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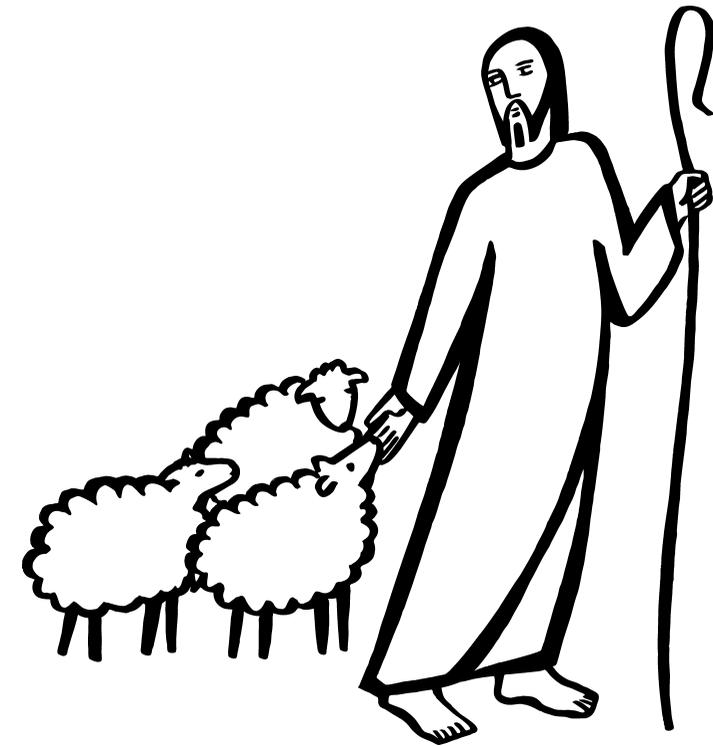
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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

May 8, 2022

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
4th Sunday of Easter
Youth Worship Service/First Communion
May 8, 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

“I’ll Do My Best” “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” “You Are Holy”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, TEACHER APPRECIATION

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: “All are Welcome”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

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

GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30

SERMON Sam Wolf CCM

Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!

For coffee, Wednesday meals, dishwashing, for reading, ushering, and communion assistants, for singing, being a musician, playing the piano, for raking, mowing, weeding, Etc. Etc. Etc. You are the life blood of this church. We need you. Like organizing? We have a project in mind. Find the sign up sheets or call the office to volunteer.

Grounds clean up day and week! LCC will be hosting a clean up day on Wednesday May 18th from 7-8pm. We will be getting the lawn and outside of the building ready for summer. Please bring gloves and a rake. We hope you can join us. Treats and fellowship will be provided after clean up!

On Saturday, May 21, from 9 am til 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.

“**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.

Session #6: Leaving a Financial Legacy. Rev. Keith Pearson, the ELCA Regional Gift Planner for our synod, will be with us on May 15, 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.

Our “**Love Your Neighbor**” campaign to help furnish and finish the chapel at the new Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center continues through today. You can make an outright gift or pledge payable over time, up to 5 years. Thanks for your prayerful consideration of this project, which will have a great impact for years to come.

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.

Happy Mother’s Day!

Congratulations to our 3rd graders who are receiving their First Communion today. We are excited to walk with you on this next step in your faith journey. 3rd graders receiving their first communion today are: Bria Blanchard, Hadley Currie, Elliot Krumwiede, Maggie Volk, and Hartley Sommers.

Book Club Choices: Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30 in the Library.
May: THE DUTCH HOUSE by Ann Patchett
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.

Today we celebrate our **church school teachers**. We thank them for all of the time and effort that they have put into helping out youth in their faith journeys.

SONG OF THE DAY: “Revelation Song”

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: “You Are Holy”

OFFERTORY PRAYER *Please Stand*

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD’S PRAYER:

RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONGS: “Humble Thyself”, “Light the Fire”, “Mighty, Mighty Savior”

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: “Rivers of Babylon”

POSTLUDE SONG: “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

DISMISSAL

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

TODAY’S READING REFLECTION

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Libby Martin and Graham Dahl

Ushers—Chloe Martin, Roger & Esther Anderson, Joel & Suzanne Toso

Greeters—Hartley and Harper Sommers

Communion Servers—Art Wheeler and Kay Koch

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

Musicians—Marin Traynor, Taylor Helgeson, Sam Wolf

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, Kevin Ripplinger

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 8

Today, May 8:

Mother's Day

Church School 9:00am

Youth Worship Service 10:00am/

Teacher Appreciation

Caramel Rolls & Coffee 11:00am

Living Water practice 5pm

Monday, May 9:

Needlework Group 9:00am

Tuesday, May 10:

Staff Meeting 10:00am

Gather Bible Study 1:15pm

Wednesday, May 11:

Supper 5:15pm

Youth Worship Service 6:15pm

Church School Party 7pm

Confirmation 7pm

River Practice 7pm

Thursday, May 12:

Quilting 1:00pm

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, May 13:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, May 14:

Sunday, May 15:

The River 10:00am

Coffee 11:00am

Legacy Session #6: Leaving a

Financial Legacy