



14th Sunday after Pentecost

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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, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

L: Faithful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, now live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn - Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise;
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, thou incarnate Word merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness, on us descend.
3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart never from us depart, Spirit of power.
4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence ever more!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Psalms 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.
³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.
³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
³⁶Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.
³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.
³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.
³⁹Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.
⁴⁰See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three

are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Amanda Kempthorne

Hymn of the Day – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain.*
2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain.*
3. These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain.*
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet; this is the way we will live with you. *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

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- ◇ “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 - As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain.*

2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain.*

***Offering Prayer:* Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Nourish us with this rich food and drink, prepare us for your heavenly banquet, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

The Food Bank Churches CAN Challenge has been *extended*. Donations can be put in the red wagon before or after worship. Food can also be left on the bench near the church entrance or in the basket near the offices. Thanks to YOU we met and EXCEEDED their ask!

Next Sunday is our national day of service, "God's Work. Our Hands." Projects lined up: Highway clean-up from our church to Wendy's; Move seasoned firewood to one side of woodshed, cut, split & stack wood (can use extra splitters and chainsaws); Cut fabric for masks, sewing maybe?

Sending Hymn - Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
2. Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.
3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.
4. Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

Blessing and Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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