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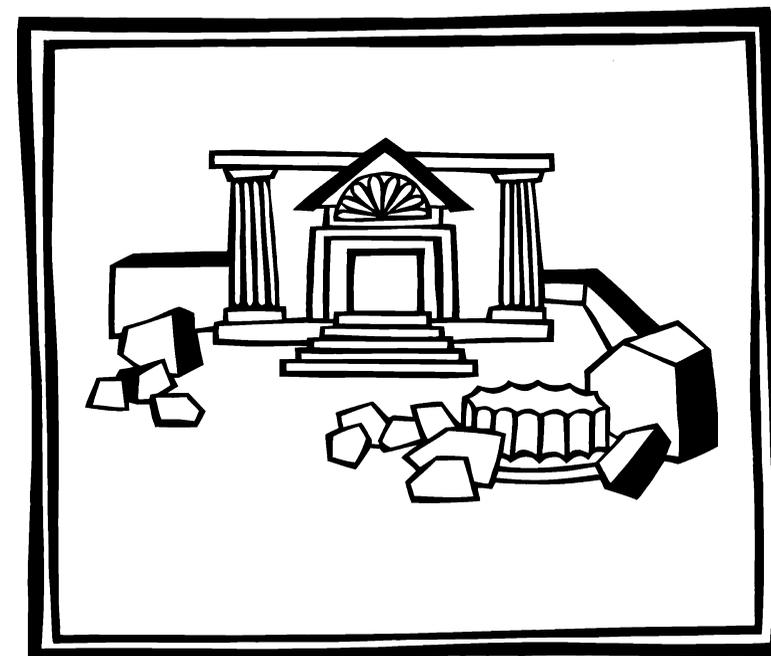
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The River

A Blended Worship Service



“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

November 14, 2021
10:00am

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WE COME TOGETHER

GATHERING MUSIC

Worship Team

You are invited to sing with the Worship Team as we gather for worship. All songs and worship liturgy will be projected on the screens for your use.

“My Lord, What a Morning”, “Cornerstone”, “Here I Am to Worship”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“I Will Call Upon the Lord”*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING Daniel 12:1-3

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 16

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *“Jesus Messiah”* *Please Stand*

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:1-8

SERMON Deacon Janie Hague

Direct Your Dollars amount is up to \$112,000. \$38,000 to go!

The **library** has placed books in the narthex for giveaway. Browse and take please.

There is a **laundry basket** located out in the annex for our members to donate winter gear for those that go without. Collecting used or new hats, mittens, gloves, & scarves. Thank you for your contribution to our community! The basket will remain in the annex until warm weather arrives again.

Heat the Church A monthly calendar is available for contributors to pick a day (s) to help heat the church. November and March will be \$10 per day, and December, January, February will be \$25 per day. Choose the date(s) that have special meaning in the lives of your families. Donate in the memory of someone, or acknowledge a special event or purpose. Donations may be mailed or one may choose to use electronic giving. Thank you in advance for continuing this tradition by way of taking care of your church building.

Book Club picks: ORDINARY GRACE by William Kent Krueger Dec
THE GIRL WITH THE LOUDING VOICE by Abi Dare Jan
SOOLEY by John Grisham Feb.

The Book Club meets the second Wednesday at 1:30 at LCC. If you enjoy reading come and participate.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Faith Lutheran Church, Wednesday, November 24 7pm. Joint prayer service with United Christ of Christ, St. George’s Episcopal, LCC and Faith Lutheran. The theme centers around homelessness. Sister Kathleen Atkinson and Rachel Monge are the featured speakers. The new pillows and gently used bed sheets being collected are for this project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Cross, and to “The River” Blended Worship Service this morning! If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign the guestbook in the narthex.

Stewardship Reflection for November 14th 25th Sunday after Pentecost, Mark 13:1-8 “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?” Living with uncertainty is hard. An antidote to uncertainty is the promise of God’s love and to remember that God deems of worthy of that love. To remember *whose*, we are. *Faith Simonieg-Associate to the Bishop for Stewardship*

The November **Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m.** instead of the regularly scheduled second Thursday of the month.

October Altar Focus: Pillows and pillowcases for the homeless. We will continue to collect those items through Thanksgiving or until we’ve won the pillow fight! (figuratively speaking of course.) Thanks for the help filling up the oversized boxes which have been contributed by Jim and Kay Miller.

November Altar Focus: Warm clothing, gloves, hats, mittens, boots, and out-wear plus teddy bears.

December Altar Focus: Carrie’s Kids and Good Gifts.

Mary Magdalene Group: the meeting day for the Mary Magdalene Bible Study has been changed to November 17th, same time, same location.

The first week in December out in the narthex will be a the **printed directory** for you to take home. Do we have all of your changes? Have you moved, stopped using your landline, changed email addresses, added children, or pets? (just kidding!) Make the necessary changes in the old directory **this week** so that the new directory can be the most up to date as is possible. You’ll find the directory on the round table with the Dan’s Supermarket receipts. Thank you.

The **poinsettia order blanks** are in the back of the church and out in the narthex. Please fill out your order and place it in the offering plate or in the secretary’s plastic bin next to the office door.

SONG OF THE DAY “All Are Welcome”

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER *Please Stand*

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD’S PRAYER *(spoken)*

INVITATION TO OUR LORD’S SUPPER *All are welcome*

COMMUNION SONG “God Will Make a Way”

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION “Benediction Song”

SENDING SONG “Build Your Kingdom Here”

DISMISSAL (The children are welcome to come and play instruments as we dismiss.)

POSTLUDE SONG: “I Will Call Upon the Lord”

TODAY’S READING REFLECTION

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ’s coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

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"THE RIVER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Janet Doerner

Ushers— Lee Jensen & Floy Marx

Altar Guild—Cherie Krueger, Ruth Jensen, Donna Belisle, Pam Hanson

Faith & Care Coordinators—Myrtice & John Behan, Kim & Mike Humann

River Worship Team—

Sound Board Technicians—Terry Grenz, Lavern Hanson

Projection Team— Jace Kunze, Mark Kunze, Jeff Thomas, Art Wheeler,

Streaming Team— Mike Collins, Tom Harris, Mark Kunze, Karen Will

River Singers— Deb Carpenter, Sally Grenz, Paul Gurholt, Kari Harris,

Doug Johnson, Robin Johnson, Cherie Krueger, AJ Marx, John Sailer,

Amanda Sagsveen, Barb Wilson

Percussionist— Kari Harris

Accompanists—Eve Kath, Robin Johnson, Gerri Sarsten

Prayers, Births, Deaths, Concerns

Please contact Connie in the church office if you have a prayer request, or if you will be entering the hospital and would like a pastoral visit.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

(We encourage you to take this list home and pray for these people.)

For those struggling with health issues:

Maxine Hill, Reece Fischer, Tracy Martinson, Ann Hillesland, Roger Bakke, Erwin and Linda Marson, Quinton and Arlene Wolff, Bonnie Spies, Lori Dvorak, Mary Weinberg, Al Samuelson, JoRae Sarsten; Bernice Walton, Dale Heaton, Jean Schafer, Gary and LaVonne Hultin, John Behan, Bob Roesler, Cheryl Moore, Josey Hanson, Virginia Smith, LeRoy Tiffany, Cordella Thompson, Janis Sloka, Kerry Carpenter, Christie Zainhofsky, Dora Strand, Kris Wood, Brandon Heaton, Diane Stotz, Earl and Marlene Larson, Betty Fetzer, Todd Wood, Parker Sagsveen, Joyce Wahl, Lisa Robinson, AJ Marx, Carolyn Wegerle, Nancy Dockett

For those dealing with the death of a loved one—the families and friends of:

Paul Fiske, Marlin Johnson, Lois Dolan

Military Deployment: MN 851 VEC deployed to Kuwait, ND 957th Engineer Co. deployed to southern border

WEEKLY CALENDAR of November 14

Today, November 14:

NO Church School 9:00 am

The River 10:00am

Coffee Hour 11:00am

Living Water practice 5pm

Monday, November 15:

Needlework Group 9:30am

Tuesday, November 16:

Staff meeting 10:00am

Church Council 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 17:

Early Morning Bible Study 9:00 am

Supper 5:15pm

Kids Worship 6:15pm

School/Confirmation 7pm

River Practice 7pm

Thursday, November 18:

Quilting 1:30pm

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, November 19:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, November 20:

Sunday, November 21:

Kids Worship 9:00 am

The River 10:00am

Coffee Hour 11:00am

Living Water practice 5pm

Future Happenings

November 22 Knitting 1pm

No church activities here November 24th or 25th

THANKSGIVING SERVICE @ Faith Lutheran, 14th & Ave C, 7 pm

Christmas Program Dec. 19th during worship