



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—Lectionary 18
Sunday, August 4, 2019: 9:30 am
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND
Pastor Nadine Lehr and Pastor Beth Walch

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

Today's worship service is taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) service book and hymnal. Please turn to Setting III, pp. 138-146, for the order of the service and to the back of the book for the hymns.

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

Gathering Hymn: ELW #449 We Know That Christ Is Raised

Greeting and Kyrie, pp. 138-139 (*Psalms 4:1 6:2, 9:13, 25:16, 27:7, 30:10, 31:9, 51:1, 86:16, 123:3*)
Hymn of Praise, "This is the Feast," pp. 140-141 (*Revelations 5:12-13*)

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, **you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. ^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation, "Alleluia," p. 142 (*John 6:68*)

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Pastor Beth Walch

Hymn of the Day: ELW # 734 "God Whose Farm is All Creation"

Gordon Robert Heinzen, son of Robert and Taylor Heinzen. Baptismal sponsors are Ethan Lammers, Mary Cooper and Bill Heinzen.

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, p. 143

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

Sharing of the Peace, p. 143 (John 20:19)

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

Offering

Offertory ELW #182, "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

Offertory Prayer

Communion

Dialogue, p. 144

Preface, p. 144

Sanctus, "Holy, Holy, Holy," p. 144

Words of Institution (Matthew 26:26-28)

Lord's Prayer (contemporary version, left side), p. 145 (Matthew 6:9-13)

Distribution

Time for Reflection

"Lamb of God," p. 146 (John 1:29)

ELW # 462 "Now We Join in Celebration"

ELW # 466 "In the Silence"

ELW # 479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast"

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle, ELW #204, "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" (Psalm 9)

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,
and abound in thanksgiving;

and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God,

be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn: ELW # 650 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Worship Participants: Preaching: Beth Walch; **Presiding:** Nadine Lehr; **Assisting:** Linda Simmons; **Communion Assistants:** Arlin & Roxanne Gardner; **Ushers:** Dwite & Kathy Gorder; **Acolyte:** Kendra Dockter; **Song Leader:** Ruby Altringer; **Pianist:** Marilyn Kesterke; **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.

Flowers are given today by: Janell & John Quinlan in honor of our 32nd anniversary and Mother Adelaide Johnson's 97th birthday.

Stewardship Info:

Attendance – Sun. (7-28): 136 Wed. (7-31): 43 Offering: General \$9,612.00

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: 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. **"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.

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 1	2 Bouquets
September 8	2 Bouquets	September 15	2 Bouquets



COMMUNION ASSISTANT OPENINGS

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

USHER OPENING

August 18	9:30	August 25	9:30
September 1	9:30	September 8	9:30

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.

Office Closure: Please note the church office will be closed Friday, August 9th. The church doors will be open that day from 8:00 am—11:00 am. In case of an emergency, please call Pastor Beth Walch at 262-825-7633.

Dorothy and Ron Wagner would like to give a thank you to everyone at Lord of Life for their cards, care, and concern, for their loss of their daughter, Joyce Windsor.

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 on Sunday, August 11th at 2:00 pm as they celebrate and bless the new Fellowship Center!

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 on Sunday, August 11th, open house from 2pm to 4pm. Erllys 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 4

9:30 am: Worship & Baptism

Tues., August 6

9:00 am: Lefse Making

5:00 pm: Evangelism Team Meeting

5:30 pm: Worship Team Meeting

6:30 pm: Volunteerism Team Meeting

7:00 pm: Youth Team Meeting

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wed., August 7

6:15 pm: Worship

Thurs., August 8

Bulletin Deadline @ 12:00 pm

5:30 pm: Bio Girls

6:00 pm: Stewardship Team Meeting

Fri., August 9

5:00 pm: Wedding Rehearsal

Sat., August 10

8:30 am: Men's Bible Study

3:30 pm: Wedding

Sun., August 11

9:30 am: Worship

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