



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

### *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 – Thy Word*

*Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near, please be near me to the end. *Refrain.*
2. I will not forget Your love for me and yet, my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end.

*-Musical Break-*

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***Prayer of the Day—Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

### *Scripture Readings*

Jeremiah 31:7-9 p. 641

<sup>7</sup>For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

## Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup>When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."**

<sup>3</sup>The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

**<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

Hebrews 7:23-28 p. 974

<sup>23</sup>Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

Mark 10:46-52 p. 823

<sup>46</sup>They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

*Children's Message and Sermon*

Pastor Amanda Kempthorne

*Song of the Day – Amazing Grace – My Chains are Gone*

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

*Refrain:* My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns: unending love, amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below will be forever mine. *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*

- ◇ 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 instructions. Giving is secure.



## *Offering Song – Blessed Be Your Name*

1. Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where streams of abundance flow blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

*Refrain:* Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

2. Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me.  
When the world's all as it should be blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering.  
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name. *Refrain*

*Bridge:* You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.

*Refrain, end with Bridge.*

***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*

- Put your gifts to use on council!
- Confirmation today at 4-5:30pm, Youth group at 6-7:30pm.
- Loving Families host week October 24-31 is on hold – no families needed housing!
- Next Sunday is Reformation 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship!
- Saturday, November 13 is Pastor Amanda's farewell celebration
- Sunday, November 14 is the Annual Meeting after worship

### *Blessing and Dismissal*

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

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