



3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Worship! Words in **bold** are said together. We will be sharing in Communion, please prepare bread and wine/juice.

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

L: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trust in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

Opening Song – You are My King

Verse: I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me,
Because You died and rose again. *(first time, sing twice)*

Refrain: Amazing love, how can it be, that you my King should die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true, it's my joy to honor You, *(repeat 2 lines)*
In all I do, I honor You.

Verse once, Refrain

Bridge: You are my King. You are my King.
Jesus, You are my king. Jesus, You are my King. *(Refrain)*

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may hear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings read by Evan Keil

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

²to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

³to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

⁴For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

¹²The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,

¹⁵showing that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Song of the Day – Blessed Be Your Name

1. Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where streams of abundance flow blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Refrain: Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

2. Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me.
When the world's all as it should be blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering.
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name. *Refrain*

Bridge: You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name. *Refrain, end with Bridge*

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 or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow instructions



Offering Song – 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus: just to take him at his word,
just to rest upon his promise, and to know thus saith the Lord.

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, oh for grace to trust him more!

2. Oh how sweet to trust in Jesus: just to trust his cleansing blood,
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing cleansing flood. *Refrain.*
3. Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus: just from sin and self to cease,
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace. *Refrain.*
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend!
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end! *Refrain (2x)*

***Offering Prayer* – Blessed are you, O God. In your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, amen.**

Communion * We eat and drink after Christ's Words of Institution

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

- Youth Group – highway clean-up tonight 6-7:30pm
- Council Meeting Monday night 7pm
- Vacation Bible School will be July 12-16 in the evenings!
- We will be outside all summer as long as it's not raining!

Blessing and Dismissal

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Special Thanks to...

Reader, Evan Keil
Sound and music, Jason Kempthorne
To those who set up and put away for worship, you are appreciated!

What we need for next week:

2 people to carry worship items outside at 10am (piano items next week!)
an usher to hand out bulletins and Communion cups (for lawn and cars)

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