

Lord of Life
Lutheran Church
5051 Pleasant Valley Road
Brighton, MI 48114



Living in God's amazing grace

"God's Work. Our Hands."

Weekly Sermon on Facebook and YouTube – Join Us!

You are invited to worship with us!

9:30 am "In Person" worship with Holy Communion

11:00 – 11:30 am Drive thru Holy Communion

Rev. Dale E. Hedblad, M.Div., *Board Certified Chaplain*
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Messages for May 2021:

May 2, 2021 (John 15:1-8) On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

May 9, 2021 (John 15:9-17) On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

May 16, 2021 (John 17:6-19) In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death-his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

May 23, 2021 (John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15) While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

May 30, 2021 (John 3:1-17) Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

Making Christ Known

Top 10 Mother's Day Quotes

This collection of quotes are a powerful reminder of why moms matter!



1. *"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' It is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway."* - Erma Bombeck
2. *"Motherhood: All love begins and ends there."* - Robert Browning
3. *"When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child."* - Sophia Loren
4. *"All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."* - Abraham Lincoln
5. *"A mother understands what a child does not say."* - Jewish Proverb
6. *"I realized when you look at your mother, you are looking at the purest love you will ever know."* - Mitch Albom
7. *"Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible."* - Marion C. Garretty
8. *"A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie."* - Tenneva Jordan
9. *"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever."* - Unknown
10. *"A mother's love endures through all."* - Washington Irving



May Message from the Pastor

"Many wonders and signs were done through the disciples and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:43, 47)

This church season of Easter is a "week of weeks," seven Sundays proclaiming and rejoicing in the Good News of the Gospels: Jesus has put death itself to death and salvation and eternal life have come to all who believe.

Here in the northern hemisphere, Easter coincides with the greening of the earth. Nature itself gives its own witness to God's resurrecting power by restoring lush green grass to the fields, abundant leaves to the trees, and vibrant colored flowers to our landscape. Truly, signs of new life are all around us.

Our Gospel readings throughout this church season focus on Jesus' resurrection and the effect it has on people. The Holy Scriptures are filled with stories of everyday people like you and me that transformed their lives by placing their trust in God. Belief in Jesus gives our lives an unmistakable, and undeniable transforming power of faith to overcome any challenge that life sets before us. I personally believe that Jesus' resurrecting power is available to us all right now. This resurrecting power is demonstrated to us throughout our lifetime, as God "lifts us up" from times of trouble, illness, brokenness, and despair. This is what the expression "Easter People" really means; we live our lives trusting and believing in the "sure and certain hope" of the resurrection.

This season of Easter gives the church time to hear just what it means to belong to one another. The Lord makes wonders possible through the gifts we come to share. These wonders sometimes manifest themselves in ministry to each other, to our community, and to our world. Our name "Lord of Life" is itself, an Easter expression. This special place of worship shapes its own unique identity from the sacred things that we hold dear: worship, prayer, teaching, hospitality, and fellowship. The welcoming, acceptance and love we express to each other is extended to strangers and visitors as well. This "Christ-like" attitude is something our world really needs right now, and compels people to want to join us. As the two disciples learned on the road to Emmaus, it is in the breaking of the bread that Christ's presence is felt among us.

Believing with you,

Pastor Dale+

About Lord of Life Lutheran Church

“God’s work. Our Hands.”

Welcome to Lord of Life – Pastor Dale Hedblad leads our worship each Sunday. Our worship is hands-free (no book). Just follow the Power Point liturgy on the big screen.

Our Church – Lord of Life Lutheran Church is a member of the Southeast Michigan Synod branch of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The ELCA is the largest Lutheran Church body, consisting of 4.6 million members worldwide. Lord of Life was established as a mission development on May 21, 1972. Our current pastor, Dale Hedblad, has a Master of Divinity Degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Oh. He is one of two specialized ministers in the Southeast Michigan Synod. Pastor Hedblad is also a Board Certified Chaplain and is on-call at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. If you would like to learn more about Pastor Hedblad, there is a brief biography under the picture of Pastor Dale and his wife, Colleen, as you exit the sanctuary. Currently, Lord of Life consists of 615 members. Lord of Life is active in the Brighton Community with several ministries including: Vacation Bible School, Love INC., Gleaners Food Bank, Crop Walk, Habitat for Humanity, Juvenile Diabetes Research, Fish & Loaves, Red Cross Blood Drives, Kids Against Hunger, Bountiful Harvest Food Pantry and our annual Christmas “Adopt-A-Family” giving tree.

Lord of Life is always open to joining or initiating new ministries that are consistent with our mission statement and our core values:

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- Compassion
- Discipleship
- Hospitality
- Commitment to excellence

MAY BIRTHDAY’S

- 2 – Steve Reed
- 4 – Louis Frederick
- 5 – Ryan York
- 7 – Ethan Restrepo
- 10 – Mikaila Olsen
- 15 – Teresa Hedblad
- 16 – Eunice Kallio & Shelby Klix
- 17 – Dave Burgess & Richard Bargert
- 18 – Linda Rowell
- 21 – Andrew Hedblad
- 22 – Dee Martin & Jon Unruh
- 23 – Andrea Frederick, Clark Stone & Adam Elsey
- 26 – Colby Newburg
- 27 – Ryan Pelto
- 28 – Caron Davis



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Have a wonderful anniversary!

- 8 – David & Jean Woycik
- 12 – Dan & Joyce Raszkowski &
- 15 – Pastor Dale & Colleen Hedblad



LOLYO NEWS

It's hard to believe that this year is already coming to an end. While it was a weird one with most of our events being virtual, I am just happy to have had some great participation and fun with all of you via zoom. I hope everyone enjoyed the last event "Magic for Humans at Home."

Here is the schedule for the rest of the year and hopefully next year we can be in person. If the weather stays nice, I was thinking we could do a year end event at my house outside with a bonfire, pizza and games.

Month	Activity	Date	Time	Location
APRIL	Magic for Humans at Home	4/25/2021	2pm	www.justinwillman.com/virtual
MAY	Movie Night/Year end event	14 th , 16 th or 17 th	TBD	LOL Church or my backyard
JUNE	Fish & Loaves	6/13/2021	3:15	Lord of Life Lutheran Church



GIVE PLUS+

An Alternative Way of Giving

Many of you have expressed preferences for giving electronically, using a smartphone app, a computer or tablet. Lord of Life offers this option, now we want to reintroduce this giving option to everyone.

Here are a few benefits for GIVE PLUS+:

- eGiving is convenient and helps support your church
- eGiving allows you to keep intentions to give even when not at church.
- eGiving helps Lord of Life receive consistent income

It's Easy.....download the GivePlus app through the Apple's app store and Goolge's play store. ...yes, it's free to download and you are not charged a fee to make donations using this app.

When you download the GivePlus app for the first time, you will be prompted to enter the name of your church. Type in Lord of Life and select it when it appears. Or, use the Find Churches Near me feature. After you select Lord of Life, it automatically becomes your "home" church. The next time you open the app, Lord of Life will already be displayed.

GivePlus donations can be made with all major credit and debit cards.

When completing a donation, you will receive a receipt via email.

If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Kelly or Colleen Hedblad.

Kroger Community Rewards Program



To enroll your card simply go to
www.krogercommunityrewards.com

- Click on “sign-in”
- Put in your email address and password used when you enrolled your card.
- Click enroll now.
- Choose the group number for Lord of Life # 83096
- Choose the organization
- Click enroll.

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If you shop on **Amazon**, consider switching to **AmazonSmile**. For eligible purchases at **AmazonSmile**, they donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

1. Sign in to smile.amazon.com.
2. From your desktop, go to **Your Account** from the navigation at the top of any page, and then in the Other Programs box select the option to **Change your Charity**. Or, from your mobile browser, select **Change your Charity** from the options at the bottom of the page.
3. Select a new charitable organization to support. Search for Lord of Life Brighton and Select.

Congratulations!

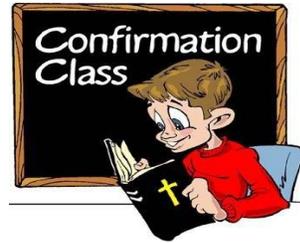
Congratulations to our 2021 high school graduates:

Payton Fellows - Hartland High School. Payton has been accepted at Michigan State University

Nathan Hubbell - Milford High School. Nathan has been accepted at Central Michigan University

Jeremiah 29:11-12 ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹²Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.





***Dear soon-to-be Confirmed Lutheran Teens:
Leahvy, Cody, Jack, Drew, Elliott, and Gavin, ****

I'm sure you will be upset with these two-year-old pictures. BUT, this old confirmation teacher wants our congregation to compare how much you have grown physically in the last two years. When we post the pictures next month after you are confirmed I am sure we will also see your spiritual growth. This has been an incredibly special year for all of us with the impact of Covid and my hilarious trials with zoom. Some of your families have had to actually deal with this virus. You are a special class of wonderful tweens and teens, and I have enjoyed being with you and getting to know you as my young sisters and brothers in Christ.

As we fast approach our confirmation service on May 23, I want to share some thoughts with you and your parents. **We have come to learn that Affirmation of Baptism involves three main promises:**

First: You promise that you will continue to be an active and vital part of the church, the “body of Christ.” You promise that you won’t disappear from church. You promise that you will continue to worship God regularly, that you will cherish the opportunity to receive the Lord’s Supper, and that you will be involved in the life and ministry of the church. You will continue to grow in your knowledge of the Bible and strive to have a strong prayer life. ***You will do this of your own free***

will. By keeping this promise you’ll say, “God loves me and I’m going to stand up and let the world know I love him, too.”

✓ ***Some people incorrectly think they can live out faith in isolation apart from the church. But this is not God’s intention. The Bible only speaks of faith as an active part of a community of believers. The church is where God wants us to be. It is God’s will.***

Second: You promise to share the Good News of your faith in Jesus by the things you say and the things you do. You promise that you’ll live to imitate Jesus (Ephesians 5:1-2), to be an “ambassador for Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:20) to all those you know, helping them to know and believe the saving Gospel. What you do and say either builds people up and makes them better or tears them down and harms them. ***You promise that your words and deeds will bring honor and glory to our Lord Jesus and help others to grow in faith.***

Third: You promise that you will follow Jesus’ example and serve God by serving others. You will show your love for God by the love you give to people in God’s holy name. You promise that you will live for something bigger than yourself. The world has enough selfish, self-centered people. ***You will live for God.*** Your life will show your love for God by what you do for others. These deeds may be big and seen by many or small and known to no one. But God knows.

Finally, you promise to seek ways in which you can live out the **Great Commandment** (Luke 10:25-27), as: ***“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.”***

**I constantly pray that all of your lives will be one giant
“Thank You” to God.**

May the Peace of Christ Jesus be with you always,

Mr. Craig

****Gavin is a member of the 2019-2020 Confirmation class.***