



# 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Worship! Words in **bold** are said together.

*Welcome!*

*Confession and Absolution*

*Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

*L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. God our comforter,*

**C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance but only see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

*L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace through faith in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins with glad hearts and changed lives. C: Amen.*

*Gathering Song – Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*Refrain: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You (2x)*

*Verse: To see You high and lifted up shinin' in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.*

*Repeat Refrain (2x) and Verse (2x)*

*Ending: Holy, holy, holy... holy, holy, holy... holy, holy, holy, I want to see you. (repeat)*

**Prayer of the Day—Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Scripture Readings*

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 p. 746

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. →

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:12-17

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

<sup>13</sup>Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

<sup>16</sup>Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

<sup>17</sup>Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands —  
O prosper the work of our hands!

Hebrews 4:12-16 p. 972

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. <sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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The holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 10:17-31 p. 822

<sup>17</sup>As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Children's Message*

Pastor Amanda Kempthorne

*Sermon*

Pastor Lisa Smith Fiegel

*Song of the Day– You are My All in All*

1. You are my strength when I am weak, you are the treasure that I seek,  
You are my all in all.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool,  
You are my all in all.

*Refrain:* Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.  
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2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again, I bless Your name,  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down, You pick me up, when I am dry, You fill my cup,  
You are my all in all. (*Refrain x2*)

*Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayers of God's People*

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*Offering*

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- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at [www.lordoflifeak.com/giving](http://www.lordoflifeak.com/giving) or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the instructions. Giving is secure.



*Offering Song – From the Inside Out*

1. A thousand times I've failed, still your mercy remains.  
And should I stumble again, still I'm caught in your grace. (*Refrain*)

*Refrain:* Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.  
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.  
My heart and my soul I give you control. Consume me from the inside out, Lord.  
Let justice and praise become my embrace, to love You from the inside out.

2. Your will above all else, my purpose remains,  
the art of losing myself in bringing You praise. (*Refrain x1.5*)

*Ending:* And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise.  
From the inside out, Lord, my soul cries out. (*Verse 1 and Refrain x2*)

***Offering Prayer* – God of abundance, accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Christ's Words of Institution and Communion*

We eat and drink together at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever, amen.**

*Announcements*

- Today: Church clean-up! Tonight: Confirmation at 4pm, Youth Group 6pm
- Church Council 7pm tomorrow!
- Have you filled out your Spiritual Gifts Inventory? Put your gifts to use on council!
- Love INC's "Loving Families" week is October 24-31. Our support will be through groceries and meals.

*Blessing and Dismissal*

L: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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