



# 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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*Welcome!* Words in **bold** are said together.

## *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 Hymn – Bind Us Together #748 WOV*

*Refrain: Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together Lord; bind us together in love.*

1. There is only one God. There is only one King.  
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing. *Refrain.*
2. You are the family of God, you are the promise divine.  
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious wine. *Refrain.*

## *Prayer of the Day*

**O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

## *Scripture Readings*

Isaiah 58:9b-14 p. 601

<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. →→

<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. <sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

Psalm 103:1-8 p. 482

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**<sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, <sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

<sup>6</sup>The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

**<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.**

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

Hebrews 12:18-29 p. 979

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup>This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

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

Luke 13:10-17 p. 848

<sup>10</sup>Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox

or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

*Children's Message and Sermon*

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*Offering Hymn – All Things Bright and Beautiful #767 WOV*

*Refrain:* All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. *Refrain.*
2. The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain.*
3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them ev'ry one. *Refrain.*
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *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](http://www.lordoflifeak.com/giving) or the QR Code →
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*Offering Song – I am the Bread of Life #485 ELW/#702 WOV*

1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

*Refrain:* And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever. *Refrain.*
3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. *Refrain.*
4. I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me,  
even though you die, you shall live forever. *Refrain.*
5. Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God, who have come into the world. *Refrain.*

***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*

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*

- First time visiting Lord of Life? We have a special gift for you!
- Tomorrow night: Potluck dinner 6:30pm followed by Evening Bible Study
- Book Club meets 9-1; first book: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks, available at local libraries
- Confirmation coming up – if your child hasn't had classes, please contact the office

### *Sending Hymn – Precious Lord, Take My Hand #773 ELW/#731 WOV*

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

*Blessing and Dismissal*

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

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