



**October 18, 2020**  
**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

# Lincoln Heights

LUTHERAN CHURCH

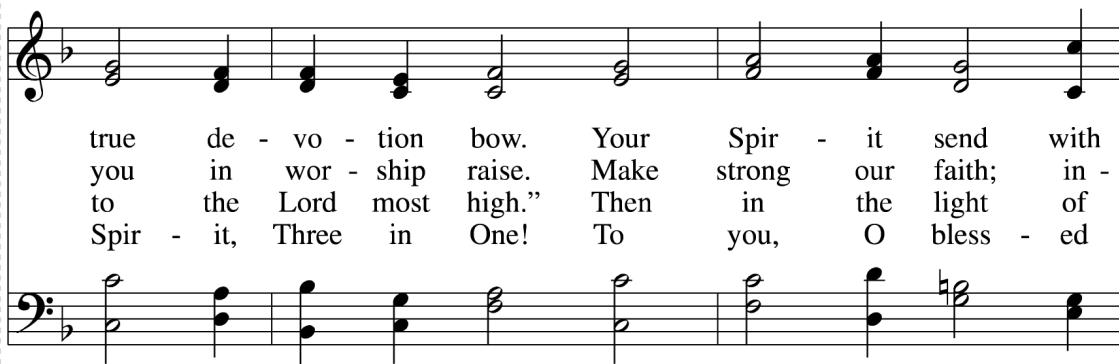
Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

# Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

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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  
 LM

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.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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

**Isaiah 5:1-7 (NIV84)**

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. <sup>2</sup> He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. <sup>3</sup> “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? <sup>5</sup> Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.” <sup>7</sup> The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

### PSALM 118

*read responsively by the pastor and congregation*

The Lord is my strength and my song;  
**he has become my salvation.**

“The Lord’s right hand is lifted high;  
**the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”**

I will not die but live,  
**and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
**you have become my salvation.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;  
**the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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

## Philippians 3:12-21 (NIV84)

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us live up to what we have already attained. <sup>17</sup> Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia. (Hebrews 2:12)

*STAND*

**M:** The Gospel is from Matthew, chapter 21, beginning at verse 33.

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

## GOSPEL

## Matthew 21:33-43 (NIV84)

“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. <sup>35</sup> “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup> Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. <sup>37</sup> Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. <sup>38</sup> “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

<sup>41</sup> “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “ ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? ” <sup>43</sup> “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

**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 Kingdom Will Be Taken From...**

**Matthew 21:33-43**

**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.**

**M:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through 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**

**I'm But a Stranger Here**

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# I'm But a Stranger Here

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1 I'm but a stran - ger here; Heav'n is my home.  
 2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home.  
 3 There at my Sav - ior's side — Heav'n is my home —  
 4 There - fore I mur - mur not; Heav'n is my home.

Earth is a des - ert drear; Heav'n is my home.  
 Short is my pil - grim - age; Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall be glo - ri - fied; Heav'n is my home.  
 What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home.

Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand.  
 And time's wild, win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;  
 There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,  
 And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand.

Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.  
 And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.  
 Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.

# *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

## **Building Fund Update**

\$3750 donated as of 10/11/2020 out of \$55,000 Goal

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

## **Sunday School Offering to WELS Christian Aid and Relief**

This year the Sunday School offerings will benefit WELS Christian Aid and Relief (CAR), which serves as our synod's "ministry of compassion". In response to our Savior's mercy, and using the gifts generously supplies by his people, CAR seeks to do good by bringing physical relief to victims of natural disasters in the form of cash grants, food, clothing, medical supplies, and volunteer labor. CAR also partners with WELS Home and World Missions to support humanitarian aid projects, such as bore holes in Africa, food assistance in Ukraine, and school supplies for low-income families in Texas and Colorado. As faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to us, CAR conducts careful assessments and distributes funds first through our WELS congregations and missions.

## **Service Time Change in November**

In order to give more time for Sunday School, Bible class and transitioning between services, the council has decided to begin the second service at 9:30 am. This change will begin with the first Sunday of November. The other services are unchanged. In November the Sunday worship schedule will be 8:00, 9:30, and 10:30 am.

## **Third Quarter Giving Reports**

Giving reports covering January through September 2020 are now in your mailboxes. If you have questions, please contact Paula Twelmeyer.

## **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 25:6-9, Philippians 4:4-13, Matthew 22:1-14*

## **THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS**

October 18 - 25

Today	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
	8:45 am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	Kunama Worship
Tuesday	10:00 am	Pastors' Study Club
	7:00 pm	Campus Ministry Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Class from Lincoln Heights
Saturday	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Preparation
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
	8:45 am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	Kunama Worship

**Thanks to Kris Olson for playing the organ at the 8:00 and 9:15 am services.**

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