



Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 12, 2024: 8:30 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.”

The gospel for Easter’s seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John’s gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus’ desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

Today’s order of service is taken from With One Voice, Setting 5, pp. 28-41, at the front of the hymnal. The hymns are found at the back of With One Voice (WOV).

***Bold type = Congregation;** Light type = Presiding/Assisting Minister*

Welcome and Announcements
Blessing of the Quilts

Moment of Silence

Confession and Forgiveness, p. 10

Opening Hymn: WOVS #767, “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Greeting and Kyrie, p. 28 (*Psalms 4:1 6:2, 9:13, 25:16, 27:7, 30:10, 31:9, 51:1, 86:16, 123:3*)

Hymn of Praise, pp. 29-30, “Glory to God” (*Revelation 5:12-13*)

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... Gracious and glorious God, **you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ¹⁶‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’ ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

² **but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

³ They are like trees

planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ **The wicked are not so,**

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ **for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these

things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation, “Alleluia,” p. 31 (*John 6:68*)

Gospel: John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

(*spoken response*): **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Message: Deacon Janie Hague - Executive Director at Camp of the Cross

Hymn of the Day: WOV #760, “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Apostles’ Creed, p. 33

Prayers of the Church, p. 34

After each petition, the assisting minister and congregation will say: “Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.”

Sharing of the Peace, p. 34 (*John 20:19*)

We greet one another with the words, “Peace be with you.”

Clarinet Solo—Elena Sorge

Offering

Offertory, p. 35, “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”

Offertory Prayer, p. 35

Great Thanksgiving, pp. 36ff.

Dialogue, p. 36

Preface, p. 36, “It is indeed right and salutary…”

Sanctus, p. 36, “Holy, holy, holy”

Words of Institution, p. 37 (*Matthew 26:26-28*)

Lord’s Prayer (*contemporary version, left side of page*), **p. 39** (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

Distribution

Time for Reflection

“Lamb of God”, p. 39 (*John 1:29*)

WOV #711, “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Blessing, p. 40

Canticle, “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise,” p. 40 (*Psalms 9*)

Closing Prayer, p. 41

Benediction, p. 41 (*Numbers 6:23-26*)

Sending Hymn: WOV #783, “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

Dismissal, p. 41

Worship Participants: Pastors: John Streccius & Beth Walch; **Assisting:** (8:30)

Kylah Aull (11:00) Linda Simmons; **Communion Assistants:** (8:30) Beverly Berry &

Judy Kudrna (11:00) HELP NEEDED; **Ushers:** (8:30) LeAna Hug & Jim Boyd (11:00)

HELP NEEDED; **Acolyte:** (8:30) HELP NEEDED (11:00) Kahlan Sorge; **Song**

Leader: Taylor Heinzen; **Pianist:** Becky Salveson; **May Altar Guild:** Barb Koch,

Diane Chepulis, Deb Burke, Justine Bennes. **Power Point:** (8:30) Marc & Robin Kress

Prayers at Lord of Life: Shirley O’Brien, Coralyn Hoovestol, Kelli Mahlum, Grant Geffre, Ruth Ann Rexine, Edna Mae Erickson, Ellen Bartz, Pat Hellman, Susan Francis, Mavis Jundt, Betty Dendinger, Todd Asendorf, Kylah Anderson, Matt Olson, Jerry McLachlan, Scott Berry, Nathan Berndt, Aldeen Klain, Emma Seibel, Duane Barry, Troy Steele, Barry Kirsch, Sandi Papke.

Flowers are given today by: Nora Morast in honor and love of all mother's and ours, Verna Pederson. Steve Muse in honor of Sherrie's birthday.

Stewardship Info: Attendance –Sun. (5-5): 167 Wed. (5-8): 49
Offering: General Plate Offering: \$8,906.00 General Online Giving:
\$6,279.29

March expenses: \$51,157.23 **March income:** \$74,122.85
Annual expenses through March: \$192,167.88
Annual income through March: \$180,486.60

May Service Group Leaders: Byron & Justine Bennes (471-0615)

Volunteers: Members with last names starting with “Blo” through “Crai”

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.

Ushers/Greeters and Communion Assistants are always needed. Please check the sign up sheets for openings at the Information Desk.

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.



Altar Bouquet Donations: Thank you for your donations to date, the next available Sundays are June 30, July 7, August 4, and August 11. Cost is \$25.00/bouquet. The sign-up sheet can be located at the Information Desk. **Please note Altar Flowers on check memo line.

Happy Mother's Day to all women in our congregation who care for and nurture the people around them. We honor you today and hope you will stop by the narthex to pick up a carnation to carry home. Just a splash of color to remind you we are grateful for your gifts.

Today is Quilt Sunday! Imagine the faces of those receiving these nice warm quilts. The average cost to mail a quilt is \$2.25. The quilters will be collecting monetary gifts to help cover these mailing costs, we thank you for your support. These quilts are also for sale if you find one you like. **We will be packing quilts tomorrow, May 13th at 9:30 am, any additional help will be greatly appreciated!**

Guest Preachers for the month of May: Each Sunday & Wednesday of May we will have guest preachers from our ministry partners here in Bismarck. Please come and worship with us. May 12 & 15 - Deacon Janie Hague, Executive Director of Camp of the Cross, May 19 & 22 - Sister Kathleen Atkinson, Executive Director of Ministry on the Margins.

Lord of Life is collecting supplies for Camp of the Crosses Mother the Camp through May. A list of items needed is posted in the narthex, items can be placed in the box provided.

Spring Clean up at Lord of Life will be on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm. We will gather to clean up the church grounds by raking, trimming trees and filling a dumpster with all the debris winter brings. Any extra help will be greatly appreciated as many hands make lighter work for all!! Please bring gloves, rakes etc.

The Senior Class of 2024 will be recognized during worship on Sunday, May 19 at 8:30 am. Congratulations to Kirna Anderson, Avery Brousseau, Kendra Dockter, Taylor Gabbert, Kaylee Johnson, James Melberg, Cade Pittenger, Maren Swenson, Jenica Twete, and Ava Vetter. Best wishes to all!

Young at Hearts: Join us on May 13, at 11:30 am with a musical program by Becky Salvesson. We will gather in the choir room for the program and then enjoy lunch in fellowship hall. A \$5.00 donation is suggested. We begin our summer schedule for June 10, July 8, and August 12, all at 2:30 pm for coffee and dessert. There will be no programs in the summer.

Thank you to everyone who helped served at the United Way on May 4! The corn dogs were a hit and all were fed, inside and out. Maria Scheer, Cathy Silbernagel, Denise McDonald, Kelly Wahl, Bob Wahl, Sandy Haugom, Bonnie Reppow, and Crystal Engel. Keep your eyes open for another opportunity to serve.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 2 - June 5 from

5:30 pm– 8:00 pm. Join us for games, music, fun and friends! Please register using the QR code. Any questions email Lora at childrenministry@lordoflifebismarck.org



May 30 will be our Lord of Life outing with the Larks baseball team. The last day to sign up is Wednesday, May 15. The Larks will be playing at 6:30 pm against the Duluth Huskies. A Larks hat, food for the first three innings and a game are all included. Join the fun!

Lord of Life Book Club: Join us Wednesday, June 5th at 4:45 pm: “Windfall: The Prairie Woman Who Lost Her Way and the Great-Granddaughter Who Found Her” by Erika Bolstad. At first, Erika Bolstad knew only one thing about her great-grandmother, Anna: she was a homesteader on the North Dakota prairies in the early 1900s before her husband committed her to an asylum under mysterious circumstances. As Erika's mother was dying, she revealed more. Their family still owned the mineral rights to Anna's land—and oil companies were interested in the black gold beneath the prairies. Their family, Erika learned, could get rich thanks to the legacy of a woman nearly lost to history. **No Book Club in July.**

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., May 12

Quilt Sunday

8:30 am: Worship

11:00 am: Worship

Mon., May 13

9:30 am: Pack Quilts

11:30 am: YAH's

Tues., May 14

9:30 am: Women's Bible Study

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

3:30 pm: Executive Team Meeting

6:30 pm: Spring Clean up at Lord of Life

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wed., May 15

3:30 pm: Planning

6:15 pm: Worship

7:00 pm: Ukulele Class

Thurs., May 16

Bulletin Deadline @ 12:00 pm

8:30 am: Centering Prayer

9:30 am: Java with John

Sat., May 18

10:00 am: Asian American Culture Club in F.H.

Sun., May 19

8:30 am: Worship—2024 Senior Class Recognition—Guest Preacher, Sister Kathleen from Ministry on the Margins

11:00 am: Worship—Baptism —Guest Preacher, Sister Kathleen from Ministry on the Margins

Thank you for your financial offerings to the ministry of Lord of Life Lutheran Church. If you would like to give now using your smartphone, just take a picture of the QR code and you will be taken to the secure church website for giving.

