



**August 2, 2020**  
**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

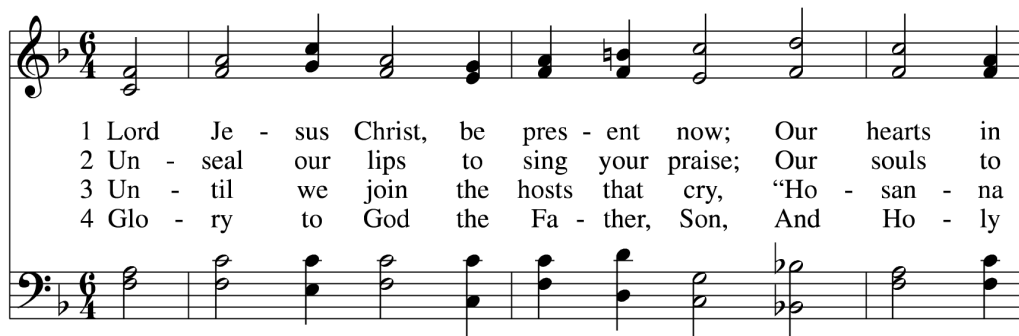
The Christian lives as wheat among weeds as he waits for the harvest. In the Prayer of the Day we ask for the spirit to live like wheat—to think and to do what is right—even while we live in this sinful world. Living with an eye on the coming harvest gives us encouragement, comfort, and hope.



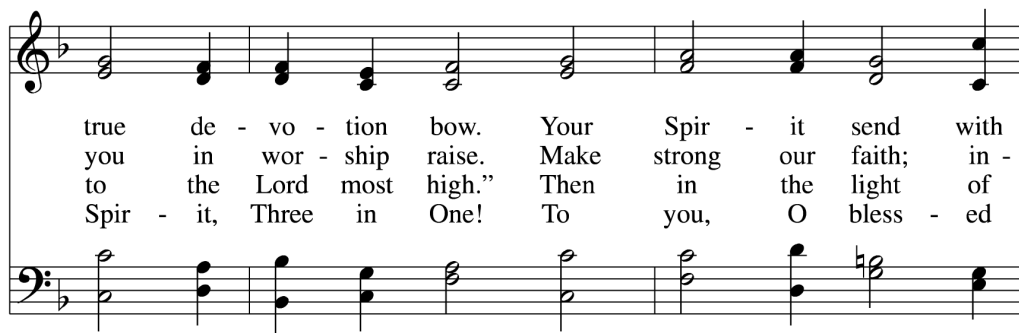
Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

# Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

# 230



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; Our souls to  
 3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, "Ho - san - na  
 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
 you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -  
 to the Lord most high." Then in the light of  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



grace di - vine, And let your truth with - in us shine.  
 crease our light That we may know your name a - right  
 that blest place We shall be - hold you face to face.  
 Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: *Lutherische Hand-Büchlein*, 2nd ed., Altenburg, 1648;  
 tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
 Tune: *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628

HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND  
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Alternate settings: 71, 288

*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.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

**Joel 3:12-16 (NIV84)**

“Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side. <sup>13</sup> Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow— so great is their wickedness!” <sup>14</sup> Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. <sup>15</sup> The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. <sup>16</sup> The LORD will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

### PSALM 18

*read responsively by the pastor and congregation*

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;\*  
**my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.**

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;\*  
**he rescued me from my powerful enemy.**

He brought me out into a spacious place;\*  
**he rescued me because he delighted in me.**

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;\*  
**my God turns my darkness into light.**

You save the humble\*  
**but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.**

You give me your shield of victory,\*  
**and your right hand sustains me.**

**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

## Romans 8:26-27 (NIV84)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.  
<sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. (Isaiah 55:11b)

*STAND*

**M:** The Gospel is from Matthew, chapter 13, beginning at verse 24.

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

## GOSPEL

## Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NIV84)

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup> When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. <sup>27</sup> "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup> " 'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' <sup>29</sup> " 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.' "

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. <sup>40</sup> "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup> They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

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

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

## **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*

**SERMON     The Spirit Helps Us When We Are Weak**

**Romans 8:26-27**

## **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: 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.

**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.

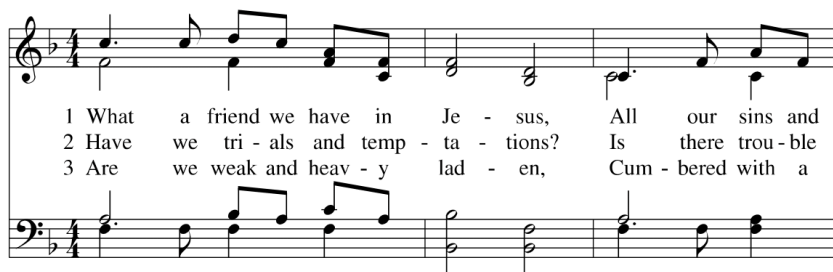
## **CLOSING HYMN**

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

**411**

## 411

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry  
an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged —  
load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge —



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -  
faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus  
sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820-86, alt.  
Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

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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.

Jenna Schaeffer - expecting in September

Lindsay Behl - expecting in November

Vickie Landon - surgery recovery

**Thanks to Kris Olson for playing the organ at the early service.**

### **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:  
*1 Kings 3:5-12, Romans 8:28-30, Luke 10:38-42*

### **Worship in August**

Communion will be offered on the first and last Sunday of the month in August. We will continue to offer three services on Sundays (8, 9:15 & 10:30 am). Attendance is by reservation. Seating will be every other pew. We continue to encourage social distancing. Hand sanitizer and masks are available at the entrance. If you have not yet attended and are interested in attending in person, contact the church office to be added to the reservation list.

## THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

Aug. 2 - 9

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| Today    | 8:00 am  | <b>Worship—Livestream</b> |
|          | 9:15 am  | <b>Worship</b>            |
|          | 10:30 am | <b>Worship</b>            |
|          | 3:00 pm  | <b>Kunama Worship</b>     |
| Saturday | 3:30 pm  | Homeless Meal Preparation |
| Sunday   | 8:00 am  | <b>Worship—Livestream</b> |
|          | 9:15 am  | <b>Worship</b>            |
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