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The River

A Blended Worship Service



“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

November 7, 2021
10:00am

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
1004 E. Highland Acres Road
Bismarck, ND

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“The River” Worship Service
November 7, 2021

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.

“Sanctuary”, “Down to the River to Pray”, “Blessed Assurance”

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“For All Your Saints, O Lord”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS AND PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

VETERANS’ DAY HYMN

“America the Beautiful”

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-9

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 24

SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-6a

Direct Your Dollars amount is up to \$108,000. \$42,000 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: FIFTY WORDS FOR RAIN by Asha Lemmie Nov. 10
THE GIRL WITH THE LOUDING VOICE by Abi Dare Dec.
ORDINARY GRACE by William Kent Krueger 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.

All Saints Day We remember those who have passed this past year. Cordell Schmidt, Donna Wood, Roger Pommerer, Mary Trzynka, Donna Dohrmann, Lois Dolan, Marlin Johnson

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 pillows 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 7 All Saints Sunday, 24th Sunday after Pentecost, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died” If only. If only. How many times a week, a month, a year, do we play the “If only” game? We look back, wishing we could change the past. Dwelling on what could have been. But we can’t change the things, like Mary and Martha can’t. Death is still the enemy but let us remember that Jesus is the resurrection and the hope. *Faith Simonieg-Associate to the Bishop for Stewardship, Generosity and Ministerial Transition, Western North Dakota Synod*

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.

Veteran’s: We appreciate you and the service you gave to our country. Thank you for giving of your time however long or short your service was. Thank you for enduring what you did in whatever branch you served so that we could live a life free. Your sacrifices made will not be forgotten. Blessings to you and your family.

Next Wednesday is **Martin Luther’s** 538th birthday. There will be no evening activities here.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

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

GOSPEL READING John 11:32-44

SERMON Pastor Lisa Ahlness

SONG OF THE DAY *“I Will Rise”*

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 *“Lord’s Prayer”* by Joel Gilbertson

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

COMMUNION SONG *“Shall We Gather at the River”*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION *“The Blessing”*

SENDING SONG *“For All the Saints”*

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

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Deb Carpenter

Ushers— Mike & Tracy Geiermann

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 Sarsen

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, Donna Dohrmann

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR of November 7

Today, November 7:

**All Saint's, Veteran Recognition
Church School 9:00 am
The River 10:00am
Coffee Hour 11:00am/Carmel Rolls
Living Water practice 5pm**

Monday, November 8:

Needlework Group 9:30am

Tuesday, November 9:

**Staff meeting 10:00am
Gather Bible Study 1:15pm**

Wednesday, November 10:

**Book Club 1:30pm,
Youth Group 3:30pm
MARTIN LUTHER'S BIRTHDAY!
NO Supper 5:15pm
NO Living Water Service 6:15pm
NO School/Confirmation 7pm
River Practice 7pm**

Thursday, November 11:

**Veteran's Day church closed
AA Meeting 7:30pm**

Friday, November 12:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, November 13:

Sunday, November 14:

No church school

Future Happenings

**November 16th
November 17th**

**Church Council 6:30pm
Early Morning Bible Study 9:00 am
Kids Worship 6:15pm**