

# September 12, 2021 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Unbelief mocks and says that if God did all things well and was the source of all good because he is good, then he shouldn't allow misery and need in the first place. But especially in need and suffering God does all things well; that truth is the center of the Christian's quiet confidence. It is the reason for his hope based on the promises of God and earned for us by the work of Christ and its eternal consequence for us.



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

#### Welcome to Lincoln Heights Lutheran

We are glad you are here today. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. Bathrooms with changing tables are available down the hall on the left. The service video is shown live in the upstairs classroom especially for parents with young children. Please talk to an usher for any help.

#### **Holy Communion**

This morning we are celebrating the Lord's Supper. It is a supper established by Jesus for his disciples. St. Paul further states that the supper is an expression of a oneness of belief and faith. If you are not a member of the WELS or ELS, we ask that you please speak with the pastor before coming to the altar.

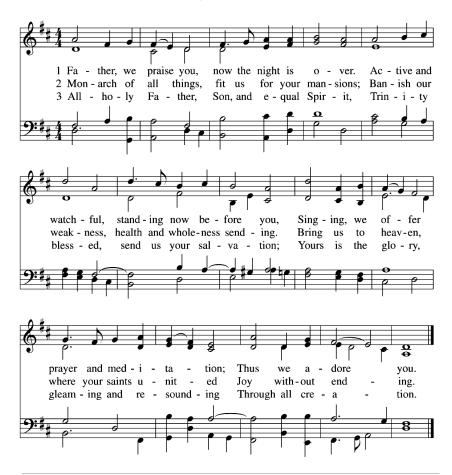
## THE COMMON SERVICE

(p. 15)

### **HYMN**

## Father, We Praise You

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Text: attr. Gregory I, 540-604; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt. Tune: Antiphoner, Paris, 1681

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Alternate setting: 343

#### STAND

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

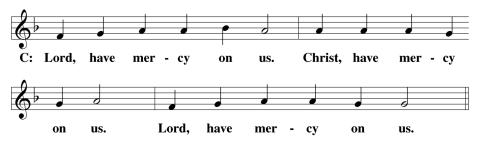


#### CONFESSION OF SINS

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.



#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

# **GLORY BE TO GOD** Gloria in Excelsis O Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. O We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you, O 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 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the O O sin of the world; have mercy You take away the on us. sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on For you on-ly are holy; us.

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.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



## M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



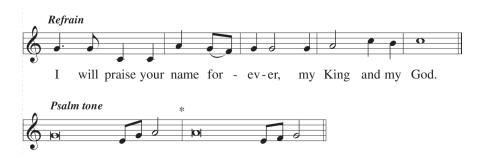
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#### THE WORD

## First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a (NIV84)

Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." <sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

Psalm 146 (p. 120)



Praise the LORD, Ó my soul.\*

I will sing praise to my God as long ás I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,\* in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,\* the maker of heaven and earth.

#### Refrain

The LORD gives food to the hungry,\* the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,\* the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast\* and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.\*
He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

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

#### Refrain

## Second Lesson: James 1:17-27 (NIV84)

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. <sup>19</sup> My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. <sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. <sup>26</sup> If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

## **KYRIE ELEISON** (Most Holy One) Music and Arr. by David Huntsinger

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me

Christe, Eleison, Christe, Eleison, Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy on me.

Most Holy One, Father, Righteous Son, you who called my name before You spoke the worlds to be. From Your place on high, hear a sinner's cry for mercy, Lord I pray:

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie elesion. Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, on me.

Christ, have mercy, Lord have mercy on me. Lord I pray. Kyrie.

STAND

#### GOSPEL

M: The Gospel is from Mark, chapter 7, beginning at verse 31.



## Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:31-37 (NIV84)

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man. <sup>33</sup> After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup> He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). 35 At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. <sup>36</sup> Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. <sup>37</sup> People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### 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.

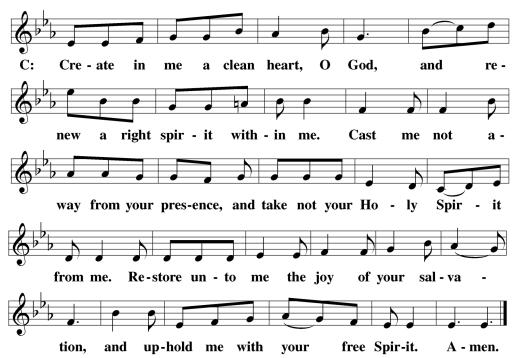
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## INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

HYMN OF THE DAY Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old 520 (p. 18-19)

SERMON God's Kind of Religion James 1:17-27

STAND



## OFFERING GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

STAND

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.
- C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.
- M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.
- C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.
- M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.
- C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.
- M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.
- C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.
- M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.
- C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.
- M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.
- C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

(Special prayers and intercessions may follow)

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

(Silent prayer)

- M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.
- C: 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.



M: Lift up your hearts.

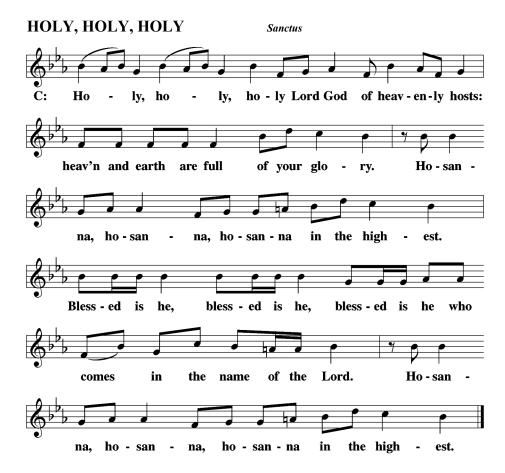


M:Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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:



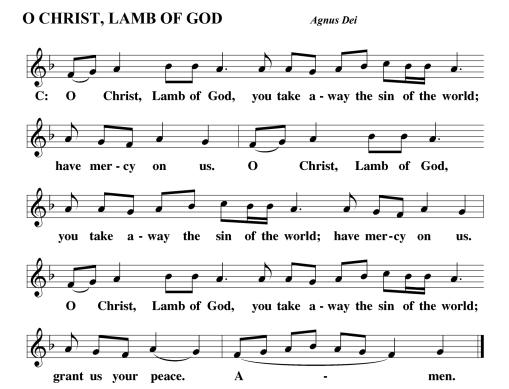
#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.





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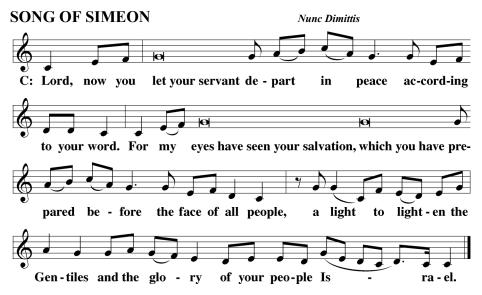
#### DISTRIBUTION

The ushers will guide you to receive Communion at the rail. The final table of Communion will be offered at the base of the steps for those who do not want to climb the steps.

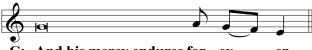
Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared 312 (p. 16-17) Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face 315 (p. 20)

#### THANKSGIVING

STAND



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



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

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.



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.



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Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-76

Text: William Whiting, 1825-78, st. 1, 4, alt.; Robert N. Spencer, 1877-1961, st. 2-3, alt.

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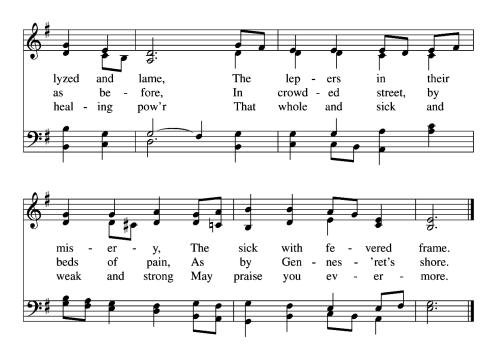
- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces: Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere At once in many places. I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
  Help me when doubts assail me.
  Remember that 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.
- 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 throughout 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.

Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603-68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841-1931, alt. Tune: Peter Sohren, c. 1630-c. 1692, alt.

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## 520 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old





Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-91, alt. Tune: English folk tune, 19th century, adapt. KINGSFOLD CM D

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## 315 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face



5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
Nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, abr., alt. Tune: Henry Lawes, 1595-1662 FARLEY CASTLE 10 10 10 10

## **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.

Walter - cancer (grandson of Dee Shell) Gavin Schuch - brain cancer (nephew of Jackie Chiugu)

Buk Nyoach - Visiting Ethiopia Emily Nolte - expecting in September Angelee Kauzlarich - expecting in October Wenjing Zhang - expecting in December Roma Gould and Judy Solem - shut-ins

### **Sunday School Teachers**

May the Lord bless our Sunday School teachers as they prepare and teach God's Word to our children.

P-K: Linda Sorensen 1st-2nd: Sheri Pender 3rd-4th: Christine Pfeifer 5th-6th: James Norton 7th-8th: Dave Covell Music: Sarah Riese

## **Campus Ministry Kick Off**

All college students are invited to meet at church on Sept. 19 at 5:30 pm. Food will be provided. We'll set up a schedule of events for the semester and get to know each other. Contact Pastor Pfeifer if you need transportation.

## **Building Fund Update**

\$27,940 donated as of 9/5/2021.

## **Sunday School Starts Today**

3 years old - 8th grade 9:15 - 10:15 am

## **Sunday Bible Class Begins Today**

"One by One - A model for evangelism Meets in the sanctuary at 9:15 am For teens and adults

### **Wednesday Adult Bible Class Continues**

"God's Providence" - How does God take care of everything? Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

### **Counting Schedule**

Sept. 12: Karl and Steve Sept. 19: Leon and Cassandra Sept. 26: Paul and Greg Oct. 3: Karl and Ashley Oct. 10: Steve and Shullu Oct. 17: Leon and Cassandra Oct. 24: Clyde and Greg

## **Mowing Schedule**

Sept. 10 thru Sept. 16 - Cody Kauzlarich Sept. 17 thru Sept. 23 - Peter Nolte Sept. 24 thru Sept. 30 - Lee Bowman Oct. 1 thru Oct. 7 - Greg Lewis Oct. 8 thru Oct. 14 - John Thielke Oct. 15 - Oct. 21 - David Covell

## **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: Numbers 12:1-15, James 3:13-18, Mark 9:30-37

#### THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

Sept. 12 - 19

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Today	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
-	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
Tuesday	10:00 am	Pastors' Study Club
Wednesday	9:00 am	PSI
•	5:30 pm	Catechism
	5:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Class
Saturday	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Preparation
•	10:00 am	Neighborhood Outreach
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
•	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
	5:30 pm	Campus Ministry
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