

Therefore you also be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming
at an hour you do not
expect."
Luke 12:40

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

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Lord's Prayer

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. 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.

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen.

L: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. (silence for reflection)

L: Merciful God, C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

L: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. C: Amen.

Gathering Song [intro by asst minister] – Be Still for the Presence

1. Be still, for the Presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him,

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, 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." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But 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." ⁵ He 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." ⁶ And 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.

²¹ Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name.

ALL: ²² Let 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. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By 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.

⁸ By 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. ⁹ By 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. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised.

¹² Therefore 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." ¹³ All 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, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better

homeland, 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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Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 102, setting 1

*Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

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

Luke 12:32-40 p. 847

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³ Sell 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. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be 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. ³⁷ Blessed 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. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ "But 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. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

David Ingram

Song of the Day [intro] – Father, I Adore You

Father, I adore You.
Lay my life before You. How I love You.

Jesus, I adore You.
Lay my life before You. How I love You.

Spirit, I adore You.
Lay my life before You. How I love You.

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.**

Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

Offering

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
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Offering Song [intro] – Throne Room Song NEW!

1. Jesus is in this room
Here right now, here right now
Making this place I stand
Holy ground, holy ground
2. Your Spirit moves and breathes
All around, all around
All good and perfect things
Flowing down, flowing down

Bridge: If all of the heavens are singing along
With the saints and the elders in glorious song
And the praises they sing never seem to get old
Then I'll stay here, forever singing

Chorus: Holy, holy, holy Lord
God Almighty, over all
'Cause You were, You are, and You'll be forever
The King, enthroned, in glorious splendor
Holy, holy Lord

3. Gentle love calling me
Closer still, closer still
Jesus, You're guiding me
To Your will, to Your will *Repeat Bridge and Chorus*
4. The veil is torn and the doors fling wide
I see glory as I run inside the throne room
Before You I bow *Repeat x3, final Chorus*

Offering Prayer

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving p. 107

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion and Invitation to Communion

L: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Post Communion Prayer

L: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. C: Amen.

Announcements

- Visitors get a jar of yummy jam made by our very own talented congregation ladies!
- *Republish:* Needed by St. Jude's Food Pantry: tuna, rice, canned veggies/fruit, cereal (hot or cold), instant potatoes, peanut butter or jelly, pancake mix, vegetable oil or shortening small containers, cup o' soups, ramen

Sending Song [intro] – Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Verse: Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.

Refrain: You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high. *(Sing twice)*

Blessing

L: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. C: Thanks be to God.

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