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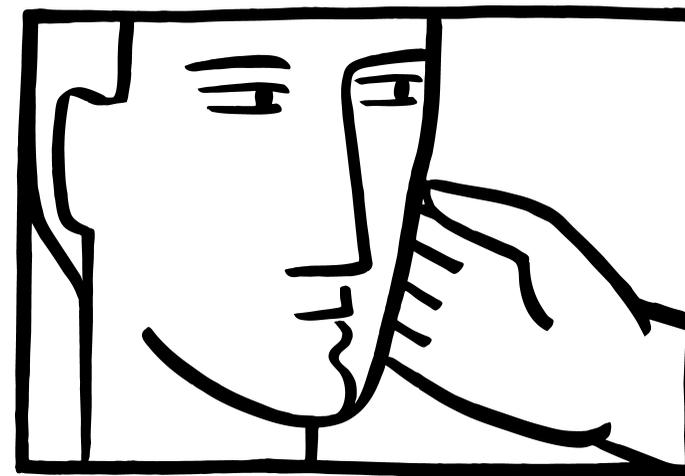
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# The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

February 20, 2022

*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

## *“The River” Worship Service*

*Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*

**February 20, 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

“Blest Are They”, “Psalm 23” (Surely Goodness), “Come As You Are”

#### **WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **GREETINGS OF PEACE**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

#### **OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:** “Great is the Lord”

#### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### *WE HEAR GOD’S WORD*

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “Jesus, Name Above All Names” *Please Stand*

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 6:27-38

**SERMON** Pastor Lisa Ahlness

#### **Altar Focus for February: Jeans and Boxers drive for Closet 701**

Closet 701, which is a ministry of Heaven’s Helpers Soup Café, is short of jeans. These do not have to be new, just clean and in good shape. Please bring jeans of all shapes and sizes: men’s, women’s, teens’, kids’. (What a great opportunity to clean out your closets and help someone else, too!) Men’s pants of all kinds are always in short supply, so black pants (often needed for work), khakis and other men’s trousers are welcome as well. In addition, we ask you to consider bringing **new** boxer shorts or boxer briefs for men. These are often requested and must be new in package. Thank you for your generosity!

We continue to collect warm things (put in the laundry basket in the narthex). Hats, gloves, scarves etc. will be given to those in need, distributed at the public library.

**February 27th:** Healing service/prayer service. Deacon Janie and Pastor Lisa will be holding a service of healing and prayer. The service will begin at 6:30pm. After the service there will be fellowship and facilitated conversation around grief and loss during the pandemic.

**Lutheran Church of the Cross** has an opening for the Worship and Music Coordinator position. For more information contact the office.

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

## **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.

**Book Club** picks: 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.

**Direct Your Dollars** is up to \$10,000! 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.

### **Online Giving Options**

We want to say a giant THANK YOU to all of you who, even through this pandemic, have given to help LCC continue its ministry to the congregation, the community, and beyond. We are not yet back to “normal” giving levels, but have managed to stay in good shape as expenses have also been down. They will go up now as more programs start up again and the building is used more frequently, so we are grateful for all your continuing gifts.

Since many are not comfortable coming back yet, we are grateful to have so many options for giving. There is a button on our website, [churchofthecross.org](http://churchofthecross.org), that makes it very simple. If you are a smart phone or device user, you can also get and use the app “Vanco Mobile” (You just have to be careful to choose the Lutheran Church of the Cross in Bismarck, rather than a different one somewhere else!) Or, you can simply text a number to our dedicated giving line (701)223.1001. So, for instance, if you want to give \$25, you simply text 25 to that number. (If you have a Vanco account already set up through our online button or app or texting, it will work across all of these approaches.) All of your giving, through any of these ways, will also be recorded on the statements you get from the church a couple times each year. If you have questions about any of these, call Pastor Lisa or our treasurer, Art Wheeler. And again: Thank you!

**SONG OF THE DAY:** “A Living Sacrifice”

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** “When We Gather”

**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:** “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *Please Stand*

**BENEDICTION** “Benediction Song” by Joel Gilbertson

**SENDING SONG:  
DISMISSAL** “We Are Called”

**POSTLUDE SONG:** “Take the Word of God With You”

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

### ***Reading Reflection***

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God’s glory revealed in Christ.

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## "THE RIVER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**Director of Discipleship**—Deacon Janie Hague

**Scripture Reader**—Cherie Krueger

**Ushers**— John & Janet Doerner

**Altar Guild**—Jean Kraft, Patty Hanson, Dawn Slag

**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 concerns:**

Maxine Hill, Reece Fischer, Tracy Martinson, Ann Hillesland, Roger Bakke, Erwin and Linda Marson, Quinton and Arlene Wolff, Bonnie Spies, Lori Dvorak, JoRae Sarsten; Bernice Walton, Jean Schafer, Gary and LaVonne Hultin, John Behan, Bob Roesler, Cheryl Moore, Josey Hanson, Virginia Smith, LeRoy Tiffany, Cordella Thompson, Christie Zainhofsky, Diane Stotz, Earl Larson, Todd Wood, Lisa Robinson, Carolyn Wegerle, Donna Belisle, Jim Mattheis, Barb Thomas, Shiela & Arvid Mugaas, Jean Kraft, Diane Klein, Toso family travels, Nicole Eckroth, Mary Schuler, Gladys Bain, Nancy Dockter

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

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR of February 20

**Today, February 20:**

No Church School 9:00am  
The River 10:00am  
Coffee Hour 11:00am  
Living Water practice 5pm

**Monday, February 21:**

No Needlework Group 9:30am  
*President's Day Office is closed*

**Tuesday, February 22:**

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

**Wednesday, February 23:**

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

**Thursday, February 24:**

Quilting 1pm  
AA Meeting 7:30pm

**Friday, February 25:**

Wired Word 1:30pm

**Saturday, February 26:**

**Sunday, February 27:**

Church School 9:00am  
The River 10:00am  
Coffee 11:00  
Living Water practice 5pm  
Youth Group Gr 6-12 4-6 pm  
Healing Service 6:30pm

**Upcoming Council Meetings:** Mini Council Retreat Saturday, March 5th  
Tuesday, March 8  
Thursday April 21