



5th Sunday Worship!

August 30, 2020

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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 (and introduction to what you've gotten yourself into today)

Moment of centering space (search qigong if you're interested in more), Gathering Prayer

Thanksgiving for Baptism

You may make the sign of the cross to remember you baptism.

L: In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God,
who accepts us as we are and at the same time calls us to something more, **C: amen.**

A reading from Ephesians: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Parent of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Joined to one another and to the saints of the past, present, and future across all time and space, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism:

promises that remain constant
regular tasks that become sacred
we are linked to you and one another
we live out your mercy wherever we go.

Refresh and restore us, God. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, **C: amen.**

Gathering Hymn - As we Gather at Your Table

1. As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.
2. Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still be hold your image in the world you died to save.
3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

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

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Amanda Kempthorne

* What crosses has God asked you to take up over your life so far, and what has been the impact?

* When have you felt like you were doing God's work?

* When have you fought against what the world wants you to do in order to follow God? How did your spirit feel after that experience?

Offering and Prayer (giving information on final page)

God of all goodness, we offer to you what you have first given to us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Jesus, who offered his life for us, amen.

Hymn of the Day – In Christ Called to Baptize

1. In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.
2. In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.
3. In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.
4. Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

MEAL

Prayers of God's People

Each petition ends "Lord in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Communion *We eat and drink together after Christ's Words of Institution.

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

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 and 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.

SEND

Announcements

We have been restocking the Fairbanks Food Bank this month! The drive ends Aug 31, but you can always bring food and donations to the Food Bank. We've surpassed our goal of 500 lbs!

September 13 is our church's national day of service, "God's Work. Our Hands." Several projects lined up to serve our community:

- * highway clean-up from our church to Wendy's
- * wood shed: move dry wood to one side; cut, split, and stack new in the shed
- * mask making project inside

Indoor worship will begin September 20th. Be sure to read the newsletter for updates on what's been happening in the building!

We need a little help around the church this week!

Tuesday and Wednesday from 12-12:30pm: unload food boxes from the Food Bank and load into people's vehicles (wear mask)

Friday from 9:30-11am: clean the church (bathrooms, vacuum, sweep)

Sending Hymn - Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak

1. Lord speak to us that we may speak in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.
2. Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.
3. Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many-a heart.
4. Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Blessing and Dismissal

Sending Scripture: Romans 12:9, 15, 18, 21

And the God who calls you by name be with you and bless you, amen.

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

Special Thanks to... *Worship Set-up hands:* Fran Hradecky; *Worship Leaders:* Pianist, Carol Hughes; Reader, Carol Dahl; Sound, Jason Kempthorne

Offering Information (a basket for offering is available as you arrive/leave)

◇ By mail: 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705

◇ "Giving" Tab on our website: lordoflifeak.com/giving

◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the easy instructions.