



3rd 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, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Congregation: Amen.

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

C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

L: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. C: Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Gathering Song – 10,000 Reasons (lyrics display on screen)

Prayer of the Day—Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!

Scripture Readings

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 p. 285

¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

⁵The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. ¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you,

Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Children's Message and Sermon

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Installation of Call Committee – Jo Small, Marty Pakhamaa, Chandler Villarreal, Eileen Dubowski, Allen Griswold, Samantha Aleshire

Song of the Day – In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Ending: No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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 "God of grace," 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 the instructions. Giving is secure.



Offering Song – Grace Like Rain

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see so clearly

Refrain: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, washed away

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Refrain.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun. *Refrain x2.*

Offering Prayer

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all in the name of Jesus. 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

- Lots left for Spring Clean Up – just pick a task from the sign up board!
- Needed: 2 more Council members!
- VBS volunteer signups & registrations are out (near office)
- LoL will have a table @ NP Grange July 4th to hand out water and do VBS signups – contact Liz to help 😊
- Tomorrow: 7pm Evening Bible Study with 6:30pm Potluck

Sending Song – Your Grace is Enough

1. Great is Your faithfulness, oh God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

Refrain: So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God.

Your grace is enough, your grace is enough, your grace is enough for me.

2. Great is Your love and justice God; You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along. *Refrain x2*

Final: Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love, Your grace is enough for me.

Blessing and Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor. C: Thanks be to God.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries...

6-26 Loretta Pananen

6-28 Sheri & Marty Pahkamaa

6-30 Amelia Dulany

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