



# 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Welcome*

*Confession and Forgiveness*

*Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.      **Congregation: Amen***

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

*Most merciful God,*

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.**

*L: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.      **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 – Come, Now is the Time to Worship (video will play onscreen)*

*Prayer of the Day – **O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

*Scripture Readings by Tanya Arvold*

Malachi 4:1-2a      p. 779

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

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

Psalms 98      p. 480

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

**<sup>2</sup>The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**<sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**<sup>8</sup>Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy <sup>9</sup>at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 p. 962

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.

<sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

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

Luke 21:5-19 p. 856

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." <sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

*Children's Message and Sermon*

Pastor Curt Matz

*Song of the Day – Not Today*

*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 – You are My King*

**Offering Prayer – Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*Christ's Words of Institution and Communion*

*L: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.*

*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: Annual Congregational Meeting after worship; 6pm Youth Group
- Tomorrow: 7pm Council Meeting
- We **desperately** need volunteers for our winter firewood donation program; if you're willing to load and/or deliver please update info or be added to list

*Sending Song – Shout to the Lord*

*Verse:* My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;  
let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship You.

*Refrain:* Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you. *(Repeat verse and refrain.)*

*Ending:* Nothing compares to the promise I have,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

### *Blessing and Dismissal*

*L: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope + bless you now and forever. C: Amen.*

*L: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. C: Thanks be to God!*

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### ***Birthdays & Anniversaries...***

11-14 Vern Dulany  
11-19 Kevin Powers