



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 19
Sunday, August 11, 2019: 9:30 am
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND
Pastor Nadine Lehr and Pastor Beth Walch

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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

Opening Hymn: WOVS #794, “Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works”

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... Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Welcome and Announcements (*please pass the Friendship Pad*)

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ ²But Abram said, ‘O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ ³And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ ⁵He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith

Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

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

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

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

³²‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor Beth Walch

Hymn of the Day: WOVS #731, “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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.”

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 #699, “Blessed Assurance”
WOV #710, “One Bread, One Body”
WOV #711, “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Blessing, p. 40
Canticle, “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise,” p. 40 (Psalm 9)
Closing Prayer, p. 41
Benediction and Dismissal, p. 41 (Numbers 6:23-26)

Sending Hymn: WOV #721, “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Worship Participants: Preaching & Presiding: Beth Walch; **Assisting:** Bruce Boe;
Communion Assistants: Crystal Engel & Lark Schon; **Ushers:** Dan & Barb Wrolstad;
Acolyte: Taryn Nelson; **Song Leader:** Nora Salveson; **Pianist:** Becky Salveson; **August Altar**
Guild: Betty Steele, Rod & Judy Kudrna, and Nancy Kleingartner **Powerpoint:** Reid Halvorson

Prayers at Lord of Life: Layne Billings, Judy Swenson, Levi Gartner, Tim Johnson, John O’Brien, Andre Stephenson, Rev. Richard Beckmen, Hugh Gustafson, Brad Kjos, Diane Chepulis, Steve Schmidt, Shae (Hug) Byrum, Al Reiner, Sonja Nelson, Ervin Jose, LeNor Dollinger, Faye Barry, Elias Schiele, Brandon Byrum, Patricia Schmidt, Karen Krauth.

Flowers are given today by: Kevin & Renee Connell in celebration of their anniversary. Minnie Malkmus.

Stewardship Info: Attendance –Sun. (8-4): 147 Offering: General \$13,922.21
June expenses: \$49,410.51 June income: \$49,793.31
Annual expenses through June: \$281,097.61
Annual income through June: \$291,579.58

August Service Group Leaders: Keith & Beth Demke (222-3023)
 Doug & Bev Doolittle (224-0785)

Volunteers: Members with last names starting with “Dup” through “Goo”

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 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.

The **2019 Flower Chart** is up in the gathering area. 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

	August 18	1 Bouquet	September 8	2 Bouquets	
	September 15	2 Bouquets	September 22	2 Bouquets	

COMMUNION ASSISTANT OPENINGS

September 1	9:30	September 8	9:30
September 15	8:30 & 11:00	September 22	8:30 & 11:00

USHER OPENING

September 1	9:30	September 8	9:30
September 15	8:30 & 11:00	September 22	8:30 & 11:00

Both Pastor Nadine and Pastor Beth will be out of town on Friday, August 23. Pastor Steve Sathre has agreed to be on call that day. If you need assistance, please call Steve at 701-391-6894. Pastor Nadine will return by 9 pm on that same evening.

You are invited to MSLCC's Annual Ice Cream Social at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center on Sunday, August 18th, 2019 from 2:00pm - 3:30pm in the East & West dining rooms. Donations will be accepted for the annual fundraiser to be given to the MSLCC activity department.

We need Markers! Can You Help? Back-to-school sales mean markers are inexpensive right now. Our church school kids need some fresh markers. When you happen by a back-to-school display, will you pick up a box or two or three of markers? Drop off your donation in the church office. Thank you, in advance, for all the creativity you will inspire this year!

Camp of the Cross invites you! Please join them today, Sunday, August 11th at 2:00 pm as they celebrate and bless the new Fellowship Center!

Mark your calendars for the celebration of the Cropwalk's 50th Anniversary! Plan to join us on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 12:30 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bismarck. Light refreshments to follow the walk.

Are you a young adult? Home from College? Single? Married? With kids? Without kids? Are you curious about God? Have questions about Faith? Enjoy an evening out? Like a cold beverage? Then YOU are just the person we are seeking. Pastors Beth and Nadine are beginning **Pub Theology**. **Plan to join us on Tuesday, August 27, 5:30 pm at Laughing Sun.** If you live a sober lifestyle, no worries! We have your back and we will support you. If you enjoy a beer or wine, that's cool too. It's BYOB. We will choose the next site together as a group. Bring a friend!

LOL Book Club summer books, we meet at 4:45 pm on the following dates: August 21, "Mrs. Kennedy and Me" by Clint Hill (books will be available to check out on July 24). Everyone is welcome to join us!

YOUNG AT HEARTS Summer Ice Cream Social. Please come to this social for fun and fellowship today, Sunday, August 11th, open house from 2pm to 4pm. Erlys Fardal will host this root beer float and ice cream sundae get together at the Plaza Tower Party Room, 1111 N. 1st Street. It will be in the community room in the basement and there is an elevator. Anyone 55 and older is most welcome and we hope to see you there. (If you arrive late, please call 002 and someone will let you in the security door.).

Youth Fun Day at YCC – August 18, 2019 YCC (The Youth Correctional Center in Mandan) is hosting a summer youth fun day. We, along with Heart River Lutheran Church will partner with YCC to provide games and volunteers to facilitate the fun. The event is from 12-2:30 and we are seeking 10 volunteers (over the age of 18) to participate. We can travel together from church in our van or meet there. What will we do? Mingle, chat with kids, enjoy ice cream, provide supplies and do some face painting, maybe get in on a game of cornhole (bags) or Ladder Golf, just be positive and kind adults to kids who are living away from their families. Please contact Pastor Beth to sign up and get the rest of the information.

Get Rid of Your Stuff!!! Cleaning out your garage, closets, cupboards, drawers? Lord of Life rummage sale is planned for Friday, August 23rd 7:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturday, August 24th 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. We need your donations to insure a successful fundraiser. Money raised is distributed annually by WELCA to various church and community programs. Items needed are furniture, games, books, toys, home décor, dishes, all household goods, jewelry, purses, tools, lawn and garden items. Clean children's clothing is encouraged; no adult clothing please, due to limited display area. Drop off times for donations are Wednesday, August 21 5:00 to 8:00 pm and all day Thursday, August 22 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up Thursday and during the sale Friday and Saturday. Volunteers are also needed for cleanup Saturday, especially a couple of people with pickups. Sign up sheets will be available in the gathering space August 1st. If you have any questions, please call Lori Meza, Shirley Klein or Crystal Engel. **New this year**, we will also hold a **coat drive** along with the rummage sale. We will accept coats of all sizes...kids to adult. They will be distributed to Ministry on the Margin.

The new church directory is done! There are instructions at the Information Desk for accessing the directory online. Please note the online directory is a fully secured system and only members who are entered in the directory can login to this website - BUT you need to use your email address as listed in the directory to create a login-in to the online directory. If you haven't listed your email address with the church and would like to access the online directory please send your email address to Shirley.klein7166@gmail.com.

Rummage sale time is here! Please watch for gently used baby items for the Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits. A display has been set up in the Narthex that includes everything needed for a Baby Care Kit. Our goal this year is to put together 100 baby care kits. Any questions, please contact Barb Wrolstad at 391-8640.

Crossways Bible Study program! Crossways is a comprehensive two-year program which introduces students to an overview of the entire Bible. Participants will read what is familiar but also many materials that are less known but just as inspiring. People who take the course consistently speak of how thorough and helpful the course is in helping them to "get the big picture." The course has changed many lives and awakened a genuine curiosity in thousands of people who want to dive deeper into their faith. **Crossways will begin at Lord of Life on Wednesday evenings in the Fall.** Each session will run from 7 pm to 8:15 pm, making it perfect for adults whose children are in Wednesday School or Confirmation. Generous breaks will be taken according to the public school calendar. Materials for the 2 years will not exceed \$25 for anyone. If you wish to enroll in the course, please call the church office or visit with Pastor Nadine. At least 12 students are needed in order to offer the course. Non-members are welcome to attend as well so invite your friends, siblings, neighbors, cousins, parents, etc. Registration ends on August 20.

Do you feel the weight of debt holding you back from fully enjoying your life and meeting your goals? Financial Peace is a nine-session video and discussion course which has been used by over 5 million people to help them achieve realistic financial goals. Some of the sessions include: Build a Strong Emergency Fund and Learn How to Budget, Pay Off All Debt, The Role of Insurance, Retirement Planning, and Living and Giving Like No One Else. Financial Peace will provide you with very practical ideas for managing your money, setting goals and making measurable progress. This course will be offered at Lord of Life starting September 15 and continuing for 6 weeks on Sunday mornings in between worship services. It is highly recommended for all people, but most especially those with young families. If you would like to register, please visit with Pastor Nadine or call the church office.

Happening this week at Lord of Life
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-2:00 pm
Church Office: 701-223-2986
www.lordoflifebismarck.org

Sun., August 11

9:30 am: Worship

Mon., August 12

6:30 pm: Endowment Committee Meeting

Tues., August 13

9:00 am: Lefse Making

9:30 am: Women's Bible Study

6:00 pm: Adult Forum

7:00 pm: Council Meeting

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wed., August 14

8:00 am—5:00 pm: Community Options Annual Day of Caring in F.H.

4:30 pm: Education Team Meeting

6:15 pm: Worship

7:00 pm: Youth Minute to Win It in F.H.

7:00 pm: Baptismal Class

Thurs., August 15

Bulletin Deadline @ 12:00 pm

4:00 pm: Wedding Rehearsal

5:30 pm: Bio Girls

Fri., August 16

3:00 pm: Wedding

Sat., August 17

8:30 am: Men's Bible Study

Sun., August 18

9:30 am: Worship

12:00 pm: YCC

"We love, serve, and welcome all so each person knows God's grace in Christ."