note. The bass line continues with its accompaniment.

throne, Your right-eous-ness shall be my crown; With

The fourth system concludes the melody and accompaniment. The melody ends with a quarter note G4. The bass line continues with its accompaniment.

these I need not hide me. And there, in garments rich-ly

wrought, As your own bride I shall be brought To

stand in joy be - side you.

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## THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

November 8 - 15

Today	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
	8:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Study
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
Tuesday	10:00 am	Pastors' Study Club
	7:30 pm	Campus Ministry Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Catechism Class
	7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Class
Saturday	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Preparation
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
	8:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Study
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Nuer Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship

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