

## Welcome

The Lord be with you, **and also with you!** Welcome to worship at Lord of Life Lutheran Church!

Leader's parts are in regular print, we join together in the **bold print**.

So welcome to the First Sunday after Pentecost which is Holy Trinity Sunday. We explore and celebrate the God who interacts with humanity as three persons in one Godhead. If you don't understand how that works, you are not alone. This is one of the many mysteries of God. But if Jesus prayed to God as Father, claimed he was God, and sent the Spirit to be with us, there's someone to hang onto there. And right now, we need someone to hang on to, and who hangs on to us.

We begin with a moment to quiet our hearts.

## Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renews us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

L: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit,  
**C: amen.**

We join together in our Opening Hymn, 413 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
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#### Prayer of the Day

**Almighty Creator and ever-living God; we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, amen.**

#### Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

<sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, Word of life; **thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup>what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. →

<sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,  
<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
<sup>9</sup>O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Guest Preacher is the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Elizabeth Eaton.

Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

We join in our hymn of the day, "Christ Be Our Light" 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain.*

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain.*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain.*

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain.*

As one body, we confess our one belief in the Triune God using the words of the 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 prayer petition ends, L: Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Offering

In response to God's goodness, we are called to give. Giving helps keep our priorities straight – it reminds us to trust more in God than the money in our bank account. I invite you to give where your heart is. If it's to God's work through Lord of Life, we will happily receive it and use it wisely in ministry. If it is to local helping agencies, bless you for caring for your neighbors that way.

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

Website: [lordoflifeak.com/giving](http://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.

We join our hearts in prayerful gratitude to God: **God of all goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Bless the gifts you have given to us, that using them, we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song, amen.**

Announcements

Tomorrow night is our council meeting at 7pm. We are meeting at the church with precautions and through video conference. If you have any concerns or feedback to share about our outdoor worship, or online worship, please get that to us before tomorrow night.

Next Sunday we will gather on the front lawn with the option to remain in your vehicles.

We are still distributing Food Boxes on Tuesday and Wednesday at noon and are happy to have anyone come help.

#### Sending Blessing and Dismissal

Our blessing is from Romans 8: "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ."

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. Amen.

Go in peace, Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**