



Day of Pentecost
Sunday, May 20, 2018; 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND
Pastor Nadine Lehr and Pastor Beth Walch

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Welcome to our guests today. Please come gain.

Gathering Song: "The River"

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.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. . . **Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Song of Praise: "Holy Is The Lord"

Welcome and Announcements

Volunteer Appreciation

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the

native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message—Janie Hague

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ⁴But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?"' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the

things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Amanda Hintz

Song of the Day: “In the Sweet By and By”

Graduation Blessing

Laying on of hands

Leader/Congregation: **We come this day before God to bless you and thank him for your lives. Wherever you go, whatever you do, our love goes with you, you will always be part of our hearts. May these gifts remind you of the warmth of our love, the care of this faith community and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. And on those nights when you cannot sleep or feel alone know that in God’s family you are never alone.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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. Be known to us, O Lord, **in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples.**

Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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. **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Song: “Sing For Joy”

Worship Participants: Preaching: Amanda Hintz; **Presiding:** (8:30) Nadine Lehr (11:00) Beth Walch; **Assisting:** (8:30) Linda Simmons (11:00) Janell Quinlan; **Communion Assistants:** (8:30) Wayne & Beverly Kern (11:00) Allan & Shirley Klein; **Ushers:** (8:30) Parker Wahl, Amanda Baerlocher, Hannah Klipfel (11:00) Kalista Vetter, Arianna Steele; **Acolyte:** (8:30) Brianna Feist (11:00) Samantha Reich; **May Altar Guild:** Diane Clinton, Colleen Roberts, and Stephanie Swenson; **Powerpoint:** (8:30) Beth Demke

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, Dale Kolrud, Rev. Richard Beckmen, Shirley Bolme, Tom Hug, Ramona Sorneson.

Flowers are given today by: Garland Grosgebauer in memory of Judy Grosgebauer.

Stewardship Info:

Attendance –Sun.(5-13): 251 **Wed.(5-16):** 124 **Offering:** General \$8,217.50

April Expenses: \$52,476.13 **April Income:** \$51,388.35

Annual Expenses through April: \$210,592.47

Annual Income through April: \$198,063.49

May Service Group Leaders: Doug and Bev Doolittle (224-0785)

Volunteers: Members with last names starting with “Nat” through “Pri”

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. **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 **2018 Flower Chart** is up. There are still many openings for Altar flowers, including some Sundays with only one of the two bouquets donated. 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	August 19	Both Bouquets	

COMMUNION ASSISTANT OPENINGS

June 10	9:30	June 17	9:30
June 24	9:30	July 1	9:30

USHER OPENINGS

June 10	9:30	June 17	9:30
June 24	9:30	July 1	9:30

Today, May 20th, is Graduate's Sunday where we recognize the accomplishments of the graduating class of 2018. The 8:30am and 11:00am services 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, Arianna Steele and Amanda Hintz.

Today and Wednesday May 23rd, the volunteerism team would like to honor all of our volunteers who help make Lord of Life run! During worship we will recognize you and you will receive a gift. After worship we will celebrate in the Fellowship Hall with cake and cupcakes.

Our director of youth and family ministries, Janie Hague, has accepted a new position at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Bismarck, where upon completion of her studies, she will be working as a rostered deacon of the ELCA. Janie's last day with Lord of Life will be July 2nd. We will celebrate her ministry and bid her farewell on Wednesday evening, June 20, after the midweek worship service. **Please stop in to thank Janie for her service to our congregation and to wish her well in her new adventure!**

Lord of Life is seeking a part-time AV/Social Media Coordinator for approximately 10 hours a week. A job description and application details can be found in the church office or on the Lord of Life Facebook page.

We are still in need of volunteers for the Mission Gala banquet to be held on Thursday, May 31 at Lord of Life. We have openings for volunteers at various times from Tuesday to Thursday, May 29 -May 31. We are still in need of people to set up and work at the beverage station, to assist with preparing and roasting broccoli, putting together chicken kabobs, plating the food, and cleaning up. Please take a look at the sign-up board in the lobby and pitch in if you can assist. **If you have questions, speak to Pastor Nadine or Pastor Beth.**

Pastor Nadine will be training some new folks to serve as assisting ministers for our Sunday morning worship services. Assisting ministers lead the congregation in the various prayers and assist with communion. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Nadine and reserve time for the training on **Thursday, June 14 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.**

Jesus isn't stuck in a church building. Jesus walks with us everywhere we go. Take "flat Jesus" with you on your family's summer adventures. Take pictures of you with "flat Jesus" at the lake, while camping, while road tripping. Then, text your pictures to children's and family ministry coordinator, Betsy Debertin. She will share the pictures on LOL's Facebook page. Let's see how many places we can find Jesus this summer! **Pick up your "flat Jesus" and further instructions in the Narthex. Families of any age are encouraged to participate!**

Prayer Partner Reveal Party! It's time for the BIG REVEAL! Who has been praying for our first graders all year? We have a fun reveal party planned for Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Prayer partners and all first grade kids and families are invited. **Please RSVP to Betsy the number of people attending so that I'm sure each prayer partner will have their match, and so I'm sure to make enough cookies :).** (RSVP to bdebertin@midconetwork.com or text 701-527-0870 or just tap my shoulder after church)

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a fun faith formation experience to add to your summer calendar. VBS will be Sunday, June 17 to Thursday, June 21 from 5:45 to 7:45 each evening. VBS is for ages 3 (by July 1, 2017) through fifth grade. **Pre-registration is required.** Registration forms are available in the office and on the church website.

"Mother the Camp": The Evangelism Team is inviting you to consider providing pantry items or office supplies for the annual "Mother the Camp," at Camp of the Cross Ministries. A poster will be in the Narthex with items that are most needed and a list will also be available at the information desk. **Items will be collected May 9th –**

May 27th. Thank you for considering a gift for camp to help the experience of campers at CCM this summer!

The Lord of Life Book Club will meet on June 14th at 4:45 pm to discuss A Wrinkle in Time and watch the new Disney movie based on the book. The group will also meet July 12th and August 9th at 4:45 pm to discuss Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson and Nothing But The Truth by AVI.

Join the adult education class between services at 9:45 am today, May 20th as we look at the topic of forgiveness.

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!

Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center Hosts Golf Event. Please make plans to join us for a new and one of a kind fundraising event on June 8th! The 1st Annual Hillview Cup will take place at Golf Etc., 228 W. Front Ave, Bismarck. This event is a team long drive contest where teams of four will have 30 minutes to drive a golf ball as many times and as far as they can. The total cumulative yardage will be totaled to determine the event winner. The event runs from 9am-6pm using the golf simulators at Golf Etc. Teams will sign up for 45-minute time slots after they register for the event. Join us for prizes, food and fun all to benefit a good cause! Register or get more information at www.mslcc.com/hillviewcup

Please mark your calendars for our traditional "Quilters' Reunion" on Tuesday, July 17th at 11:45 am at the home of Judy Kudrna. This is a pot luck salad luncheon.

Many thanks to Jeremy Francis for hauling all the boxes of quilts and personal care kits to Midwest Motors for the trip to the LWR warehouse in St. Paul. Special thanks to Diane and Dave Clinton and Tim Swenson for help taping and moving boxes of health kits and quilts last Tuesday and to Jessica Axtman for providing all the labels and bar codes. Thank you to all the gals who came to assemble the kits.

Help Wanted! We are looking for someone to lead the Personal Care Kit project for next year. Help will be cheerfully given! Thank you to Barb Wrolstad for volunteering to lead the Baby Layette project beginning in June.

Please note summer hours begin May 27th, 2018. Worship services will be held Sunday's at 9:30 am and Wednesday's at 6:15 pm. The church office will be open Mon-Thur. 8:00 am-4:00 pm and on Friday's from 8:00 am-1:00 pm.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WHO DONATED GERANIUMS:

Jim & Patsy Holland in memory of Melissa and our parents.

David & Joan Leer in thanksgiving for Jesus, our Savior.

Janie Hague in thank offering for all the wonderful people of Lord of Life. Thank you for a wonderful six years!

John & Janell Quinlan in memory of our parents, Howard & June Quinlan, Edwin Johnson and in honor of our mother Adelaide Johnson.

Linda Simmons in memory of my parents.

Congratulations to the Senior Class of 2018



Amanda Baerlocher



Amanda Hintz



Jared Honeyman



Hannah Klipfel



Arianna Steele



Dustin Whitney



Kalista Vetter



Parker Wahl

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: 701-223-2986
www.lordoflifebismarck.org

Sun., May 20

Graduation Sunday

Volunteer Appreciation Day

8:30 am: Worship

9:45 am: Sunday School—Teacher Appreciation Day

9:45 am: Adult Education

11:00 am: Worship

Tues., May 22

9:00 pm: Staff Meeting

Wed., May 23

Volunteer Appreciation Day

6:15 pm: Worship—Graduation Recognition

7:00 pm: Confirmation

7:00 pm: Prayer Partner Reveal in Fellowship Hall

Thurs., May 24

Bulletin Deadline @ 12:00 pm

Sat., May 26

8:30 am: Men's Bible Study @ St. Alexius cafeteria

Sun., May 27

9:30 am: Worship