Prayer: Heavenly Father, there are challenges in raising children in a world distorted by sin. We praise and thank You for Lutheran High School (LHS) of Greater New Orleans with its mission to provide a quality physical, intellectual, and spiritual education to its students. We give thanks for the teachers and volunteers who share the message of salvation, hope, and God's love with the youth, their families, and others. May You bless them and provide for them. Encourage them and let them feel Your presence.

All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Song: “This Little Gospel Light of Mine”

Reader: Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).

Leader: The world of children was of great spiritual concern to Jesus. And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them (Mark 10:16). LHS of Greater New Orleans is the only high school in the LCMS Southern District. They have been serving youth for over 50 years and currently serve students who are disadvantaged, culturally diverse, and unchurched. It is a privilege for them to provide a safe environment while teaching students about their Lord and Savior through the teachings of the Lutheran church and the words of Christ.

Reader: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments (1 John 5:1–2).

Leader: Jesus showed that the blessings of the kingdom are freely given. LHS, exists by God’s grace as an extension of Lutheran congregations to provide a Christian education.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).
At LHS they desire for their students to develop a personal relationship with Christ, learn to be spiritually discerning, and commit to walk in spiritual truth and righteousness. The teachers want the students to go to college, to be exemplary citizens, and to be equipped to “make disciples” for Christ throughout their lives.

Reader:  *And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come* (Matthew 24:14).

Leader:  This verse teaches us that God’s love expressed through the Gospel is to reach everyone, everywhere. When we reach out to every person with the love of Jesus and His saving grace, He can transform the world, one life at a time. LHS has an important part to play in that mission. That is why, year after year, they push forward — in spite of hurricanes, in spite of COVID, in spite of poverty that often surrounds the children of New Orleans — until Matthew 24:14 is fulfilled. There are students in the New Orleans area who will never know Christ crucified or His saving grace unless they are exposed to Him in a safe, caring environment.

Bless the mission grant to LHS of Greater New Orleans that will provide funds to pay half of the tuition for ten students for one year.

Prayer:  O God, You have commanded Your people to be instructed in all of Your works and ways. We give You thanks and praise for the teachers of LHS You have raised up who share the knowledge and love of Christ with the students and their families. Please provide for their needs of body and soul so that they are strengthened to serve You with all their heart. In Jesus’ name. Amen.