



10th 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 – Oceans (lyrics on screen)

Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 23:23-29 p. 634

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

Psalm 82 p. 472

¹God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: ²How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

³Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

⁴Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

⁵They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; ⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

⁸Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 p. 978

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. **12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Luke 12:49-56 p. 848

⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

Song of the Day – Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (echo)
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (echo)
And he (echo) shall lift (echo) you up — higher and higher
And he (echo) shall lift (echo) you up.

Sung 3 times.

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 the instructions. Giving is secure!



Offering Song – As the Deer

1. As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee
You alone are my strength, my shield. To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee
2. You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King, I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

You alone are my strength, my shield. To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee

3. I want You more than gold or silver; only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye
You alone are my strength, my shield. To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee

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

- Tomorrow night: Council Meeting (rescheduled – thanks, Covid!)
- Coming up: **NEW** 9-1 Book Club; 9-11 Rally Sunday/God's Work Our Hands; 9-11 1st Confirmation Class
- Prayer Board requests can be left in entry/office or email to office (office@lordoflifeak.com). Say a prayer, add a magnet!

Sending Song – Shine, Jesus, Shine

Blessing and Dismissal

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

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8-16 Christine & Wayne Lindquist
8-18 McCoy Lindquist
8-18 Becky Peterson