

Welcome, tune to 89.5 on your car radio! We are celebrating God's faithfulness today!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, **C: and also with you.**

Gathering Hymn – 376 Thine is the Glory

Sing along with the radio and not feel weird when you get caught doing it!

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strive;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain after each verse:

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ,
by whose Spirit we have been reborn into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

C: Amen.

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance. (Silent confession)

L: God of life, **C:** we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises when around us is despair. Forgive us, O God, and let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

L: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture readings:

1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

³You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me,

for you are my refuge.

⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;

save me in your steadfast love.

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

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – 623 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress' helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in 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

Each petition ends with "Lord in your mercy." Response is: **hear our prayer.**

Offering, Music by Kyle Renner

Filled with the things of God and trusting that God provides for our needs, we turn toward the world in our Offering. Please, continue to support your church and community with your financial gifts to ensure our ministries have a future.

- You may mail your offering to our locked mailbox at 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705.
- You may give securely on our website, lordoflifeak.com by clicking the "Giving" tab and "I'd like to give" button.
- You may give securely from your phone using the "Give Plus Church" app, just search by our zip code of 99705 and choose Lord of Life, and follow the easy instructions.

Prayer: **Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ, amen.**

Communion – You are invited to remove the covers on the Communion cup, hold the wafer and juice. We will pause during Christ's words of institution to eat together, and again to drink together.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever, amen.

Announcements

- Mask Making is taking a break for the time being. Our group has made over 400 masks for people in the community! Thank you Dixie and Evie for getting this going and to Donna, Lisa, Eileen, Chris, Margi, and many others who cut, sewed, washed, and delivered!
- Council will be meeting Monday 5/11 to discuss safe practices and a timeline for gathering as well as our online presence for those still wishing to keep physical distance.
- On the plus side, we're saving on toner, paper, fuel, and electricity!
Currently: May bills will total \$12,276, including our support to the greater ELCA church that is momentarily delayed. Cash on hand: \$5,590. Thank you for continuing to support our ministries both financially, prayerfully, and in positive attitudes and affirmation!
- Fellowship after online worship! We've begun meeting through Zoom.com video conference OR you can call in! Meeting ID is 922 5244 9173. Log on with that ID or call (253) 215-8782 and then dial the above code.
- AA is meeting via teleconference every Monday and Thursday at 8pm. To join, call 1-763-296-7282 and use access code 181383.
- Thank you to those who made today's drive-in worship possible! Carol Hughes, pianist; Curt, Margi, and Kyle, singers and Scripture readers; and all those who volunteered to serve!

Sending Hymn – 536 God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Blessing and Sending

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Christ is Risen! **C: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace, share the good news, Alleluia! ***beep***