



9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, North Pole, AK

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Welcome to Worship! We gather on the lawn (6 feet between families and wear masks until worship starts) **OR** in vehicles tuned to radio station 89.5 FM. Words in **bold** are said together.

GATHER (Welcome!)

Confession and Forgiveness

Invitation to confession and time for private confession.

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

L: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. (pause for silent confession) 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, renew 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.**

Gathering Hymn - Morning Has Broken

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 dew fall 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 recreation of the new day!

Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and fill all the starving world with this food; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

Psalms 145:8-9. 14-21

⁸The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

¹⁸The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

²⁰The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the

broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Amanda Kempthorne

Hymn of the Day – Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed;
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice, alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight.
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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.

MEAL

Prayers of God's People--Each petition ends "Lord in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Offering

- ◇ By mail: Lord of Life Lutheran, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ "Giving" Tab on our website: lordoflifeak.com or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the easy instructions.



Offering Hymn - What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain.*

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain.*

Offering Prayer: God of all goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread; these are the signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

Communion: We will take communion during the Words of Institution, please listen for those instructions.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SEND

Announcements

Want to serve in worship or with a special project? Contact the church office: 488-6720 or office@lordoflifeak.com and let us know what you'd like to do!

Some behind-the-scenes work:

- Preparing the Sanctuary for return and tools to provide online worship
- A team is working on imagining a new way of organizing our council around planning for the future and keeping in step with our mission.

Bible study has resumed meeting Mondays at 10am, kitchen level at the church, with masks (as we enter) and then physical distance to ensure everyone's safety.

Sending Hymn - Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1. Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

4. Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Blessing (from Romans 8:38-39) and Dismissal

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

Special Thanks to...

Worship Leaders:

Carol Hughes, our gracious and giving pianist

Evan Keil, Scripture reader

Usher volunteers: We need 2 every Sunday: 1 for the lawn, 1 for cars

Everyone who sets up and puts away for worship—you are appreciated!

The people behind the scenes:

Jason Kempthorne for mixing the sound.

Camera operator for online worship!

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