



All Saints Day & Affirmation of Baptism
Sunday, November 1, 2026: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND
Pastors John Streccius and Beth Walch

Our Purpose Statement: “Love All, Serve All, Welcome All as Christ.”

Today’s worship service is taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) service book and hymnal. Please turn to Setting III, pp. 138-146, for the order of the service and to the back of the book for the hymns.

Light type = Presiding and Assisting Ministers; **Bold type = Congregation**

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk – Reaching: Expanding Our Online Presence **Beth Demke**

Moment of Silence

Confession and Forgiveness, p. 94

Gathering Hymn: ELW #422, “For All the Saints” (vv. 1, 2, 3)

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray... Almighty God, **you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- ⁶ **The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.**
- ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- ⁸ **Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ **“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”**
- ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Second Reading: John 8:31-36

- ³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”
- ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation, “Alleluia,” p. 142 (*John 6:68*)

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he began to speak and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon: Pastor John Streccius

Rite of Affirmation of Baptism

All Saints Recognition

(A list of all those saints who have died in the last year and those who have been baptized in the last year is listed in today’s bulletin. As their names are read, please observe silence.)

Prayers of Intercession, p. 143

*At the conclusion of each petition, the minister and **the congregation** will say: “Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**”*

Offering

Offertory ELW #182, “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Offertory Prayer

Communion

Words of Institution (*Matthew 26:26-28*)

Lord’s Prayer (*contemporary version, left side*), **p. 145** (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

Distribution

“Lamb of God”, p. 146 (*John 1:29*)

ELW #732, “Borning Cry”

ACS #977, “Look Who Gather’s at Christ’s Table”

Post-Communion Blessing

(9:00) Blessing of Home Communion Kits

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn: ELW #504, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Dismissal

Go in peace.

To love all, serve all and welcome all as Christ.

Worship Participants: Pastors: John Streccius & Beth Walch; **Assisting:** (9:00) Steve Andrist (11:00) Bruce Boe; **Communion Assistants:** (9:00) HELP NEEDED (11:00) Peggy Ledahl-Schmidt; **Ushers:** (9:00) Gary & Diane Chepulis (11:00) HELP NEEDED; **Acolyte:** HELP NEEDED; **Song Leader:** Mark Swenson; **Pianist:** Marilyn Kesterke; **November Altar Guild:** Patty Wanner, Arlyce Malarkey, Stephanie Swenson, Deb Honeyman; **Power Point/Live Streaming:** (9:00 & 11:00) Stephanie Hickman

Prayers at Lord of Life: Shirley O’Brien, Coralyn Hoovestol, Scott Berry, Nathan Berndt, Brad Kjos, Judy Sickler, Arlyn Price, Linda Buller, Vicky Baukol, Paula Brosseau, Michelle Ellefson, Ken Snyder, Jonathan Blazek, Cathy Bryant, Mason Chepulis, Lydia Streccius, Doreen Kadrmas, Cindy Kraft, Kathy Gappert.

Flowers are given today by: Dean & Deb Knudsen in celebration of family.

Stewardship Info: Attendance – Sun. (10-25): 79 **Wed.** (10-28): 83

Offering: General Plate Giving: \$7,680.00 General Online Giving: \$4,465.80

September Ministry Spending: \$65,195.15 **September Giving:** \$52,468.56

Annual Ministry Spending through September: \$628,918.00

Annual Giving through September: \$571,001.66

November Service Group Leaders: Betty & Dennis Steele (471-6606)
Linda & Jim Boyd (220-0737)

Volunteers: Members with last names starting with “Kar” through “Kur”

Worship Helps: Large print bulletins, a wheelchair and a walker, and personal p.a. devices are available from the ushers’. Activity bags and bulletins for children are available in the narthex.



Sign up to assist with worship! We invite you to prayerfully consider serving in one of the following roles: acolyte, communion assistant, greeter, usher, live stream, or PowerPoint. Visit the QR code or the computer in the Narthex to sign up.

Today we will serve Holy Communion in worship. Those who come to receive the gifts of Christ’s body and blood for the strengthening of their faith and the forgiveness of their sins are welcome to eat and drink. Children are welcome to receive Holy Communion at any age. Please have them extend their hand to receive the elements, if not we will offer a blessing. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

For Communion: Grape juice is always available. Simply select the light colored liquid. Gluten free communion wafers are available, indicate gluten free to the server when you come to the communion station.

*Thank you for your financial offerings to the ministry of Lord of Life.
Electronic giving is quick and easy, just scan the QR code and you will
be taken to the secure church website for giving.*



Altar Bouquet Donations: Thank you for your donations to date. The 2026 sign up is full. Please watch for 2027 soon. Cost is \$25.00/bouquet. The sign-up sheet is located at the Information Desk. **Please note Altar Flowers on check memo line.

Congratulations to our 2026 Confirmands!

9 am service: Theodore Andrist, Kinsley Bubach, Coy Dockter, Ava Francis, Jasten Klabunde, Brayden Ledahl, Easton Lein, Olivia Meduna, Grace Renner, Nevada Tooke, Vincent Wagner, Serenity Willer

11 am service: Karver Atkinson, Harper Braaflat, Devin Dukart, Kaiya Erp, Rilán Isakson, Avrey Karsnia, Benjamin Klindworth, Soren Ostendorf, Kinzy Roeder, Adison Ronning, Kyan Roth, Levi Schmidt, Alivia Stein, Josie Twete, Abigail Windsor, Sullivan Steinle

All Saints Recognition

Today we remember those loved ones who passed away in the last year and those who have been baptized in the last year. We pray that their faith will be an example to us and we look forward to that day when God will bring us together again.

Those who have passed away – *Ellen Bartz, Ken Lesmann, Elsie Gilbertson, Leland Brand, Susan Francis, Elsie Schwecke, Wayne Hopfinger, Larry Lyson, Arvid Mugaas, Gerald McLachlan, Patricia Jensen, Dorothea Halvorson, Ben Thomas, Warren Bien, Ray Riskedahl, Cheri Glatt, Audre Johnson, Duane Barry, Beverly Berry.*

Those who have been baptized – *Ella Zinke, Ryker Chmielewski, Ivy Binegar, Leeland Norton, Del Lammers, Elliot Waldie.*

Join us for YAHs on Monday, November 9th, at 11:30 am for a program by Megan Dooley, Innovative Health, on the services to accommodate one's ability to maintain independence in your own home as long as possible. Lunch of scalloped potatoes and ham, coleslaw and bars.

Adult Forums Sundays at 10:15 am: November 1 – No Adult Forum, Affirmation of Baptism Sunday. November 8 – The Book of Mark, Stephanie Hickman. November 15 – Suicide Prevention Coalition. November 22 – Jordan Nygard, Asset Giving.

Life is Change Grief Support Group: Join us on the first Sunday of each month at 5:00 pm. These monthly gatherings are open to anyone navigating grief or significant life changes. **Please note we will no longer be meeting on the third Sunday of each month.**

We're excited to announce that a Lord of Life apparel store will be open through Pure Country from October 25 through November 8! This is your chance to order Lord of Life branded clothing and show your church spirit wherever you go! To order, use the link lordoflife2026.itemorder.com or scan the QR code on the fliers around the church.

Missouri Slope Health Information Fair for older Adults, their Families and Caregivers. Come connect, learn and discover valuable information about services and resources to support you or your loved one if and when they need it. 20+venders will be available to answer your questions. Try our Bistro for Lunch, Tuesday, November 3 – 10:30 am – 2:30 pm. A presentation by the ND Alzheimer's Association will take place at 11:00 in the Missouri Slope Chapel

Endowment Fund Seeks Donations and Grant Applications: Gifts of any size help the Lord of Life Endowment Fund grow and generate income to support the church's mission. Annual grants may fund projects beyond Lord of Life but must be sponsored by a church member. Applications for 2027 grants are now available in the church office and at lordoflifebismarck.org under Serve & Give. Applications must be submitted to the church office by November 10, 2026.

Happening this week at Lord of Life
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-3:00 pm
Church Office: 701-223-2986
www.lordoflifebismarck.org

Sun., November 1

All Saints

9:00 am: Worship & Affirmation of Baptism
10:15 am: Church School
No Adult Forum or Young Adult Bible Study
11:00 am: Worship & Affirmation of Baptism
5:00 pm: Life is Change Support Group

Mon., November 2

2:00 pm: Cozy Comfort
6:30 pm: Piecemakers

Tue., November 3

Election Day

9:30 am: Piecemakers
10:00 am: Staff Meeting
5:00 pm: Property Team Meeting
5:00 pm: Worship & Music Team Meeting
6:00 pm: CCO Team Meeting
6:30 pm: Faith Formation Team Meeting
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wed., November 4

3:30 pm: Planning
4:45 pm: Book Club
5:00 pm: Family Meal
6:15 pm: Worship
7:00 pm: Church School & Confirmation

Thurs., November 5

Bulletin Deadline @ 12:00 pm

8:30 am: Centering Prayer
9:30 am: Brunch with Beth
10:45 am: Book Study
7:00 pm: Nominations & Placements Team Meeting

Sun., November 8

9:00 am: Worship
10:15 am: Church School
10:15 am: Adult Forum
10:15 am: Young Adult Bible Study
2:00 pm: Girl Scouts
3:00 pm: Meeting in back classroom

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