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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

July 24, 2022

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
July 24, 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

“Here I Am to Worship”, “How Majestic is Your Name”, “Christ Be Our Light”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“How Great is Our God”*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 138

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“I Love You Lord”* *Please Stand*

GOSPEL READING: Luke 11:1-13

SERMON AJ Marx

Do you have a gift for organizing? Are you a people person who likes to visit? LCC is in need of two overall Coordinators for **Faith and Care**. The Nominating Committee will be seeking out people for these positions. Before they have a chance to call you call the office and volunteer. LCC needs you.

The **Christ in our Home** devotional for the third quarter is now available near the front door.

Theology on Tap July 28th 7:30pm 21 or older? Join Janie at Laughing Sun Brewery to dive deeper into faith and life questions.

The **2022 United Way Day of Caring** is less than **one month** away and we need your help! We are still looking for 200 volunteers to fill 19 more projects throughout the Bismarck-Mandan community! This is a great opportunity for your congregation to make a difference! To view the remaining projects and sign up to volunteer, visit: [2022 United Way Day of Caring | Volunteer Bismarck-Mandan \(volunteerbisman.com\)](https://2022UnitedWayDayofCaring.com)

Be one of hundreds of volunteers who come together on Wednesday, August 10th to live united and give back to their community. We thank you for your continued support and hope to see you there! Please contact Sydney at msaintern@msaunitedway.org or call (701)255-3601 if you have any questions.



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.
Aug. BICYCLING WITH BUTTERFLIES by Sara Dykman

The **Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry** is in need of volunteers from 1-4:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and/or Thursdays. Computer skills are helpful, but not necessary. Please contact Gail at 255-0233.

July’s Altar Focus: Baby Care Kits Baby Sizes between 6 and 24 months. Varying the sizes for the clothing items included will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows. Items donated may be new or gently used. One does not need to donate an entire baby care kit. Chose one , two or all items. Whatever is best suited for you. Thank you.

TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)

TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)

TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36” and 52” square

FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred Flannel cut 22 x 27, zigzagged

ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap

TWO pairs of socks, **ONE** hand towel, dark color recommended

TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars,

TWO diaper pins or large safety pins.

Put it on your calendar. July 27th Shiela Mugaas and friends will be putting together the **Baby Care kits** that afternoon at 1pm. Come to help assemble the kits.

Dishwashers and treats are needed for coffee fellowship.

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Be Not Afraid”*

APOSTLE’S CREED

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 Sung Music by Joel Gilbertson

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

COMMUNION SONG: *“When Peace Like A River”*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION “The Lord Be With You” Music by Joel Gilbertson

SENDING SONG/POSTLUDE SONG: *“Each Day”*

DISMISSAL

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

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Roger Krueger

Ushers—John & Janet Doerner, Lee Jensen & Alex Spilman

Communion Servers—Doug Johnson, Myrtice Behan, Sheila Koffler

Altar Guild—Cherie Krueger, Barb Thomas, Sharon Narum

Faith & Care — Melissa Scot & Cheryl Moore

River Worship Team—

Sound Board Technicians—Terry Grenz, Lavern Hanson

Projection Team— Caden, Kunze, Jace Kunze, Art Wheeler

Streaming Team— Mike Collins, Tom Harris, Mark Kunze, Karen Will

River Singers— Deb Carpenter, Kerry Carpenter, Sally Grenz, Paul Gurholt, Doug Johnson, Cherie Krueger, AJ Marx, Amanda Sagsveen, Gerri Sarsten, John Saylor, Claudia Thompson, Tom Wade, Barb Wilson

Guitarists—Tom Wade, Marin Traynor

Percussionist— Kari Harris

Accompanists—Jan & Joel Gilbertson, Eve Kath, 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, 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, Shirley Grondahl, Lori Marx, Don Bigwood

For those dealing with the death of a loved one—

Agnes Christianson

WEEKLY CALENDAR of July 24

Today, July 24:

**Worship Service 10:00am
Coffee 11:00am**

Monday, July 25:

Needlework Group 9:00am

Tuesday, July 26:

Staff Meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, July 27:

**Women’s Bible Study 9:00 am
Baby Care Kits Assembly 1 pm
“Trekking Together” Walk 7pm**

Thursday, July 28:

**Theology on Tap 7 pm @ Laughing Sun
AA Meeting 7:30pm**

Friday, July 29:

Wired Word Bible Study 1:30pm

Saturday, July 30:

Sunday, July 31:

**Worship Service 10:00am
Coffee 11:00am
Worship at COC/meal**

Up Coming Events

Picnic/Worship Aug 10

Block Party August 17 with United Church of Christ