



12th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Worship! We gather on the lawn **OR** in vehicles tuned to radio station 89.5 FM. Words in **bold** are said together.

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

L: 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.

Gathering Hymn – Morning Has Broken #556

1. Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's re-creation of the new day!

*Prayer of the Day—**Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Scripture Readings

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,

⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

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

Psalm 34:9-14

⁹O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

¹¹Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹²Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

¹⁴Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

John 6:51-58

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

Children's Message and Sermon

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Hymn of the Day – You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #484

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.

Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *Refrain.*
2. With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain.*
3. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain.*
4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain.*
5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *Refrain.*

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 Hymn – Let Us Break Bread Together #471

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

***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.**

Christ's Words of Institution

Communion * Eat and drink together at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever, amen.

Announcements

- 2 weeks left to get your picture taken or send in your own!
- Join us in fellowship! Stick around for some chocolate and chat with each other!
Fellowship theme next week: Bread! John 6:58 [Jesus said], “But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” Rhubarb or zucchini bread, muffins, mini pizzas (crust!), this one is easy 😊
- If it’s raining, we will worship inside. Cases are rising so wear a mask to keep each other safe!

Blessing and Dismissal

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Thanks to...

Pianist, Carol Hughes
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