



All Saints Day

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

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Holy One, **we confess that we are not watching for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

L: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through Jesus, you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn – For All the Saints (v. 1, 3 & 4) #422

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee, by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Oh, bless communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

L: ¹I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C: ²My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

L: ³O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

C: ⁴I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

L: ⁵Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

C: ⁶This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

L: ⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

C: ⁸O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

L: ⁹O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

C: ¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

²²The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Sermon

Pastor Amanda Kempthorne

Hymn of the Day – Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death #452

1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness depth and height.
2. To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity, the very bond of peace.
3. There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.
4. Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.
5. For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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.

Remembrance of Saints

Today we honor the cloud of witnesses in those who have died since last All Saints Sunday. We light candles for those dear to us, remembering the light of Christ within them.

Dustin Baxter, Pauline Boyle, Michael Dubowski, Arloine Finstad, Larry Finstad, George Grussing, Rebecca Lewis, Dylan McFarlane, Patricia Thurman, and Montene Wickert.

We also remember: victims of abuse and hate, service men and women, victims of suicide, and those who have died from Covid.

Prayers of God's People

Each petition ends "Lord of all," please respond: **may your kingdom come.**

Offering

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

◇ Online: "giving" tab at 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

- We would like to create a collage of the people of Lord of Life. Post your photo in the comments on Facebook or email them to office@lordoflifeak.com or text them to Pastor Amanda.
- Philippians Bible study is done, you have this week to catch up!
- The Annual Meeting is next Sunday! We will be using Zoom for that meeting, so if you'd like to practice, join in this Sunday's fellowship on Zoom. Use meeting ID: 960 0344 3648 and passcode: 751561 or [click on this link](#). You can also call (253) 215-8782 and type in the meeting ID and passcode.

Blessing and Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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