



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 22, 2018: 8:30 & 11:00 am
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND
Pastor Nadine Lehr and Pastor Beth Walch

Welcome to worship! The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

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).

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

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

Entrance Hymn: ELW 836, "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

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

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray . . . O Lord Christ, **good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading: Psalm 23 (*read responsively*)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

**your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Children's Message

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

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Pastor Beth Walch

Hymn of the Day: ELW 778, “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (8:30 am)

Aksel David Gottsman, son of Andrew and Alayna Gottsman. Baptismal sponsors are Kylie Gottsman and Ashlee Doan.

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

Through baptism God has made this new son 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.

Driver’s License Blessing

Please pray with me: *Extend or lay hands on youth*

Father, we ask that you would bless these young men and women in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. And we ask that Your Holy Spirit will accompany them on all their journeys, short or long. Grant these young drivers patience on the roads and help them to grow into good drivers. Help them to learn from their mistakes, and keep them safe. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed, NFC, p. 9

Prayers, NFC, p. 10

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

Offering, NFC, p. 10

Special Music: (11:00) Lord of Life Choir, “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Offertory, “As the Grains of Wheat,” NFC, p. 10

Offertory Prayer, p. 11

Great Thanksgiving, NFC, pp. 11-13

Dialogue, NFC, p. 11

Preface, NFC, p. 11

Holy, NFC, p. 11

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer, NFC, p. 13

Distribution

“Lamb of God,” NFC, p. 14

ELW 502, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ELW 491, “Come, Let Us Eat”

ELW 471, “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Blessing, NFC, p. 14

Canticle, “Thanks be to You,” NFC, p. 15

Closing Prayer, NFC, p. 16

We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table. May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be made known through us. **Amen.**

Benediction and Dismissal, NFC, p. 16

Sending Hymn: ELW 543, “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Worship Participants: Preaching: Beth Walch; **Presiding:** Nadine Lehr; **Assisting:** (8:30) Steve Andrist (11:00) Bruce Boe; **Communion Assistants:** (8:30) Janie Hague & Lynelle Lepp (11:00) Steve & Sherrie Muse; **Ushers:** (8:30) Brandt Kringlie & Caleb Dockter (11:00) Keith & Beth Demke; **Acolyte:** (8:30) Luke Welk (11:00) Kiefer Johnson; **Song Leading:** Ruby Altringer; **Pianist:** Becky Salveson; **April Altar Guild:** Diane Clinton, Lois Kruger, Diane Chepulis, and Barb Wrolstad; **Powerpoint:** (8:30) Beth Demke (11:00) Angie Bolme

Prayers at Lord of Life: Layne Billings, Jane Guiremand, Judy Swenson, Levi Gartner, Tim Johnson, John O’Brien, Les Leno, Roger Thompson, Andre Stephenson, Hugh Gustafson, Judy Sorenson, Michelle Parkin-Ellefson, Delayne & Dorothea Halverson, Branden Byrum, LeNor Dollinger, Evangeline Sauter, Dale Kolrud, Rev. Richard Beckmen.

Congratulations to Thamir Hussain and Alyaa Mahammed on the birth of their new baby boy, Joseph Naser.

Flowers are given today by: Charles & Lindsey Lee & family.

Stewardship Info: Attendance–Sun.(4-15): 221 Wed.(4-18): 99 Offering: General \$9,981.00
March Expenses: \$51,807.82 March Income; \$46,796.64
Annual Expenses through March: \$158,116.34
Annual Income through March: \$146,675.14

April Service Group Leaders: Carrie Streyle (391-1786)

Volunteers: Members with last names starting with “Lov” through “Mus”

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 are available by the Activity Bags.

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 2018 Flower Chart is up. There are still many openings for altar flowers. You are welcome to take the flowers after the last service. Flowers not picked up by Monday morning will be taken to shut-ins. Please see the flower chart in the gathering area for more information.

Flower Chart Openings

	June 17	One bouquet	July 1	Both Bouquets	
	July 8	Both Bouquets	July 15	Both Bouquets	

LWR: Quilt Sunday will be April 29th. Help is needed on Sat., the 28th at 9:00 am to place quilts on pews and even more so on Monday, April 30th at 9:00 am, to fold, pack, label, seal, and moves the boxes. Two men would be very helpful! The container for donations for shipping costs will be available in the narthex on April 29th. If you aren't a quilter, you may love to be able to help in this manner, as it costs \$2.25 to ship one quilt overseas. Also, since the health kits will be packed on May 7th at 6:30 pm, you may like to be involved in that manner and those associated costs, as shipping is \$2.65 for each kit. Last year we sent 181 health kits overseas! **Bath towels and 4 oz. bars of soap are especially needed before May 6th.**

Women and girls at Lord of Life please join us on April 29th from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall for a Style Show and High Tea Event! We expect to have about 20 models, special music, and spectacular treats! This is to help celebrate Lord of Life's 50th Anniversary. **Tickets will be sold between services today: Women \$3.00, Teens \$2.00 and Girls (12 & under) \$1.00. Please write your name on the back of your ticket to be entered in a drawing for a door prize, there will be several door prizes for each age category.**

The Altar Guild is seeking members to join us in a meaningful service to our church. If you are interested in helping us out please contact Diane Chepulis (223-1908) for more information on what we do!

Join the adult education class between services at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. In April we will explore how God's Word can guide our prayer life. Jim Gray and Pastor Beth will lead a series of conversations centering around Earth Day, our environment and caring for the resources that God has provided for us.

Church grounds clean up! All confirmation students, and anyone willing to help are encouraged to help with the spring cleaning of the church. Please meet on May 16th at 5:30pm with gloves and rakes ready to work! Many hands make light work!

Graduates' Sunday will be held Sunday, May 20th where we recognize the accomplishments of the graduating class of 2018. The 8:30am and 11:00am services on Sunday and the 6:15pm service on Wednesday May 23rd will be led by the senior class. There will be a basket in the Fellowship Hall to collect cards for the seniors. The 2018 Graduates are Dustin Whitney, Parker Wahl, Jared Honeyman, Hannah Klipfel, Kalista Vetter, Amanda Baerlocher, and Amanda Hintz.

Blast off for Books!! Help the youth in collecting books for the children of Houston. Did you know that 3 in 5 Houston children lack reading-readiness skills when entering Kindergarten? That 1 in 4 Houston children do not meet minimum standards at Grade 3 and that 2 in 5 Houston youth fail reading and writing exams required for graduation on first administration? The books you donate will be distributed at community book fairs, camps and other events around the city as part of the Gathering's Service Learning experience. More information and a complete list of books that are requested by the Houston Independent School District can be found at the Information Desk. **Please turn books into the church office by May 20th. Thank you!**

The Youth are doing a Schwan Fundraiser. Through Schwans-Cares.com, you can order from Schwan's Home Delivery and help us meet our fundraising goals. When you order by May 12th, we will receive 20% of product and 40% of eGift Card sales. All you have to do is give them or enter in this code: **37520** at checkout. No extra fee on your part. You are getting the food you love and a portion of that sale goes to help us out for our mission trip. Contact Janie if you have any questions!

Driver's License Blessing: Calling all 9th graders who have received their driver's license in the last year, or will be getting their license in the next few months. We want to honor you and bless you, **in worship today, April 22nd, at either service or on April 25th, at 6:15.**

Please note the Freezer Meal Mission Trip Fundraiser in May has been canceled!

Lord of Life will be hosting the Mission Gala banquet for the Western North Dakota Synod assembly on Thursday, May 31. This is a big event including a sit-down dinner for 200 people and a silent auction to raise money for the Ministry Fund of the synod. Lord of Life members will cook, serve and clean-up for the meal. You can help by donating some of the food items needed for the meal and/or by volunteering your time to help during the week of

May 28-May31. **Please check out the Mission Gala sign-up boards in the church lobby and offer your gifts of time, talent and food today!**

Have you volunteered in the last year? Mark your calendars! The volunteerism team would like to recognize all of our volunteers who help make Lord of Life run! On Sunday May 20th, and Wednesday May 23rd, we would like to honor all of our volunteers. Please come to worship so we can recognize you and you will receive a gift. **After worship we will celebrate in the Fellowship Hall with cake and cupcakes.**

LOL Book club: Our book for April 25 (4:45-5:30) is Turtles all the Way Down by John Green. Sixteen-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there's a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and her Best and Most Fearless Friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. So together, they navigate the short distance and broad divides that separate them from Russell Pickett's son, Davis.

Congratulations to our T-shirt design winner, Kyle Debertin! Shirts are now available for purchase on Wednesdays and Sundays . The cost per shirt is \$10.00 for adult sizes and \$8.00 for kid sizes. Thank you to all who participated!



New members joining Lord of Life will be received at the 11:00 am service on Sunday, April 29th.

A Big Thank You to our Property and Management Board for providing the wonderful pull out shelves in the kitchen. We no longer have to get on our hands and knees to reach the items way in the back. What a treat for all of our kitchen workers!!

Refugees Giving Back Dinner and Silent Auction-Proceeds to benefit Charles Hall Youth Services and Ruth Meiers Hospitality House. May 4, 2018, 6:00 pm-United Church of Christ-Bismarck (1200 E Highland Acres Road). Come enjoy an authentic Afghanistan dinner and silent auction to benefit our community. Tickets are \$25.00 and must be purchased by 4/27/18. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://afghandinnerticketspice.com/afghan-dinner>. Call 701-214-9284 for more information.

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

Sun., April 22

Driver's License Blessing at both services
8:30 am: Worship & Baptism
9:45 am: Sunday School
9:45 am: Adult Education
9:45 am: New Member Class
11:00 am: Worship

Tues., April 24

9:00 am: Staff Meeting
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wed., April 25

Driver's License Blessing
4:45 pm: Book Club
6:15 pm: Worship
7:00 pm: Church School
7:00 pm: Confirmation Leader's Night

Thurs., April 26

Bulletin Deadline @ 12:00 pm
11:30 am-2:00 pm: MSLCC in F.H.
6:30 pm: Nurtured Heart Class

Sat., April 28

8:30 am: Men's Bible Study @ St. Alexius
9:00 am-4:00 pm: Boy Scouts Training in F.H.

Sun., April 29

No Sunday School
8:30 am: Worship
9:45 am: Adult Education
11:00 am: Worship & New Member Recognition
2:00 pm—5:00 pm: WELCA Tea & Style Show