



Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—Lectionary 33
Sunday, November 18, 2018; 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND
Pastor Nadine Lehr and Pastor Beth Walch

Welcome to worship! We began the month of November with All Saints Day and will soon end the church year on the last Sunday of November. As we approach this ending, our readings tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love. We thank you for being part of the Lord of Life community today. Please come again.

Gathering Song: “How Good It Is”

Confession and Forgiveness (*1John 1:8-9*)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom. **Amen.**

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

O God, our merciful redeemer, we **confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor’s face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ☩ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.
Amen.

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. . . . Almighty God, **your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Song of Praise: “The River”

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

¹At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 16 (*read responsively*)

¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² **I say to the LORD, ‘You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.’**

³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

⁴ **Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
⁶ **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**
⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
⁸ **I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
¹⁰ **For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**
¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

¹¹And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ‘he sat down at the right hand of God’, ¹³and since then has been waiting ‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’ ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.[¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ¹⁶ ‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds’, ¹⁷he also adds, ‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’ ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation (8:30)

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ ²Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’ ³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Pastor Nadine Lehr

Song of the Day: “All My Hope”

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00 am)

Tucker Lane Reinhart, son of Justin and Kellie Reinhart. Baptismal sponsors are Madison and Nicholas Moser and Kalin Reinhart.

At the conclusion of the baptism, the pastor and congregation will say:

Through baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear God’s creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of each petition, assisting minister and congregation will say:

*“Gracious God, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**”*

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Creator God, **you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**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.**

Communion

Communion will be served by intinction. Please follow the instructions of the ushers to the chancel. The first server will give you a wafer. Please hold it and proceed to the second server who has a chalice of wine or grape juice. Dip the wafer into the chalice of your choice. The wine is served first, the grape juice second. Following communion please return to your seat.

“Just As I Am”

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

Communion Blessing

Let us pray. Sovereign God, **in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction *(Numbers 6:23-26)*

The love of God surround you;
the grace of ☩ Christ release you;
and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,
now and forevermore.
Amen.

Dismissal

Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Song: “All God’s People Said Amen”

Worship Participants: Preaching & Presiding: Nadine Lehr; **Assisting:** (8:30) Steve Andrist (11:00) Cindy Anderson; **Communion Assistants:** (8:30) Melody Karlberg & Gloria Snyder (11:00) Diane Clinton; **Ushers:** (8:30) Dave & Pat Goodin (11:00) Mark Swenson; **Acolyte:** (8:30) Sage Wetzal (11:00) Maren Swenson; **November Altar Guild:** Deb Burke, Arlyce Malarkey, Carrie Streyle and Barb Wrolstad; **Powerpoint:** Reid Halvorson

Prayers at Lord of Life: Layne Billings, Judy Swenson, Levi Gartner, Tim Johnson, John O'Brien, Roger Thompson, Andre Stephenson, Delayne & Dorothea Halverson, Rev. Richard Beckmen, Shae Byrum, Tyler Ellefson, Hugh Gustafson, Todd Gaudreau, Brad Kjos, Emily Kriebs Zietz, Vernon Anderson, Arlow Bien.

Flowers are given today by: Ron & Barb Koch. Steve & Sherrie Muse wishing Natalee a blessed birthday.

Stewardship Info:

Attendance –Sun. (11-11): 178 Wed. (11-14): 89 Offering: General \$9,899.32

October Expenses: \$46,620.82 **October Income:** \$58,517.68

Annual Expenses through October: \$497,177.57

Annual Income through October: \$481,631.46

November Service Group Leaders: Dennis & Betty Steele (255-0864)
Jim & Linda Boyd (258-4024)

Volunteers: Members with last names starting with “Bou” through “Duk”

Worship Helps: The Nursery is open, but not regularly staffed. Parents may use it as needed. An Infant care room is on the south side of the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins, a wheelchair and a walker, and personal p.a. devices are available from the ushers' station. Activity bags for children are available on the tree rack in the narthex. Children's Bulletins and Taking Faith Home are available by the Activity Bags. Blended worship music folders (including lyrics and music) are available from the ushers. “I Give Electronically” cards are available in the lobby near the children's bulletins.

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. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

For Communion: Grape juice is always available. Simply indicate “grape juice, please” when you get to the server. "Gluten free" communion wafers and wine are available. Simply indicate “gluten free” to the server when you come to the communion station." If you need separate wine or grape juice please request that also.

A short Baptism class will be offered on the second Sunday of each month after the 11:00 service (for about 30 minutes) for anyone interested in knowing more about the Sacrament of Baptism. Let the church office know if you will be attending one of these sessions.

The **2019 Flower Chart** is up in the gathering area. There is still one opening for altar flowers in December of 2018. You are welcome to take the flowers after the last service. Flowers not picked up by Monday morning will be taken to shut-ins. If your message does not fit on the line, please contact the church office with that information.

FLOWER CHART OPENINGS



December 2	One Bouquet	January 6	Both Bouquets
January 13	Both Bouquets	January 20	Both Bouquets



COMMUNION ASSISTANT OPENINGS

November 25	11:00	December 2	8:30 & 11:00
December 9	8:30 & 11:00	December 16	8:30 & 11:00

USHER OPENINGS

November 25	11:00	December 2	8:30 & 11:00
December 9	8:30 & 11:00	December 16	8:30 & 11:00

Join us for Adult Education today, November 18th, we will be looking at today's scriptural text from worship.

GOOD FOOD, GOOD MUSIC. What's not to like? Young at Hearts would like to invite everyone to enjoy a potluck lunch and vocal music program on Tuesday, November 20 from 11:30-1:00pm. You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy this event!. We hope to see many of you there.

The Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Christmas, Saturday, December 1st at 9:00 am. Anyone is welcome to help decorate!

Please join us on December 2nd for ADVENT FUN DAY from 12:00 pm-4:00pm! Come for pizza, fellowship, crafts and fun! Wear your crazy Christmas Sweater and socks! Pizza is \$1.00 a slice or free if you bring in a pair of warm adult socks to donate to a homeless shelter! We will be cutting and tying fleece blankets, making ornaments, and decorating sugar cookies. Baskets will be made for our shut ins, too. This is our first time doing this event, please sign up at the information desk or call the church office so we have plenty of pizza and crafts to share! **IF YOU HAVE ANY 2 YARD LENGTHS OF FLEECE, WE COULD USE THEM TO MAKE BLANKETS FOR OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS!**

From the Stewardship Team: Thank you to all of those who have returned your Estimate of Giving. This will greatly help in preparing next year's budget. However, there are still a significant number of members who haven't returned an estimate. You can still return your estimate to the Church office or place it in the collection plate by November 30th. If you need a new form, you can pick one up at the office. **Remember, if you give electronically, you will have to log in and manually change your amount for next year's giving!**

Do you know of someone who would benefit from a care package? If so let Jessica in the office know. They do not need to be members of Lord of Life. We will need the names by Thanksgiving.

Pastor Beth is looking for some volunteers that would be willing to donate some "teen friendly" cookies for the kids at Lunch at First on November 29th. Please no nuts or raisins. We will need about 20 dozen. If they could be brought to the church no later than Wednesday, November 28th.

Many thanks to Cindy Terwilliger for volunteering to coordinate the LWR Health Kit project this coming spring!

LOL Women of the ELCA are making available Blessing and Thankoffering Calendars. Thankofferings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received. Thankofferings support all the work behind the scenes of Women of the ELCA and keeps our church active with the national organization. **Please consider taking one and returning it in December.** Your support of the women worldwide and in our community is greatly appreciated. Check the information desk if you didn't get one.

Valley View Heights (VVH) Assisted Living at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center is seeking donations for a special Christmas project for its tenants. VVH staff provides gifts for each tenant in a stocking every morning on the twelve days leading up to Christmas. Some potential ideas include: hot chocolate packets, eye glass cleaning clothes, hand sanitizer, lotions, decks of cards, etc. Please contact Stephanie Hayden or Kaitlyn Green at 701-221-3018 if you'd like to contribute or have any questions. Lord of Life is one of the corporate members of Missouri Slope and Valley View Heights.

Please join us for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 21 at 6:15 pm. Instead of our usual Wednesday service, we will make a point to sing hymns of thanksgiving and hear a message about gratitude. Start your holiday season with Christ at the center!

Advent is quickly approaching. This year we will be gathering for midweek Advent services at 6:10 pm, rather than 6:15 pm, on December 5, 12, and 19. We will sing the Holden Village Evening Prayer Service, light the Advent wreath with some powerpoint reflections for each candle's theme, and join together for Holy Communion. Advent dinners will precede the worship services in Fellowship Hall.

The next Depression/Anxiety Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5 at 12:30 pm.

It's that time of year again and nearly \$3,000 is available from the Lord of Life Endowment Fund for grants to support ministries of the congregation or its members. Application forms are available at the church office and will be accepted through Dec. 14. The Lord of Life Lutheran Church Endowment fund was incorporated to make funding available for the support ministries. Activities or projects that are part of the normal congregational operating budget are not

eligible for the grants. The Endowment Fund board suggests a \$500 maximum for each grant application. Grants are available in three general categories. **The Congregational Program Fund** supports the expansion of ministries in such areas as education, worship, music, the arts, parish life and staff development. **The Benevolence Fund** supports special needs of members of the congregation, the community at large and the mission of the Western North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. **The Capital Projects fund** supports planned capital improvements to Lord of Life facilities. Grants do not have to be used at Lord of Life, but applications must be sponsored by Lord of Life members. Successful applicants will be notified in January prior to the annual congregational meeting. The Endowment fund was incorporated in 2013. Since then the fund's balance has grown to more than \$130,000, largely through gifts from members and growth of investments. In past years grants have been awarded for such projects as refugee resettlement, a music therapy program at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, music stands for the LOL handbell choir, the family meal program at Lord of Life, to help pay for a van to be used for Lord of Life Activities, a refrigerator for Camp of the Cross, seminarian support, the Bismarck homeless shelter and the Lord of Life 50th Anniversary celebration. Members of the Endowment Fund Board are Deb Knudsen, Cynthia Kaldor, Steve Andrist, Mike Risan and Nadine Lehr. Jim Gray is the council liaison.

Choir Performance Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
November 25	8:30 am	January 6	11:00 am
December 2	11:00 am	January 13	8:30 am
December 9	8:30 am	January 27	11:00 am

Happening this week at Lord of Life
 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm
 Friday 8:00 am-3:00 pm
 Lunch Hour: 11:00 am-12:00 pm
 Church Office: 701-223-2986
 www.lordoflifebismarck.org

Sun., November 18

Lefse Sale
 8:30 am: Worship & 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
 9:45 am: Adult Education
 9:45 am: Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 am: Sunday School
 11:00 am: Worship & Baptism

Mon., November 19

6:30 pm: Piecemakers

Tue., November 20

Newsletter Deadline
 9:00 am: Staff Meeting
 9:30 am: Piecemakers
 11:00 am: YAHS (Potluck)
 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wed., November 21

6:15 pm: Worship
 No Confirmation
 No Church School

Thur., November 22

Bulletin Deadline @ 12:00 pm
Office Closed—Happy Thanksgiving

Fri., November 23

Office Closed

Sat., November 24

8:30 am: Men's Bible Study

Sun., November 25

8:30 am: Worship
 9:45 am: Choir Rehearsal
 No Sunday School
 11:00 am: Worship