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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

August 7, 2022

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
August 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

“10,000 Reasons”, “Sanctuary”, “We Are Called”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“Be Not Afraid”*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 33:12-22

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

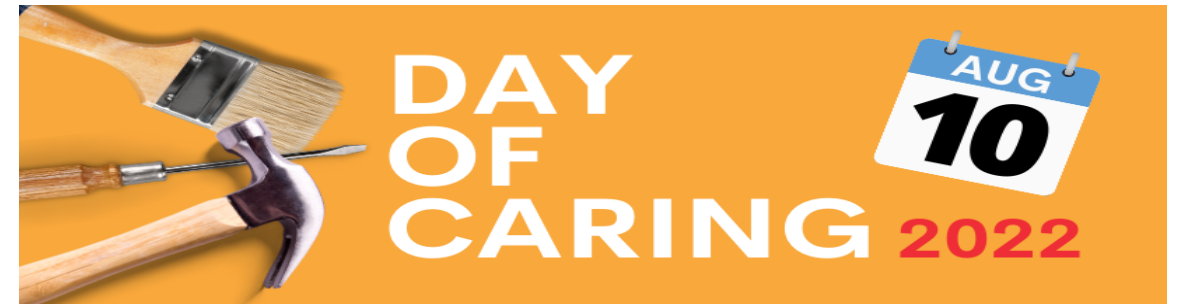
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“When We Gather”* *Please Stand*

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:32-40

SERMON Pastor Lisa Ahlness

The **2022 United Way Day of Caring** is here and we need 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.org)

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.



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.

Dishwashers, dishwashers, and more dishwashers are needed for coffee fellowship.

A **harvest table** will be set up for all the bountiful vegetables one is harvesting and needing to give away. Feel free to share your excess in the weeks to come.

When shopping for the **school supply list**, please disregard the need for a bag as we have a supply of them. Just turn in what you are able to purchase and we'll add the bag. Thanks!

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

Camp of the Cross’ **Prairie Master Golf Tournament** is Tuesday, August 9th at the Garrison Golf Club with registration at 10 am. This tournament supports the camping experiences for children.

A **camping** trip is being planned at Ft. Lincoln State Park August 26-28th. LCC has 3 campsites reserved. Cost is \$55. Contact Janie to reserve your spot.

Wednesday, August 17 Block Party with UCC. Dinner and Games at 5:30 pm. UCC will provide the hot dogs and everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. At 7pm the Bounce House, games and dessert will be served here.

The education team is still looking for some **church school teachers** for both Sunday and Wednesday. As a church school teacher you would be expected to plan a lesson and implement it once a month. All materials will be provided to you, including the lesson! The education team is also looking for one male small group confirmation leader. As a small group confirmation leader, you would be expected to be with your small group during confirmation classes 2-3 times a month, and a small group night once a month. If you are interested in either of these positions or to have a conversation about them, please let Deacon Janie know!

You are invited to a faith-strengthening experience of a lifetime. Pastor Lisa and LCC are hosting a **trip to the Holy Land and Jordan** Jan. 27-Feb. 8, 2023. While that may seem like a long way away, it really isn’t! Brochures are out on the table in the narthex, and we will be having an informational meeting on Sunday, Aug. 14 at 7 pm at LCC. Come and hear about the trip, ask questions, get inspired by others going, etc. If you are only interested in going to Israel but not continuing to Jordan, that is possible, too. Hope to see you there!

Bridges of Hope desperately needs women’s jeans—large sizes. Bridges of Hope is Heart River Lutheran’s prison and post prison ministry.

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Blessed Assurance”*

APOSTLE’S CREED

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“Give Thanks”*

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: *“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Broken”*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION: “The Lord Bless You”

SENDING SONG/POSTLUDE SONG: *“Sanctuary”*

DISMISSAL: *“Sanctuary”*

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

Introduction

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Ken Will

Ushers—Joel & Suzanne Toso, Mike & Tracy Geiermann

Communion Servers—Art Wheeler, Sheila Koffler

Altar Guild—Jean Kraft, Cherie Krueger, Esther Anderson, Cheryl Neu

Faith & Care — Melissa Long & 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 Sayler, 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, 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, Shirley Grondahl, Lori Marx, Don Bigwood, Pastor Jerry Erickson

For those dealing with the death of a loved one—

Agnes Christianson

WEEKLY CALENDAR of August 7

Today, August 7:

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

Monday, August 8:

Needlework Group 9:00am

Tuesday, August 9:

Staff Meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, August 10:

**Book Club 1:30pm
Picnic/Worship 5/6pm
Church Council 6:30pm
“Trekking Together” Walk 7pm**

Thursday, August 11:

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, August 12:

Wired Word Bible Study 1:30pm

Saturday, August 13:

Sunday, August 14:

**Worship Service 10:00am
Coffee 11:00am
Israeli trip info 7pm**

Up Coming Events

Israeli Trip Info Aug 14

Block Party August 17 with United Church of Christ

Ice Cream Social August 21

Theology on Tap August 25