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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 – Be Thou My Vision #793 (all music a capella)

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!

Scripture Readings

Genesis 15:1-6 p. 10

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalms 33:12-22 p. 441

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

¹³The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—¹⁵he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

¹⁸Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, ¹⁹to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. ²¹Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

²²Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 p. 977

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.
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The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 12:32-40 p. 847

³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Children's Message and Sermon

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Offering Hymn – Faith of Our Fathers #812 (a capella)

1. Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

2. The martyrs, chained in prisons dark were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee. *Refrain.*
3. Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life. *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 easy instructions



Offering Song – We Give Thee but Thine Own #686 (a capella)

1. We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, oh Lord, from thee.
2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.
3. The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace it is a Christ-like thing.
4. And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto 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

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

- August newsletter is here – pick up a copy 😊
- Love Cruise 6pm tonight!
- Council Meeting tomorrow night 7pm
- Confirmation coming up – if your child hasn't had confirmation classes, please contact the office

Sending Hymn – Have No Fear, Little Flock #764

1. Have no fear little flock; have no fear little flock,
for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear little flock!
2. Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!

3. Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord, high above!
4. Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God.

Blessing and Dismissal

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

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