



8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Children are always welcome - they worship God too! Cloth bags with quiet activities are by the stairs to keep them engaged during worship. Our nursery is at the bottom of the stairs, to the left.

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.

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 Hymn – Shine, Jesus, Shine #671

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus, Light of the world shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us;
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me. Shine on me. *Refrain*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory; mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me. Shine on me. *Refrain*

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 p. 536

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. **2** ¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 49:1-12 p. 451

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, ² both low and high, rich and poor together.
³ My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.
⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me, ⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?
⁷ Truly, no ransom avails for one's life; there is no price one can give to God for it.
⁸ For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice, ⁹ that one should live on forever and never see the Pit.
¹⁰ When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.
¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations though they named lands their own.
ALL: ¹² Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

Colossians 3:1-11 p. 957

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are

disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all! Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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 12:13-21 p. 847

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"

¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

David Ingram

Hymn of the Day– Blessed Assurance #638

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain.*
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *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.**

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
- ◇ 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 instructions. Giving is secure.



Offering Hymn – Lift High the Cross #660

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain.*
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain.*
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain.*
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain.*

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

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

- Lose something? Check Lost & Found in the entryway
- If you missed Summit Church's school backpack giveaway yesterday, it's not too late! Call them to arrange to pick up 😊

Sending Hymn – Earth & All Stars #731

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind and rain! Loud blowing snowstorms! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain: God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

2. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain.*
3. Engine and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain.*
4. Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain.*
5. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain.*

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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