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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

May 15, 2022

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 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

“Mighty to Save”, “Join in the Dance”, “Friends in Christ”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

SONG OF BAPTISM: *“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”*

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“You Are Loved”*

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-3

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 148

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Alleluia! (Give the Glory)”* *Please Stand*

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:13-20

SERMON Rev. Keith Pearson

“**Mother the Camp**” is this month’s Altar Focus. The list which you’ll find on the round table in the narthex is wonderfully organized into categories, from office to food to craft items to maintenance to paper products and gas cards. All of these gifts help greatly with offsetting camp’s summer costs. You make a difference in this ministry! Please pick one up the list for the next time you go shopping.

VBS will be held June 6-8th at LCC, from 5:30-7pm. Our theme is “Tree of Healing.” Participants will learn about the health and wellness for us and for our neighbors. “Tree of Healing” VBS is a chance for children and adults to consider what health means and how God invites us to share in the building of a just world where all can enjoy the gifts of God’s creation. You can register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/lccdod/2022vbsregistration> If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Janie



LCC is sending out **emails** through Constant Contact. If you feel you are not getting them, send an email to churchsecretary@midconetwork.com so your email can be verified. If your email is correct, your email provider may be blocking receiving ones from LCC.

Grounds clean up day and week! May 16—21 Wednesday May 18th from 7-8pm. We will be getting the lawn and outside of the building ready for summer. Gloves, rakes and muscles needed. Treats and fellowship will be provided after clean up! Saturday, May 21, from 9 to noon, we will host an indoor cleaning day. Bring gloves if you like and any cleaning tools you prefer (we do have cleaning supplies here, of course.) The coffee will be on and treats available! If these times don’t fit your schedule, we have a master list of things to be done. It will be in the plastic mailbox outside Connie’s office. Simply come, choose a task, and when completed, cross it off and sign the sheet. Check with the office for entry possibilities if you’d like to come outside of normal hours. Many hands make for great fellowship and light work! Thank you for your time and elbow grease to help LCC shine.

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 Choices: Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30 in the Library.

June: THE BOOK OF LOST NAMES by Kristen Harmel

July: THE MAID by Nita Prose

Aug. BICYCLING WITH BUTTERFLIES by Sara Dykman

“Thank you to our church family for all your support after our fire. Whether it was a kind and concerned word, a hug, a gift of money or a handmade afghan, comfort food or help moving furniture, it was all welcomed and appreciated. It made the move to our “temporary” housing so much easier. You’re the Best!”
Barb Norby & Family



LCC’s Education Committee values the congregation’s participation and input as we continue to plan educational experiences for our members. **This particular survey is focusing on the youth and family opportunities**, with additional surveys for young adult and adult education coming soon. Please take 3-4 minutes to complete the survey and provide feedback to the committee by using the QR code listed here OR using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BGYVW6V> It will be available for completion until 5:00 p.m. May 27th.

Session #6: Leaving a Financial Legacy. Rev. Keith Pearson, the ELCA Regional Gift Planner for our synod, is with us today, both in worship and for this session afterward. He works with individuals on legacy plans as well as with congregations’ endowment committees. Best of all, he is available to us and to you free of charge. A bit of the offerings LCC sends on to the WND Synod and the ELCA fund his work for all of us. Whether you have a plan in place or would just like to hear more, please join us for this final session. You may think you have little or nothing to pass on, but you might be surprised.

Being **baptized** today is Ada Jade Kath. Parents are Eve and Jamison Kath. We welcome Ada into our family here at LCC and into God’s family. God’s blessings to you.

SONG OF THE DAY: *“We Are Called”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”*

OFFERTORY PRAYER *Please Stand*

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD’S PRAYER: Music by Joel Gilbertson

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

COMMUNION SONG: *“Just As I Am (I Come Broken)”*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION SONG: *“The Lord Bless You”*

SENDING SONG/POSTLUDE SONG: *“Take My Life, That I May Be”*

DISMISSAL

(All children are welcome to come to the front and play instruments during the Worship Team’s postlude song)

TODAY’S READING REFLECTION

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

"THE RIVER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Murray Sagsveen

Ushers— Steve & Cheryl Neu, Roger Krueger, Easton Karvo

Communion Servers—Heather Martin & Irene Rauscher

Altar Guild—Dawn Slag, Barb Thomas, Cherie Krueger, Sarah Dahl

Faith & Care Coordinators— Kathy Drovdal, Peggy Hetland

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, JoRae Sarsten; Bernice Walton, Gary and LaVonne Hultin, John Behan, Bob Roesler, Cheryl Moore, Josey Hanson, Virginia Smith, Cordella Thompson, Diane Stotz, Earl Larson, Lisa Robinson, Carolyn Wegerle, Shiela & Arvid Mugaas, Jean Kraft, Diane Klein, Nicole Eckroth, Mary Schuler, Gladys Bain, Nancy Dockter, Kerry Carpenter, Todd Wood, Willa Keller

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

Dennis Tang

Military Deployment: ND 957th Engineer Co. deployed to southern border.

WEEKLY CALENDAR of May 15

Clean Up Week

Today, May 15:

The River 10:00am
Coffee 11:00am/Legacy Session #6:
Leaving a Financial Legacy

Monday, May 16:

Needlework Group 9:00am

Tuesday, May 17:

Staff Meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, May 18:

Supper 5:15pm
Worship Service 6:15pm
Clean Up Service Project 7-8 pm

Thursday, May 19:

Quilting 1:00pm
AA Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, May 20:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, May 21:

Clean Up 9 to noon

Sunday, May 22:

The River 10:00am
Coffee 11:00am
Graduation Recognition