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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

January 30, 2022

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 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

“Here in the House of the Lord”, “Friends in Christ”, “How Great is Our God”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 71:1-6

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “He is Exalted”

Please Stand

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:21-30

SERMON Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Women’s Retreat - Blessed is She
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - February 5th

You and the women of your congregation are invited to join us for a Saturday event designed to encourage and refresh women of all ages at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bismarck. We will hear from Author and Pastor Lisa Lewton, with some great break out sessions offering meditation, dwelling in the word, bible journaling and the art of “Kintsugi”! This will be a great day together and we hope you can join us! Registration fee of \$25 covers lunch, treats, gift bag and a devotional book from Pastor Lisa Lewton, the keynote speaker. Call Good Shepherd for more information and to register.



Next Tuesday, February 1, we have invited Rabbi Noah Ullman to Bismarck's Lutheran Church of the Cross to lead us in a dynamic deep dive into the powerful Old Testament passages that help us experience God's grace. Coming to us from Boston via Fargo, Rabbi Noah possesses a special gift of drawing out and valuing every voice, as well as making Hebrew come alive for the average person. The study session is from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a break in the middle, and the time flies by. There will be soup and bread afterward for those who would like to stay a little longer and visit over supper. To help with his speaking & travel expenses, a free will offering will be collected. We suggest a donation of \$25/person.

We need one or two dishwashers for after the potluck today. HELP please!

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.

Today is the Annual Meeting Your presence at the meeting is vitally important to the life of this congregation.

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. Thank you F & C for handling the potluck today.

Book Club picks: Feb. 9th SOOLEY by John Grisham
March 9th is “The Flatshare” by Beth O’Leary.
April 13th is “The Midnight Library” by Matt Haig
The Book Club meets the second Wednesday at 1:30 at LCC. If you enjoy reading, come and participate.

Anyone want to take on the **volunteer job** of sending out Birthday Cards for children? Jean Kraft has been doing it for years and she is not able to do it at this time. Please call the church office as all supplies are here.

Direct Your Dollars 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.

The materials for the **Annual Meeting** are available on the back table in the sanctuary for you to take.

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Take My Life, That I May Be”*

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: *“All Are Welcome”*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION *“The Lord Be With You”*

SENDING SONG: *“Christ, Be Our Light”*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE SONG: *“How Great is Our God”*

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

Reading Reflection

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God’s glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness
Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague
Scripture Reader—Roger Krueger
Ushers— John Kraft
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 and other 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, Jim Mattheis, Barb Thomas, Sheila & Arvid Mugaas, Jean Kraft, Diane Klein, Toso family

For those dealing with the death of a loved one—the families and friends of:
Al Samuelson, 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 23

<i>Today, January 30:</i>	Church School 9:00am The River 10:00am Annual Meeting 11:00 Potluck Living Water practice 5pm
<i>Monday, January 31:</i>	Needlework Group 9:30am
<i>Tuesday, February 1:</i>	Staff Meeting 10:00 am
<i>Wednesday, February 2:</i>	Supper 5:15pm Living Water Service 6:15pm Church School/Confirmation 7pm River Practice 7pm
<i>Thursday, February 3:</i>	Quilting 1pm AA Meeting 7:30pm
<i>Friday, February 4:</i>	Wired Word 1:30pm
<i>Saturday, February 5:</i>	
<i>Sunday, February 6:</i>	Church School 9:00am The River 10:00am Coffee 11:00 Living Water practice 5pm