



Day of Pentecost
Sunday, May 19, 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.”

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God’s mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ’s love with the world.

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Silence

Gathering Song: “You Are My King”

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
Amen.

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to

you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

(11:00) **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Easton Alan Bakken, son of Jordan and Rachel Bakken. *Baptismal sponsors are Jacob Bakken and Desiree Allen.*

At the conclusion of the baptism, the pastor and congregation will say:

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.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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: “Come, Jesus, Come”

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.

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷ **These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;**

²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD endure for ever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—**

³² who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵ **Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.

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

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶'When 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.

Children's Message

Message: Sr. Kathleen Atkinson—Ministry on the Margins

Song of the Day: "Amazing Grace"

(8:30) APOSTLES' CREED

(8:30) 2024 Senior Class Recognition

Prayers of Intercession

*At the end of each petition, assisting minister and congregation will say: “Gracious God, 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

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

Words of Institution (Matthew 26:26-28)

Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Communion

“Just As I Am”

Communion Blessing

Let us pray. Shepherding God, **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Benediction (Numbers 6:23-26)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Song: “This Little Light of Mine”

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Worship Participants: Pastors: John Streccius & Beth Walch; **Assisting:** (8:30) Peggy Christman (11:00) Linda Simmons; **Communion Assistants:** (8:30) HELP NEEDED (11:00) HELP NEEDED; **Ushers:** (8:30) LeAna Hug & Dan & Barb Wrolstad (11:00) HELP NEEDED; **Acolyte:** (8:30) HELP NEEDED (11:00) HELP NEEDED; **Musicians:** Karl Carlson, Andrew Cooper, Taylor Heinzen, Lora Isakson; **May Altar Guild:** Barb Koch, Diane Chepulis, Deb Burke, Justine Bennes; **Powerpoint:** Reid Halvorson

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, Sandi Papke, Georgiana Lostlen.

Flowers are given today by: Bob and Becky Salveson in gratitude for farmers and ranchers.

Stewardship Info: Attendance –Sun. (5-12): 165 **Wed.** (5-15): 12

Offering: General Plate Offering: \$8,139.00 General Online Giving: \$3,673.96

April expenses: \$54,654.27 **April income:** \$66,416.65

Annual expenses through April: \$246,891.92

Annual income through April: \$246,998.25

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.

Congratulations Senior Class of 2024! Graduates are 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!

Piecemakers: Tuesday May 21 at 9:30 am will be the last day of quilting until fall. Quilting will go until noon this day and conclude with a potluck. Thank you to all for your hard work and a successful year!

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.

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



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.**

Summer Worship and Office Hours: Summer worship begins Sunday, May 26 with only one worship service at 9:30 am and Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm. Beginning Tuesday, May 28, the church office will be open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am –noon. **If you need something from the church or church office outside these hours, please make arrangements with Jessica at 223-2986.

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.



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 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

Mon., May 20

June/July Newsletter Deadline

11:30 am: PEO Meeting

5:00 pm: ABC Training

6:30 pm: Piecemakers

Tues., May 21

9:30 am: Piecemakers

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

12:00 pm: Piecemakers Potluck

6:00 pm: Stewardship Team Meeting

7:00 pm: Council Meeting

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wed., May 22

3:30 pm: Planning

6:15 pm: Worship

7:00 pm: Ukulele Class

7:00 pm: Prayer Partner Reveal

Thurs., May 23

Bulletin Deadline @ 12:00 pm

8:30 am: Centering Prayer

9:30 am: Java with John

Fri., May 24

10:00 am: Coffee with Caregivers

Sun., May 26

9:30 am: Worship