



# 10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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 - My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine.
2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
4. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

## *Prayer of the Day*

**O God, our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### 1 Kings 19:9-18

<sup>9</sup>At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

### Psalms 85:8-13

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.  
<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.  
<sup>12</sup>The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.  
<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

### Romans 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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

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

Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup>Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

*Children's Message*

*Sermon*

Pastor Amanda Kempthorne

*Hymn of the Day – When Peace Like a River (v. 1-3)*

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain:* It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain.*
3. He lives – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my soul! *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.**

**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](http://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 - Here is Bread*

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
*Refrain:* In this bread, there is healing, in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.
2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. *Refrain.*
3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. *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*

Help restock the Fairbanks Food Bank this month!

- Bring your food donations to worship to put in the red wagon
- Drop off donations on the bench near the church entrance
- Go to amazon.com to have food delivered to the Food Bank (link was sent in email)
- Bring food directly to the Food Bank

Council meeting 7pm Monday night

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

Some behind-the-scenes work: a new way of organizing our council around planning for the future and keeping in step with our mission

*Sending Hymn - God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1, 2, 4)*

1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
3. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

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

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

***Special Thanks to...***

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