



**October 25, 2020**  
**21st Sunday after Pentecost**



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

# Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and

all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night  
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,

Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,  
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
 Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your  
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -

sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.  
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
 peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
 low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-84, st. 1-3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER  
 tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1-3, alt.; unknown, st. 4, alt. 78 78 88  
 Tune: Johann R. Ahle, 1625-73, alt. Alternate settings: 330, 461

*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, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 25:6-9 (NIV84)**

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.<sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.<sup>9</sup> In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

### **PSALM 23**    *read by all*

**The Lord is my shepherd;\***

**I shall not be in want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;\***

**he leads me beside quiet waters.**

**He restores my soul;\***

**he guides me in paths of righteousness**

**for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the valley**

**of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,\***

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.\***

**You anoint my head with oil;**

**my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and love will follow me**

**all the days of my life,\***

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**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 4:4-13 (NIV84)**

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup> I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia. (Isaiah 25:9b)

*STAND*

**M:** The Gospel is from Matthew, chapter 22, beginning at verse 1.

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

## **GOSPEL**

### **Matthew 22:1-14(NIV84)**

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. <sup>4</sup> “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup> “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup> Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ <sup>10</sup> So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup> ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. <sup>13</sup> “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup> “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

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

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

## **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.**

*BE SEATED*

**SERMON                      The Wedding Invitation                      Matthew 22:1-14**

**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.

**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

Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You

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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.

Lindsay Behl - expecting in November

Ashley Covell - expecting in May

## **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.

## **Church Library Book Delivery**

The church library materials are now available to be delivered to your door. If you have been sick or hospitalized and 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.

## **Building Fund Update**

\$3870 donated as of 10/18/2020 out of

\$55,000 Goal

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

## **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.

## **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: *Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23, Galatians 5:1-6, Matthew 10:16-23*

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## Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; That, I know, could  
 2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened  
 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be, For this heart would still re - fuse you Had your  
 heart and mind, Else the world had yet en - thrall'd me, To your  
 bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and




grace not cho - sen me. You re - moved the sin that  
 heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a -  
 King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal -



stained me, Cleans - ing me to be your own; For this  
 bove you; For your grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing  
 va - tion, Him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di -





pur - pose you or - dained me, That I live for you a - lone.  
 well that, if I love you, You, O Fa - ther, loved me first.  
 vid - ed ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

Text: Josiah Conder, 1789-1855, alt.

Tune: *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

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## THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

October 25 - November 1

Today	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
	8:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Study
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	Kunama Worship
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Campus Ministry Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Catechism Class
	7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Class
Saturday	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Preparation
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
	3:00 pm	Kunama Worship

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