**First Sunday of Advent**
**Sunday, November 29, 2026: 9:00 am**
**Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND**
**Pastors John Streccius and Beth Walch**

***NOTE: In an effort to conserve resources, saving paper and eliminating waste, we are reducing our printed materials to a minimum. The full service is on the screens.**

*Today's order of service is taken from the booklet, Now the Feast and Celebration (NFC). The hymns are found in the hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW).*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Moment of Silence*

**Advent Candle Lighting**

**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness,** NFC, p. 2

**Greeting,** NFC, p. 2
**Kyrie,** NFC, p. 3
**Song of Praise,** "Now the Feast," NFC, pp. 4-5

**Salutation and Prayer of the Day,** NFC, p. 7

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

**Gospel Verse,** "Alleluia, Alleluia," NFC, p. 8

**Gospel: Mark 13:24-37**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon: Pastor Beth Walch**

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #452, "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"**

**Apostles' Creed,** NFC, p. 9

**Prayers,** NFC, p. 10

**Sharing of the Peace,** NFC, p. 10

**Offering,** NFC, p. 10
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**Holy,** NFC, p. 11
**Words of Institution**
**Lord's Prayer,** NFC, p. 13
**Distribution:** *All are welcome to receive the elements.*
**"Lamb of God", NFC, p. 14**
**ELW #242, "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Moon"**

**Blessing,** NFC, p. 14
**Canticle,** "Thanks be to You," NFC, p. 15

**Closing Prayer,** NFC, p. 16

**Benediction,** NFC, p. 16

**Sending Hymn: ELW #239, "Hark, the Glad Sound!"**

**Dismissal:** Go in peace. **To love all, serve all, and welcome all as Christ.**

**Worship Participants: Pastors:** John Streccius & Beth Walch; **Assisting:** Hailey Wanner; **Communion Assistant:** Gloria Snyder; **Usher:** Crystal Engel; **Acolyte:** HELP NEEDED; **Song Leader:** McKaela Halvorson; **Accompanist:** David Larson; **November Altar Guild:** Patty Wanner, Arlyce Malarkey, Stephanie Swenson, Deb Honeyman; **Power Point/Live Streaming:** HELP NEEDED

**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, Doreen Kadrmas, Cindy Kraft, Kathy Gappert, Kim McCullough, Dwayne Hellman, Hannah & John Christiansen, Richard Nathan.

**Flowers are given today by:** Erlys Fardal in memory of Dick.

***Thank you for your financial offerings to the ministry of Lord of Life. Scan the QR code and you will be taken to the secure church website for giving.***

**Stewardship Info: Attendance – Sun.** (11-22): 118
**Offering:** General Plate Giving: $23,623.00
**General Online Giving:** $8,076.00
**October Ministry Spending:** $63,561.97
**October Giving:** $50,065.57

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**Altar Bouquet Donations**: Cost is $25.00/bouquet. The sign-up sheet is located at the Information Desk.

**24 Days Advent in a Jar:** Grab a jar (one per family please) November 29th until gone! Join us for donuts and apple cider today after worship.

**This Christmas, the CCO Team invites you to donate $10 gift cards appropriate for middle school children.** Please donate your cards between November 15 and December 13.

**Join us for YAHs on Monday, December 14th at 2:30 pm** for a Christmas party featuring a local singing group, coffee and holiday baking treats.

**Adult Forums Sundays at 10:15 am -** November 29 – First Sunday in Advent, what does this season mean for us? December 6 – No Forum.

**Our Youth Bake Auction will be held Sunday, December 6, following worship!** We invite you to make and donate your favorite baked goodies to be auctioned off. All proceeds will help our youth attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer!

**Flat Sheets needed for the quilters.** Please bring them to the quilt room.

**Church School Quilt Drawing!** We will hold a free-will offering (suggested donation $5) for a quilt made by our church school kids. Tickets will be available before and after Sunday/Wednesday services. The drawing will be held December 6 at 10:30 am.

**From the Stewardship Team: Thank you to all who have returned your Statement of Intent for giving in 2027.** There are still a significant number of members who haven't returned an estimate. This year we have a special challenge gift of $20,000. Our goal is to have 200 households turn in a statement of intent card. You can still return your card by December 6.

**The congregation is invited to the St. Lucia Fest at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 13, in Fellowship Hall.** Children, accompanied by an adult are welcome and can join in dancing around the Christmas tree. Please bring a plate of cookies or other treat to share.

**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 29**
9:00 am: Worship
NO Church School
NO Adult Forum
**Mon., November 30**
6:30 pm: Piecemakers
**Tues., December 1**
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., December 2**
3:30 pm: Plarning
4:45 pm: Book Club
5:00 pm: Advent Meal – Lasagna, salad, bread
6:15 pm: Worship
7:00 pm: Church School/Confirmation
**Thurs., December 3**
8:30 am: Centering Prayer
9:30 am: Brunch with Beth
10:45 am: Book Study
7:00 pm: Nominations & Placements Team Meeting
**Sat., December 5**
9:00 am: F.H. Reserved
**Sun., December 6**
9:00 am: Worship
10:15 am: Church School
10:15 am: Youth Bake Auction & Children's Quilt Drawing
10:15 am: Young Adult Bible Study
2:00 pm: Youth Room Reserved
5:00 pm: Life is Change Support Group

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