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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

February 27, 2022

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
Transfiguration Sunday
February 27, 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
“You Shine”, “Shine, Jesus, Shine”, “Shine Your Light on Me”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“City of God”*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 99

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:28-43

SERMON Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Youth Group/Family Fun Activities

March 5th: Family fun day at Huff Hills from 10am to 4pm for a day of fun on the slopes. Each person is responsible for purchasing their own lift tickets and rentals if needed. Please let Janie know by March 4th if you plan on attending.

March 13: Family fun day at sky zone from 2-4pm. Come to jump into your faith. Cost is \$30

March 19th: Day of service. Join Deacon Janie in a day of service in our community. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex to sign up if interested. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Youth Group Series “Who are we now? - Making sense of change”

The last two years have brought about a lot of loss and change with the pandemic that has impacted everyone. How do we make meaning of our experience and find a way to move forward? This series is designed to process the changes the pandemic has brought to us, and give us tools to find hope and move forward.

Lesson 1: I am: Who am I now? Who are we now? March 16th 8-9 pm OR Sunday March 20th from 4-5pm

Lesson 2: Loss and Grief: What have we lost and gained from this experience? March 23rd 8-pm OR Sunday March 27th 4-5 pm

Lesson 3: Equipped to be Resilient: How do we stay deeply rooted and move forward through change? March 30th 8-9pm OR April 3rd 4-5pm

Lesson 4: Renewed in Hope Each Day: Where is God calling us? Offered April 6th 8-9pm OR April 10th 4-5pm

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.

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.

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.

The **Easter flower order blank** is at the back of the church and in the narthex. Orders are due by March 8th. Place either in offering basket or in secretary’s bin.

TONIGHT 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.

Wednesday Worship Lenten Series “*God is still with us*”

As we journey through this season of Lent together, you are invited to remember that from the foundations of the world, the Holy Spirit hovered over creation. The Spirit hovers, even now. When God’s people seemed abandoned in Egypt, God guided them into the Promised Land. God guides us, even now in the midst of a pandemic when we have felt abandoned, God is still with us.

This Lent, we will explore Gospel passages that remind us that God is still with us. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus experienced the fullness of humanity—comfort and pain, celebration and heartache, and joy and suffering. And when he had the choice to escape ridicule or rejection, Jesus stuck with the outsiders, the oppressed, and the hurting. The life of Jesus demonstrates that God knows what it is to be human and to be with us in all our experiences, especially in our suffering.—*Adapted from: [An Illustrated Lent for Families: God is Still With Us — Illustrated Ministry](#)*

Join us on March 9th, March 16th, March 23rd, March 30th, and April 6th at 6:15pm as we walk this journey together being reminded that God is still with us.

SONG OF THE DAY: *“His Love Still Shines”*

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 *“The Lord’s Prayer” by Joel Gilbertson*

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

COMMUNION SONG: *“Beautiful Savior”*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION Spoken

SENDING SONG: *“Shine a Little Light”*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE SONG: *“City of God”*

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

Reading Reflection

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God’s glory in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by God’s Spirit.

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

"THE RIVER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Alexander Spilman

Ushers— Mike & Tracy Geiermann

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 27

Today, February 27:

Church School 9:00am

The River 10:00am

Coffee Hour 11:00am

Living Water practice 5pm

Youth Group Gr 6-12 4-6 pm

Healing Service 6:30pm

Monday, February 28:

Needlework Group 9:30am

Tuesday, March 1:

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

Wednesday, March 2:

Supper 5:15pm

Living Water Service 6:15pm

Church School/Confirmation 7pm

River Practice 7pm

Thursday, March 3:

Quilting 1:00pm

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, March 4:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, March 5:

Mini Council Retreat

Sunday, March 6:

Church School 9:00am

The River 10:00am

Coffee 11:00

Living Water practice 5pm

Upcoming Council Meetings: Tuesday, March 8