



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

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

*Welcome*

*Confession and Forgiveness*

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence for reflection.)*

L: Faithful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn – This is My Father’s World #824*

1. This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears  
all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father’s world; the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world; he shines in all that’s fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father’s world; oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong; God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world; why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

*Prayer of the Day*

**Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## *Scripture Readings*

### Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed:

<sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms 96:1-9

L: <sup>1</sup>O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**C: <sup>2</sup>Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**C: <sup>4</sup>For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

L: <sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

**C: <sup>6</sup>Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

L: <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**C: <sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

**All: <sup>9</sup>Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Matthew 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Hymn of the Day– We Give Thee but Thine Own #686*

1. We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, oh Lord, from thee.
2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.
3. The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace - it is a Christ-like thing.
4. And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

*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*

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ 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 easy instructions.



We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

**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.**

## *Announcements*

- Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday! Wear **RED** to celebrate and post a pic on our Facebook page! We will have fellowship time after worship (11am) using Zoom – a link will be in the email with next week's bulletin.
- Join in the Bible study on Philippians chapter 3 on Tuesday – read it on our website [www.lordoflifeak.com/the-latest](http://www.lordoflifeak.com/the-latest) and watch a short introductory video on our Facebook page at noon.
- We are upgrading our internet provider – the final step in being able to live-stream from our sanctuary!

## *Blessing and Dismissal*

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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