

Welcome!

L: The Lord be with you. **C: and also with you!**

Dear siblings in Christ, welcome to worship!

It is a joy and gift to be able to worship with you today. To gather in spirit with one another to praise God and listen for words that feed our faith in times like this. I want to stress that whether you are part of our worshiping community in person be it for 2 months, 2 or 12 or our almost 45 years, or you have joined us online – you belong, and we as a whole church are glad God has brought you here.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

Remembering the gift of your grace in our baptisms, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, for the water of melting snow, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, amen.

Opening Hymn: 631 Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing; glory in thy perfect love.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, amen.

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;

¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Sermon by Pastor Christina Mauntel – includes reading of John 14:15-21

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Hymn of the Day: 763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails and new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Prayers of God's People

This week, I'd like to do our prayers differently. I will begin our prayers with a prompt with a time of quiet for you to reflect in prayer. Feel free to come back to these prayer prompts after worship has ended and pause the video as long as you need. Let us pray.

* Almighty and ever-present God, we offer gratitude for the ways your Spirit is bringing your love into our lives.

* For the relationships we build, nurture, or release.

* For the passions that we want to live out.

* We put to rest the worries that chase us, those things we have no control over, and the dear ones who need your care.

* We pray for that we may extend God's care to others and the world.

All these prayers of our hearts, we offer to you O God, with sighs and groans too deep for words, trusting that you hold us in the same gentleness we saw in Christ Jesus as we pray the prayer he taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

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Offering

We turn to the world, to caring for others, and to trusting in God when we bring an offering. If you are able, continue to support local businesses, the agencies dedicated to caring for the vulnerable, and the ministry God is doing through Lord of Life.

Mail: 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705.

Website: lordoflifeak.com/giving "I'd like to give" button

App: "Give Plus Church" search by our zip code of 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the easy instructions.

Let us pray, **Merciful God, you take our ordinary gifts and make them into an abundance. Do the same with our lives, that we may serve in the name and strength of the risen Christ, amen.**

Announcements

Grab a piece of paper! You're invited to a virtual coffee hour right now on Zoom.com video conference. Type in our meeting ID: 922 5244 9173. It's a chance to see each other and check-in.

Tonight at 8pm: Youth group meets the same way! Meeting ID: 958 9135 9979

Blessing and Dismissal

L: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!