

Twenty-third Sunday of Kingdome, November 12, 2017  
Youth Sunday - *No Fear in the Face of Bullying*

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

*(We are reminded of our baptism)*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Gathering Song**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LUYH 581

*(Those who wish may form a percussion choir)*

**GOD GREETUS US AS WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

Pastor: People of God, in whom is our help?

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made the heavens and the earth.**

Pastor: To those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: We have received God's greeting, let us welcome and greet each other.

**GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

**Confession**

*(The liturgist will open in prayer, followed by a time of silent confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon** *(from Romans 5:8-9)*

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: **In Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Song of Assurance**

Lord Jesus Be Present Now

LUYH 524 (v 1&2)

**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

Liturgist: Out of the depths of anxiety and fear we cry to you, O God.

**All: *Lord, hear our cry.***

Liturgist: Remember, in your mercy, children, youth and adults who do not feel safe.

*All: Grant them courage each day to confront their fears, to comfort and strengthen one another, and to work together for change.*

Liturgist: Remember, in your mercy, those students who fear going to school each day because they are victims of bullying, harassment and hate perpetrated by their peers.

*All: Help them to claim their right to an education free from fear, to persevere amid adversity, to endure despite damage done to their self esteem and to their emotional and physical selves.*

Liturgist: Remember, in your mercy, those students, teachers and administrators who witness violations of human dignity without intervening, those whose silence and apathy encourage acts and words of bullying, harassment and hate.

*All: Speak to their hearts, O God. Help them to find their voices and the will to intervene immediately, even when they must, themselves, pay a price in popularity.*

Liturgist: Remember, in your mercy, all parents who entrust their children to schools, rightfully expecting them to receive a quality education and support for social development in a safe, secure environment.

*All: Help them to find peace of mind through determined involvement in efforts to make schools a safer place for their children and secure, productive work environments for teachers and administrators.*

Liturgist: Remember, in your mercy, individuals, community organizations, businesses and churches working conscientiously to bring equitable financial and other resources to our public schools.

*All: Grant them, grant us, the will to organize to confront every obstacle, to remove every barrier, including prejudice and the hostility it breeds, until our schools are safe environments for all.*

Liturgist: Hear our prayer, O God.

**All:** Hear our prayer.

Liturgist: We now join in the prayer you taught us to pray:

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 1:7 (*Bible page 966*)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: No Fear in the Face of Bullying

*(The youth will be given space to share their thoughts on bullying.)*

Song of Response

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LUYH 776

## WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING

*(Our morning offering is an act of worship whereby we as members of this congregation express our gratitude to and reliance on God. Guests and visitors should not feel that participation in this part of the service is obligatory. Anyone may participate electronically at <http://www.loopchurch.org/giving/>)*

Offertory Prayer followed by *General Fund* offering

## WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

*Institution*

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

*Thanksgiving and Confession*

Pastor: With that prayer of thanksgiving in our hearts, let us confess our common faith with our mouths, using the words of the *Apostles' Creed*:

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.  
From there 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.

*Prayer for the work of the Spirit*

*The Communion*

*(We welcome all baptized believers in Christ to receive the sacrament with us. Those who have not put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior are asked to abstain from the sacrament but encouraged to reflect on its significance. Those receiving the sacrament may come forward as directed. The bread will be offered with the words, "The Body of Christ, broken for us." You may break off a piece and respond with the words "Thanks be to God." Dip the bread in the cup presented to you with the words "The Blood of Christ, shed for us." and respond with the words "Thanks be to God." (Baptized children are encouraged to participate))*

**GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

LUYH 257 (verse 1 only)

November 12, 2017  
Twenty-third Sunday of Kingdomtide  
Youth Sunday

## Welcome to our worship service at Loop Church!

The church year following Pentecost is known as Kingdomtide. It begins with Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost) and ends with Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday before Advent). During Kingdomtide, we focus on various aspects of our faith and the mission of the church in the world. The sanctuary color for Kingdomtide is green, representing life in Christ.

During every service at Loop, we also celebrate communion. We welcome all baptized believers in Christ to receive the sacrament with us in the gathering of God's people. Those who have not put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior are asked to abstain from the sacrament but encouraged to reflect on its significance.

*Nursery is available for children age 4 and under during the service. After the service, we encourage you to join us for refreshments and fellowship.*

We hope you enjoy your time at Loop Church! We want to help you feel connected to God, God's people, and God's work in the world. If you're not sure where to start, feel free to reach out to your neighbor or...

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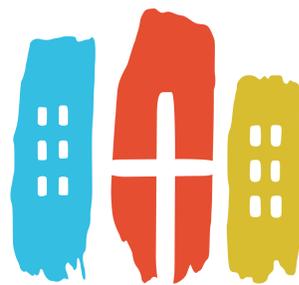
### This week's lectionary readings:

Old Testament: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalm: Psalm 78:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Interested in Volunteering or Submitting an Announcement?** Talk to Jim Bosman after the service or send him an email at [jim@loopchurch.org](mailto:jim@loopchurch.org)

**World Hunger Sunday** - Families in many parts of the world are working hard to break barriers that have kept them in a cycle of poverty and hunger. Through your Peter Fish contributions you are helping these families learn ways to improve their lives and write a new story that is filled with hope and promise. This week, please continue to read about God's work breaking barriers in the Bible and today. **Then bring your Peter Fish banks to church next week as we celebrate World Hunger Sunday.** You can still pick up your Peter Fish and devotional from the back table. There will also be a basket for additional offerings to help World Renew combat world hunger.

## Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Tue, Nov 7	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 - 7:00 PM	11 E Adams
Sun, Nov 19	World Hunger / Ebenezer Sunday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	11 E Adams
Tue, Nov 28	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 - 6:30 PM	11 E Adams
Tue, Nov 28	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams
Sun, Dec 3	Brunch Sunday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	11 E Adams
Tue, Dec 5	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 - 7:00 PM	11 E Adams
Wed, Dec 13	GEMS	6:30 - 8:00	1550 S State

## Sunday Schedule:

Date	11/12	11/19	11/26	12/3	12/10
Set Up	Jim & Mary	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi	Kevin & Mona	Jim & Mary
Take Down	Jim & Mary	Tim & Lexi	Charlene & Mark	Anne & Debbie	Jim & Mary
Greeter 1	Lexi	Kevin	Jim	Peter	Kevin
Greeter 2	Debbie	Mona	Mary	Silvia	Mona
Refreshments	Mary	Janna	Kelley	Brunch	Mary
Nursery	--- / Kayla	--- / Rae	--- / Naomi	----	--- / Briana
Lead Elder	Kevin	JB	Debbie	JB	Kevin
Liturgist	YOUTH	Anne	*		Emily

**Offering Update:** November 5: Gen Fund \$2,180.00 FYTD: \$33,884.00