



June 20, 2021
4th Sunday after Pentecost

The work of the gospel is invisible, but real. It is hidden, but with results that can be seen—even if the power behind those visible results remains a mystery. That is true of the kingdom of God, the church. It is no less true of the kingdom of God hidden within the individual member of the church. Has faith made a difference in life, or is it something apart? Faith that is the result of the living seed of the Word is alive and gives evidence of its life.



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

THE COMMON SERVICE

HYMN

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

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1 I love your king - dom, Lord, The place of your a - bode,
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
3 I love your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,
4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;

The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With his own pre - cious blood.
Its sweet com - mun - ion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
Dear as the ap - ple of your eye And grav - en on your hand.
For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.

5 Sure as your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817, abr., alt.
Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76

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Alternate settings: 1, 238

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

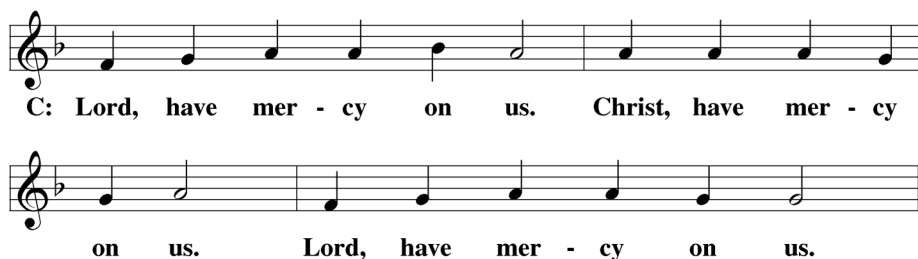
C: A - men.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



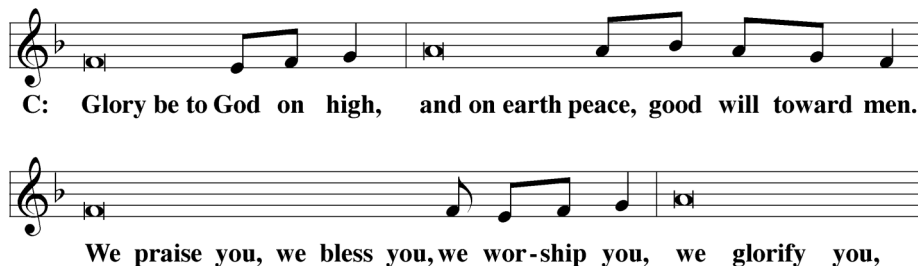
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY BE TO GOD *Gloria in Excelsis*





we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



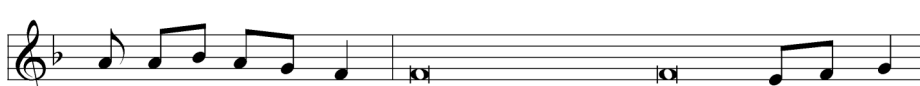
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy.
Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly
lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.



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THE WORD

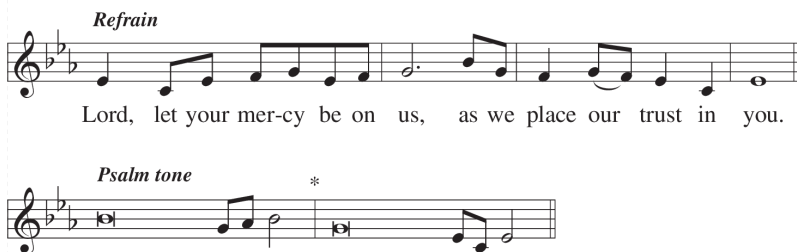
FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (NIV84)

“ ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain.²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches.²⁴ All the trees of the field will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. “ ‘I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.’ ”

PSALM OF THE DAY

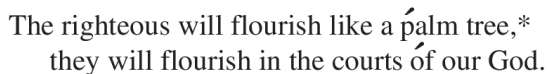
Psalm 92



How great are your works, O LORD,*
how profound your thoughts!

The senseless man does not know,*
fools do not understand,

they will be forever destroyed.*
But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.



They will still bear fruit in old age,*
they will stay fresh and green,

proclaiming, “The LORD is upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”

**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

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (NIV84)

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ We live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia. (Psalm 132:9)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

M: The Gospel is from Mark, chapter 4, beginning at verse 26.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34 (NIV84)

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.” ³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade.” ³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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.**

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Preach You the Word

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1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To those who
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be

like or like it not, The Word that shall en - dure and
bids us un - der - take: To preach your Word and nev - er
broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that there may
choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his heart cries

stand When flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.
ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.
be The whole - some loaves that peo - ple need.
out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

5 Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest-Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend his planted Word.

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-76, alt.

Tune: *Rheinflssisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*, Augsburg, 1666

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SERMON

Lord of the Church

Mark 4:26-34

STAND

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

BE SEATED

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.**

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HYMN

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

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STAND

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: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,
 4 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,

She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more

She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is with her to the end.
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,

Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest

From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"

And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 And to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 A - gainst both foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.

5 Mid toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900, abr., alt.
 Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-76; Desc. Kermit G. Moldenhauer, b. 1949
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Christ Is Our Cornerstone

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1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we
2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall
3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw
4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -

build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of
ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in
near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your
plores, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us

heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we
One to sing And thus pro - claim In joy - ful
chil - dren hear, And more and more On those who
ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the

place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.
pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.
blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.
Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89

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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.

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

Mowing Schedule

June 18 thru 24 - Lee Bowman

June 25 thru July 1 - Greg Lewis

July 2 thru 8 - John Thielke

Pastor Gunn

Our Savior Lutheran Church is extending an invitation to celebrate the retirement of Pastor Dean Gunn. The retirement service will be held on Sunday, July 11 at 3:00 pm at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, 600 8th Ave NW, Kasson, MN 55944. A dinner will follow the service.

oursaviorlutherankasson@gmail.com can be used to RSVP.

I-Cubs Baseball Fellowship

July 30 at 7:00 pm, \$9/ticket

3 years old and under do not need a ticket.

Sign up to reserve your tickets today.

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: *Job 38:1-11, 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Mark 4:35-41*

58th Annual LWMS Virtual Convention

This year's convention entitled "Proclaim God's Promises" will be Thursday, June 24 through Sunday, June 27. Links to access On Demand sessions will be available throughout the convention. Registration to live events will remain open until Wednesday, June 23. Go to lwms.org for more information and follow LWMS on Facebook for the latest information.

Ordination and Installation in Cedar Rapids

Pastor Lucas Callies recently graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and was assigned to Good Shepherd Lutheran, Cedar Rapids and North Liberty. He will be ordained and installed on July 11. The service is at the Cedar Rapids church at 4 pm with a meal to follow. Members of Lincoln Heights are invited to attend this special day. Thanks to the Lord of the Harvest for sending another worker in the harvest fields.

Installation in Ames

Pastor Mike Smith will be installed as the new pastor at Bethany Lutheran in Ames on July 11. The service will be at 4 pm with a meal to follow. Members of Lincoln Heights are invited to attend this special day. We thank the Lord of the Church for providing a pastor for the members of Bethany and the community around them.

Building Fund Update

\$22,530 donated as of 6/13/2021.

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

June 20 - 27

Today	8:00 am	Worship
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	VBS Staff Meeting
	10:30 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
Wednesday	9:00 am	PSI
Saturday	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Preparation
	10:00 am	Basic Bible Christianity
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	10:30 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship

Vacation Bible School—"Soaring High"

We are trying something new this summer.

Instead of having one week of VBS, we will have 5 Wednesdays of VBS! We know students and teachers will miss a night or two for summer vacations.

However, we hope this schedule allows more students to invite their unchurched friends for one night...and maybe more!

Wednesdays, 6—8 pm

July 7, 14, 21, 28 & Aug 4

Entering Preschool—6th Grade

Register at www.lhelc.org/vacation-bible-school



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