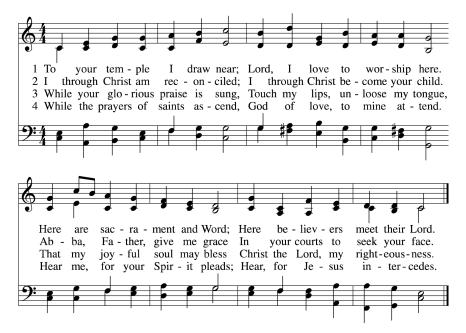


August 1, 2021 10th Sunday after Pentecost

The readings for this Sunday move us to this response, that we strive to imitate Christ by seeing ourselves as his agents in helping one another in their time of need.



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



- 5 While I listen to your law, Fill my soul with holy awe Till your gospel brings to me Life and immortality.
- 6 While your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in your name, Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear you speaking from the sky.
- 7 From your house, when I return, May my heart within me burn, And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

Tune: Freylinghausen, Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1704, alt.

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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

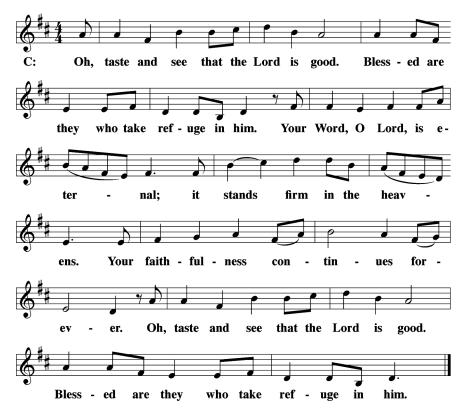
- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:3-11 (NIV84)

When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." ⁴ Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. ⁶ Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey." ⁸ Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." ⁹ Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰ and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself. ¹¹ But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

PSALM 84





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.

Refrain

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 frust 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.

Refrain

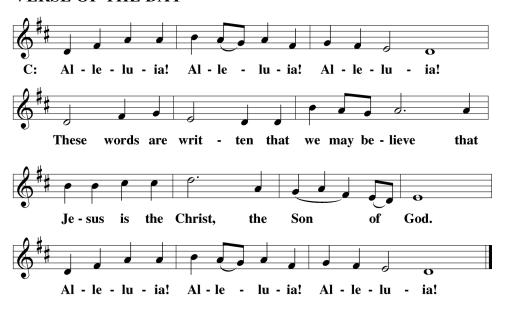
SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16 (NIV84)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

VERSE OF THE DAY



GOSPEL

John 6:1-15 (NIV84)

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Feast was near. ⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" 8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. 12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." 13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. 14 After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

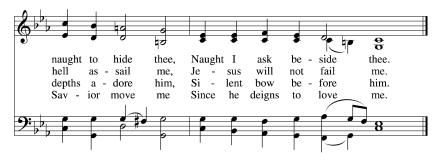


BE SEATED

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

HYMN OF THE DAY Jesus, Priceless Treasure 349 (next page)





Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1-2, 4-5, alt.; The Lutheran Hymnal, St. Louis, 1941, st. 3 Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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SERMON

More Than a Bread King

John 6:1-15

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

(10:30 am)

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.

BE SEATED

HYMN Beautiful Savior 369 (p. 12)

STAND

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.



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.



CLOSING HYMN Go My Children With My Blessing 332 (p. 13)

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Beautiful Savior

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Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677, abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904 Tune: Silesian folk tune, 19th century, alt.

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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.

Kiara Thielke - surgery recovery Sheri Pender - Mother, Joan Green died on July 27

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

Cards for Gavin Schuch

Gavin is the 13 year old nephew of Jackie Chiugu. He is a member of Peace Lutheran (North Mankato) and is currently at Mayo, undergoing aggressive treatments for brain cancer. Cards from caring Christians will cheer him up and point him to Jesus during these next weeks. Thank you.

Gavin Schuch Mary Brigh 3G 1216 2nd St. SW Rochester, MN 55905

Memorial Service for George Tremmel

Our gracious Lord took George Tremmel to heaven on January 13, 2021. A memorial service will be held for George's family and friends at Lincoln Heights Lutheran on Thursday, August 19 at 11:00 am. A light lunch will follow.

New Member Welcomed

Today we receive into membership Erin Hoehnke. She comes to Lincoln Heights from Grace Lutheran in Waukesha, WI.

Vacation Bible School Continues

Wednesday 6 - 8 pm. Preschool - 6th grade

Church Directories and Photos

New directories were printed and put into the mailboxes in early July. You may have noticed that some of the family photos are outdated. If this is the case, an email will be sent to you, asking you to send an updated photo to secretary@lhelc.org. Thank you for your assistance!

Missing Hat

On Sunday, July 18 a hat was reported to be missing from the top of the coat rack. This men's hat is khaki colored and has a wide brim. If you mistakenly picked up this hat, please bring it back to the church. Thank you.

Mowing Schedule

July 30 thru Aug. 5 - Peter Nolte Aug. 6 thru Aug. 12 - Lee Bowman Aug. 13 thru Aug. 19 - Greg Lewis Aug 20 thru Aug. 26 - John Thielke Aug. 27 thru Sept. 2 - David Covell Sept. 3 thru Sept. 9 - Frederick Jensen

Building Fund Update

\$24,835 donated as of 7/25/2021.

Forward in Christ - August Issue

The August issue of Forward in Christ is on the table near the sanctuary entrance or at forwardinchrist.net.

This issue highlights small-group discussion starters.

On page 12 read about an unexpected witnessing opportunity from the past and the importance of follow-up in the future. Practice proper biblical interpretation using four provided principles in the Bible study on page 15. Answers are online.

Look on page 16 to find out how families can use the hymnal outside of church, including tips for singing hymns at home. Unwrap the importance of the lectionary and the Christian church year and how they provide a path for our public worship of Christ crucified. Find this article on page 28.

Two articles this month explore questions related to correctly understanding Scriptures. Does the Bible contradict itself? Find out on page 10. Can there be different interpretations of the Bible? Read this on page 14.

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: Exodus 16:2-15, Ephesians 4:17-24, John 6:24-35

Donate Your Meditations Books

Instead of recycling the Meditations books when you are finished with them, bring them back to church. Drop them off in the office and we will distribute them to the homeless along with meals. Thank you.

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THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

August 1 - 8

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Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
•	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	10:30 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
Tuesday	10:00 am	Pastors' Study Club
Wednesday	9:00 am	PSI
•	6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
Saturday	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Preparation
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
•	8:45am	Homeless Meal Delivery
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