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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

January 16, 2022

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 16, 2022

WE COME TOGETHER

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.

PRELUDE MUSIC Worship Team
“Our God”, “Great is Thy Faithfulness”, “Great Are You, Lord”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: “Because He Lives (Amen)”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 36:5-10

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “He is Exalted” *Please Stand*

GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11

SERMON AJ Marx

Direct Your Dollars We are starting again. Thank you for continuing to bring in receipts. You may place them in the box in the narthex or in the plastic bin next to the secretary’s office.

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. Kathryn Spilman takes the donated items and distributes them.



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.

Annual Meeting January 30th. Your presence at the meeting is vitally important to the life of this congregation. Two major items will be to vote in the new Council members (3 Council members terms are up) and the upcoming budget. Other items will be discussed. Beside who wants to miss all that good food after the meeting from the potluck!

The annual **Men’s Retreat** at Camp of the Cross is scheduled for the last weekend in January; January 28-30 or Friday night through Sunday morning. Register online at Camp of the Cross’s website. [Retreats — CCM \(campofthecross.com\)](http://Retreats—CCM(campofthecross.com))

Heat the Church Thank you for continuing this tradition by way of taking care of LCC’s building.

The **Faith and Care Group** lists have been sent out electronically or through the mail. Each group is responsible for two months of time. F & C Group 1 is up.

Book Club picks: SOOLEY by John Grisham Feb. 9th
The Book Club meets the second Wednesday at 1:30 at LCC. If you enjoy reading, come and participate.

The **Church Council** meeting for January has been rescheduled for this coming Tuesday, the 18th at 6:30pm

SONG OF THE DAY: “Pass It On”

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH “Open Our Eyes”

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: “Gather Us In”

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION “The Blessing”

SENDING SONG: “They Will Know We Are Christians”

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE SONG: “Holy”

All children are welcomed to come to the front and play instruments during the Worship Team’s postlude song.”

Reading Reflection

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God’s glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan’s banks at Jesus’ baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God’s people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Esther Anderson

Ushers—

Altar Guild—Dawn Hultin, Sharon Narum, Patty Hanson, Ruth Jensen

Faith & Care Coordinators—Heather & Brett Gurholt, Melissa & Jay Volk

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, Christie Zainhofsky, Kris Wood, Brandon Heaton, Diane Stotz, Earl Larson, Todd Wood, Joyce Wahl, Lisa Robinson, Carolyn Wegerle, Nancy Dockter, Donna Belisle, Pat Schmidt, Jim Mattheis, Barb Thomas, Sheila & Arvid Mugaas, Jean Kraft, Diane Klein

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

James Klein, Louella Olson, Marlene Larson, Betty Fetzer

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR of January 16

Today, January 16:

NO Church School 9:00am
The River 9:00am
Coffee Hour
Living Water practice 5pm
Youth Group Gr. 6-12 4-6pm

Monday, January 17:

Needlework Group 9:30am

Tuesday, January 18:

Staff Meeting 10:00 am
Church Council 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 19:

Supper 5:15pm
Living Water Service 6:15pm
Church/Confirmation 7pm
River Practice 7pm

Thursday, January 20:

Quilting 1pm
AA Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, January 21:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, January 22:

Sunday, January 23:

Church School 9:00am
The River 10:00am
Coffee Hour 11:00am
Board Game Night 4-6pm

Men's Retreat Jan. 29-30 at COC

Annual Meeting scheduled for Jan. 30 immediately after the service. Potluck follows the meeting.