



November 15, 2020
Saints Triumphant

Welcome to Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church.



Lincoln
Heights
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
 3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; A thou - sand

snow - clad moun - tains bright; With palms they stand. Who is
 glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A priest -
 times you will be blessed For keep - ing faith Firm un -

this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
 ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. So oft in
 to death And scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you

saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af - flic - tion
 trou - bled days gone by, In an - guish they would weep and
 live at home with God; You toiled and sowed the Word a -

came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood Are cleansed from
 sigh; At home a - bove The God of love For - e'er their
 broad. Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing Be - fore the

guilt and blame. Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place,
 tears shall dry. They now en - joy the Sab - bath rest,
 throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels raise the song;

Their voic - es they in wor - ship raise. Their an - thems
 The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The Lamb, their
 O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift up one

swell Where God does dwell Mid an - gels' songs of praise.
 Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
 voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694-1764; tr. composite
 Tune: Norwegian folk tune, 17th century

GREAT WHITE HOST
 PM

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

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STAND

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

HYMN RESPONSE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:1-6 (NIV84)

Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again.² Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion.³ For this is what the LORD says: “You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed.”⁴ For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them.⁵ “And now what do I have here?” declares the LORD. “For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock,” declares the LORD. “And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed.⁶ Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I.”

PSALM 84

read responsively by the pastor and congregation

How lovely is your dwelling place,*

O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,*

for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;*

they are ever praising you.

Better is one day in your courts*

than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*

than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O LORD Almighty,*

blessed are they who trust in you.

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 4:13-18 (NIV84)

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴ We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage each other with these words.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia. (Revelation 7:15a)

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV84)

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ ⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ “ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Sir! Sir!’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’ ¹² “But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’ ¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

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For All Your Saints, O Lord

1 For all your saints, O Lord, Who strove in you to live,
 2 For all your saints, O Lord, Who strove in you to die,
 3 They all in life and death, With you, their Lord, in view,
 4 For this your name we bless And hum-bly pray a - new

Who fol-lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, Our grate-ful hymn re - ceive.
 Who count-ed you their great re - ward, Ac - cept our thank-ful cry.
 Learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath To suf - fer and to do.
 That we like them in ho - li - ness May live and die in you.

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SERMON Saved From Death by Christ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions

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

Silent prayer

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.**

M: Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

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1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest —
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, All ju - bi - lant with song
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid, And there, from care re - leased,
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!

The sight of it re - fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed.
 And bright with man - y an an - gel And all the mar - tyr throng.
 The shout of them that tri - umph, The song of them that feast;
 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect!

I know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us there,
 The Prince is ev - er in them; The day - light is se - rene;
 And they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the fight
 Je - sus, in mer - cy bring us To that dear land of rest;

What ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.
 The pas - tures of the bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.
 You are with God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

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.

Ashley Covell - expecting in May

Joyce Russell - recovery from knee surgery

Anne Marie Hansl - hospitalized with covid19

Behl Birth and Baptism

Cameron Daniel Behl was born on November 9 to Mark and Lindsay Behl. Cameron was reborn into God's family through Holy Baptism on November 12. Praise the Lord for writing Cameron's name in the book of life

Open Forum

Next Sunday, November 22 at 8:45 am, there will be a short open forum meeting.

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

\$4775 donated as of 11/08/2020 out of \$55,000 Goal

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

Sunday School Students Play for the Services

The 2nd-4th grade class will play the hand bells for the end of the first service and the beginning of the second on November 22. Please bring children to church by 8:35 am next Sunday.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

We will have two services on Wednesday, November 25, at 4:00 and 7:00 pm. Choose the one that is most convenient for you. No Catechism or Bible Class that evening.

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: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Matthew 27:27-31*

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

November 15 - 22

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
Monday	5:15 pm	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Campus Ministry Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Class
Saturday	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Preparation
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship - Livestream
	8:45 am	Sunday School
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	8:45 am	Open Forum
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
2:00 pm	Call Meeting in Cedar Rapids	

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