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The River

A Blended Worship Service



“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

November 28, 2021
10:00am

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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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.

*“Now Thank We All Our God”, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”,
“Canticle of the Turning”*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: “Prepare a Place”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 25:1-10

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Jesus Messiah” *Please Stand*

GOSPEL READING Luke 21:25-36

SERMON Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Direct Your Dollars amount to go! Merry Go Round Pre-receipts this week. They non profit which isn’t doing it continue to collect for us.



There is a **laundry basket** our members to donate winter out. Collecting used or new & scarves. Thank you for community! The basket will remain in the annex until warm weather arrives again. Kathryn Spilman takes the donated items and distributes them.

is up to \$131,000. \$19,000 school donated \$14,500 in were collecting for another anymore. They agreed to Thank you Merry Go Round.

located out in the annex for gear for those that go with-hats, mittens, gloves, your contribution to our

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.

There are eight wardrobe boxes of **pillows** /bedding collected so far! One more wardrobe boxes await pillows. **Thank you** for your help with this project.

Missouri Slope Volunteer Opportunities. Missouri Slope is opening a new skilled nursing facility. We are looking for volunteers to help during this transition the upcoming few months. Are you able to help pack up and unpack belongings, greet residents upon arrival to new facility on north Washington, escort to rooms and provide tours; or do you like food and are willing to help serve meals during the day; or do you have a passion for cleaning, organizing, or assembling and want to put your skills to use; and most importantly, do you have some free time? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then we would love your service. Volunteers are required to be COVID and Flu vaccinated. For more information, please contact Cathy at 701-221-9349.

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 28th 1st Sunday of Advent, Luke 21:25-36 “.....Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Advent is a season of hope and expectation. How do you want to deepen your awareness as you move through Advent? Jesus urges us to be on guard, not weighed down with the anxieties of life. What worries and anxieties of life are weighing you down? Can you bring them to God in prayer? *Faith Simonieg-Associate to the Bishop for Stewardship*

December Altar Focus: Carrie’s Kids and Good Gifts. The tree is set up and the jean ornaments are on the tree for you to choose which size of jeans you wish to purchase. Thank you for your continued support with the annual project.

Next weekend 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.

Advent Dinners: We are starting something new this year. Confirmation students will be serving meals before each Wednesday Service in Advent. Stop in the fellowship hall between 5:15 and 6:00pm for some hot soup and support a good cause. A free will offering will be taken to help raise funds for camp scholarships, since this is a fundraiser. The Menu is: **December 1st:** Cabbage Roll Soup with sweet rolls **Dec 8th:** Chicken Wild Rice soup with sweet rolls **Dec 15^h:** Beef Barley Soup with rolls **Dec 22nd:** Rustic Italian Tortellini soup with rolls

Thank you for bringing the teddy bears for the children in need. It’s nice to see so many sitting in the pews gathering love and prayers to take with them wherever they go.

SONG OF THE DAY “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

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 “Annunciation & Magnificat” by Holden

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION/SENDING SONG “Final Blessing” by Holden

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

POSTLUDE SONG: “Canticle of the Turning”

TODAY’S READING REFLECTION

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

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"THE RIVER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Mavis Pommerer

Ushers— Roger & Esther anderson

Altar Guild—Jean Kraft, Donna Belisle, Cheryl Neu, Cherie Krueger

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, Tom Wade, 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, 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, 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 Dockter, Donna Belisle, Dora Strand

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

Mary Weinberg, 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 28

Today, November 28:

No Church School 9:00 am

The River 10:00am

Coffee Hour 11:00am

Living Water practice 5pm

Monday, November 29:

Needlework Group 9:30am

Tuesday, November 30:

Staff meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, December 1:

Advent Supper 5:15pm

Living Water Service 6:15pm

Christmas Practice/Confirmation

7pm

River Practice 7pm

Thursday, December 2:

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, December 3:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, December 4:

Sunday, December 5:

Church School 9:00 am

The River 10:00am

Coffee Hour 11:00am

Living Water practice 5pm

Christmas Program Dec. 19th during worship