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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

January 9, 2022

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 9, 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
“We Three Kings”, “The First Noel”, “Christmas Offering”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: “We Are Called”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

SECOND READING: Ephesians 13:1-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “He is Exalted” *Please Stand*

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON Deacon Janie Hague

Direct Your Dollars amount is up to \$150,000!. 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.

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))

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.

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



Stay Warm and Be Happy!

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 January 9, 3rd Sunday of Christmas Not available at this time.

Committee Reports for the Annual Meeting are due this Jan 14, 2022 to the church office.

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

Thank you to all who purchased the **poinsettia plants**. So that you may enjoy them also please take home your poinsettia plant today. There are white plastic bags on the table in the narthex.

Caramel Roll Sunday! The youth will be serving Caramel Rolls TODAY after the 10am worship service. This is a fundraiser for youth to raise money to go to camp and on mission trips. There is a suggested minimum donation of \$3 per roll. Thank you for supporting our youth!

The **Faith and Care Group** lists have been sent out electronically or through the mail.

The **Church Council** will be meeting January 13 @ 6:30pm.

The **Gather Bible Study** is resuming this Tuesday. **Quilting** is resuming this Thursday.

Book Club picks: THE GIRL WITH THE LOUDING VOICE by Abi Dare Jan 12
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.

SONG OF THE DAY: “City of God?”

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 “Lord’s Prayer” by Joel Gilbertson

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

COMMUNION SONG: “His Love Still Shines”

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION “Benediction” by Joel Gilbertson

SENDING SONG: “Shine a Little Light”

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE SONG: “Shine Your Light on Me”

Reading Reflection

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

"THE RIVER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Cherie Krueger

Ushers— Art Wheeler & Lee Jensen

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

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

Marlene Larson, Betty Fetzer

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR of January 9

Today, January 9:

Church school 9:00am

The River 9:00am

Coffee Hour / Carmel Rolls 11:00am

Living Water practice 5pm

Monday, January 10:

Tuesday, January 11:

Gather Bible Study 1:15pm

Wednesday, January 12:

Supper 5:15pm

Living Water Service 6:15pm

Church/Confirmation 7pm

River Practice 7pm

Thursday, January 13:

Quilting 1pm

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, January 14:

Annual Reports Due

Saturday, January 15:

Sunday, January 16:

The River 10:00am

Coffee Hour 11:00am

Men's Retreat Jan. 29-30 at COC

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