



**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 14, 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 the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today’s gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples’ food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

*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 Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW).*

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Moment of Silence*

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**Opening Hymn: ELW #377, “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”**

**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...* Holy and righteous God, **you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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: 1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading: Jonah 2:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup>saying, ‘I called to the LORD out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. <sup>3</sup>You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. <sup>4</sup>Then I said, “I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?” <sup>5</sup>The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head <sup>6</sup>at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me for ever; yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O LORD my God. <sup>7</sup>As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD; and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. <sup>8</sup>Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty. <sup>9</sup>But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the LORD!’ <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

### **Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48**

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?’ <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see

that I have.’<sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.<sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish,<sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.’<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Children’s Message**

#### **Presentation of Kindergarten Faith Books**

**Sermon: Pastor Beth Walch**

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #522, “As We Gather at Your Table”  
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**

### **Distribution**

#### **Time for Reflection**

**“Lamb of God”, p. 39 (John 1:29)**

**ELW #711, “O Day of Peace”**

**ELW #483, “Here Is Bread”**

### **Blessing, p. 40**

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

**Closing Prayer, p. 41**

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

**Sending Hymn: ELW #674, “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

### **Dismissal, p. 41**

**Worship Participants: Pastors:** John Streccius & Beth Walch; **Assisting:** (8:30) Roxanne Gardner (11:00) Stephanie Hickman; **Communion Assistants:** (8:30) Arlin Gardner (11:00) Diane & David Clinton; **Ushers:** (8:30) LeAna Hug & Bob Salveson (11:00) Bob Salveson; **Acolyte:** (8:30) HELP NEEDED (11:00) HELP NEEDED; **Song Leader:** Taylor Heinzen; **Pianist:** Becky Salveson; **April Altar Guild:** Diane Chepulis, Alice Westby, Arlyce Malarkey.

**Prayers at Lord of Life:** Shirley O’Brien, Coralyn Hoovestol, Kelli Mahlum, Grant Geffre, Ruth Ann Rexine, Sharon Fisher, Edna Mae Erickson, Mary York, Ellen Bartz, Pat Hellman, Susan Francis, Mavis Jundt, Betty Dendinger, Todd Asendorf, Kylah Anderson, Matt Olson, Jerry McLachlan, Scott Berry, Nathan Berndt, Aldeen Klain, Emmett Pratt, Emma Seibel, Marlene Muse, Duane Barry.

**Flowers are given today by:** Connie Peterson in honor of my aunt Marsha Bauer.

**Stewardship Info: Attendance –Sun. (4-7): 146 Wed. (4-10): 55**

**Offering:** General Plate Offering: \$18,756.41 General Online Giving: \$6,035.67

**February expenses:** \$54,971.84

**February income:** \$61,858.39

**Annual expenses through February:** \$141,740.35

**Annual income through February:** \$106,963.75

**April Service Group Leaders:** Ward & Franky Enger (934-3122)

**Volunteers:** Members with last names starting with “Alb” through “Bin”

**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 May 12, May 19 and May 26. Cost is \$25.00/bouquet. The sign-up sheet can be located at the Information Desk. \*\*Please note Altar Flowers on check memo line.

**Adult Forum:** Today, April 14, join Deacon Beth Anderson in learning more about ministries of accompaniment between services. Life is a journey and we’re not intended to go it alone. The ministries of coaching and spiritual direction can support you in growing deeper in your relationship with God, bring greater intentionality to your life, leadership, relationships or career, accompany you in making change, or help you navigate times of transition due to life stages, grief, or new opportunities. On April 21, we’ll talk about the Vital Voices survey which AARP conducted with a population of North Dakotans age 50+. The survey covers issues such as healthcare, caregiving, retirement, livable communities, housing, and volunteerism. Presenters will be Nancy Guy, State Volunteer AARP President and Josh Askvig, State Director of ND AARP. See you there!

**Join our Confirmation 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** On this evening, they will present the service projects they did this year and how it has impacted their faith. This is a great way to honor our baptismal promises as a congregation and support the kids in our faith community.

**Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits:** During the month of April, we will be collecting items for personal care kits! Items needed are bath towels (dark light weight towels preferred, these may also be gently used), bar soap (4oz), heavy duty combs, and nail clippers with file. Please bring your items by May 1st and place them in the display area that will be set up in the narthex. Thank you!

**Lord of Life is scheduled to help Heaven’s Helpers Soup Café on April 22.** Shifts are two hours in length from 8 AM through 5:30 PM. Just log in to <https://www.soupcafe.org/volunteer/> or, if you need assistance signing up, please contact Shirley Klein at [Shirley.klein7166@gmail.com](mailto:Shirley.klein7166@gmail.com) or call her at 701-391-7166. Please remember to wear closed toe shoes and a Lord of Life shirt if you have one.

**The planning group is in need of clean plastic bags with no tears.** Those from Menards, Target and grocery stores are preferred as those from Walmart and dollar stores tear too easily. They can be left in the quilting room.

**Donations Needed:** My name is Caroline Gill and I am a freshman at Legacy High School. For my confirmation project this year, I decided to build and install a Little Free Pantry at the Soup Cafe. I am hoping that we can provide grab-and-go food items for the people who live near or visit the soup cafe and may need something when the soup cafe is closed or if they need something extra to eat. I have a box in the narthex for non-perishable food donations as well as winter hats and gloves!

**Lord of Life Book Club: Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:45 pm:** “The Things They Carried” by Tim O’Brien. This book is a collection of interrelated stories providing detailed accounts of the struggles faced by American soldiers on the ground during the Vietnam War. Tim’s narrative tells the stories of his many comrades during the war.

**SAVE THE DATE!** May 30 will be our Lord of Life outing with the Larks baseball team. Look for more information and sign up in May. 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!

**Volunteer Recognition will be held on Sunday, April 28**, we will recognize all volunteers at Lord of Life, without you the church could never be what it is today!

**United Way Shelter:** Lord of Life will be serving supper at the United Way Shelter on Saturday, May 4. We need servers, a sign up sheet will be at the Information Desk. Serving begins between 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm.

**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!

**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](http://www.lordoflifebismarck.org)

**Sun., April 14**

8:30 am: Worship  
9:45 am: Church School  
9:45 am: Adult Forum  
11:00 am: Worship

**Mon., April 15**

11:30 am: PEO Meeting  
5:00 pm: ABC Training  
6:30 pm: Piecemakers

**Tues., April 16**

9:30 am: Piecemakers  
10:00 am: Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm: Stewardship Team Meeting  
7:00 pm: Council Meeting  
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

**Wed., April 17**

3:30 pm: Planning  
6:15 pm: Worship  
7:00 pm: Church School  
7:00 pm: Confirmation

**Thurs., April 18**

*Bulletin Deadline @ 12:00 pm*

8:30 am: Centering Prayer  
9:30 am: Brunch with Beth

**Sun., April 21**

8:30 am: Worship  
9:45 am: Church School  
9:45 am: Adult Forum  
11:00 am: Worship & Baptisms

*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.*

