



24th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. Congregation: Amen.

L: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. (silence for reflection)

*L: Steadfast and faithful God, **C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.***

*L: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **C: Amen.***

*Sharing the Peace – **L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.***

Gathering Song [intro] – All God's Creatures

*Refrain: All God's creatures got a place in the choir
Some sing low and some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
Some just clap their hands, or paws,
or anything they've got now. Sing twice.*

- 1. Listen to the top where the little bird sings
On the melodies and the high notes ringing,
And the hoot owl cries over everything
And the blackbird disagrees.*
- 2. Singing in the night time, singing in the day,
When the little duck quacks, and he's on his way
And the otter hasn't got much to say
And the porcupine talks to himself. Refrain.*
- 3. The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles,
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
And the old gray badger sighs.*

4. Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big t'do
And the old cow just goes moo. *Refrain.*
5. It's a simple song, a little song everywhere
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,
The dopey alligator and the hawk above,
The sly old weasel and the turtle dove. *Refrain x3.*

Prayer of the Day — **O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Amos 5:18-24 p. 747

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

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

Psalms 70 p. 463

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!

²Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.

³Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

⁴Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

⁵But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 p. 960

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Children’s Message

Eileen Dubowski

Sermon

David Ingram

Song of the Day – Oceans (lyrics on screen)

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 Church, 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 instructions. Giving is secure.



Offering Song – Light the Fire

I stand to praise you, but I fall down on my knees.
My spirit is willing but my flesh is so weak.

Refrain: So light the fire (light the fire) in my soul (in my weary soul)
fan the flame (fan the flame) make me whole (make my spirit whole)
Lord you know (Lord you know) where I’ve been (where I’ve been)
So light the fire in my heart again.

I feel Your arms around me, as the pow'r of your healing begins.
Your Spirit moves through me like a mighty rushing wind. *Refrainx2.*

Offering Prayer – **God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

L: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

Post Communion Prayer

L: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

- Get a bite to eat after worship & then the annual meeting will follow
- Would someone be willing to livestream the annual Thanksgiving Food Box giveaway to post on Facebook?
- Coming up: Thanksgiving Eve service @ New Hope; Christmas Eve member photos

Closing Song – Old Church Choir by Zach Williams

Blessing

L: The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. God is at work in you. C: Thanks be to God.

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11/14 Vern Dulany