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# The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

November 13, 2022

*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**“The River” Worship Service**  
**November 13, 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**

*“Song for the Unsung Hero”, “Battle Hymn of the Republic”, “Patriotic Medley”-  
Joel Gilbertson*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Remembering Our Veterans and Presentation of the Flag  
Veterans Day Hymn: *“America the Beautiful”*

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:** *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*WE HEAR GOD’S WORD*

**FIRST READING:** Malachi 4:1-2a

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 98

**SECOND READING** 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *“Halle Halle Hallelujah”*      *Please Stand*

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 21:5-19

**SERMON** Deacon Janie Hague

The **Women’s Bible Study** is switching days and times to better accommodate people’s schedules. For November it is on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30am. People who will be quilting are encouraged to bring their brown bag lunch to eat after the Bible Study. In December it will be switched to the second Thursday, same time at 10:30am. (In years past it has met in the afternoons.)

**Altar Focus: Teddy Bears for First Responders – and Harvest for CCM**

Each November for several years we have collected new Teddy Bears to place among us in the seats. We worship with them around us, and should you find one in your seat or near you, we encourage you to bring them forward for a blessing. At the end of the month, these bears will be distributed to children experiencing a crisis or trauma, and will carry a card from LCC saying that they are blessed to be a blessing. This project was begun by Shiela Mugaas in memory of her cousin and the cousin’s grandchildren, who were killed by an intruder in New Town. We continue it in their honor. A second project you may choose to participate in is the list of items sent to us by CCM that could assist them through the winter retreat season. You may place items by the altar focus bulletin board or bring them to the office, and we will see they get to Camp of the Cross. Thank you!

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.

**Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center** is in need of volunteers; particularly in the housekeeping area. “We are in need of volunteers to assist with resident room bed making in the morning hours at your availability. And as many mornings you are able. Even if we could get a 2 week commitment for some help would be HUGE right now. ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

1. Responsible for resident room bed making as resident's schedule allows.
2. Strip and replace bedding as needed.
3. Assist residents with minimal tasks such as placing their call light, remote, etc within their reach.
4. Demonstrates Missouri Slope's customer service standards of excellence.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:**

1. Must have the ability to read, speak, and understand English sufficient to receive oral instructions.
2. Must conduct self with integrity, respect for others and converse with staff, residents and families in a caring, empathetic manner.

Contact information: [Jayne.hovland@mslcc.com](mailto:Jayne.hovland@mslcc.com) or [Victoria.butler@mslcc.com](mailto:Victoria.butler@mslcc.com)

## 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.  
November: Where The River Ends by Charles Martin  
December: The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner  
January: The Sunflower Sisters by Martha Hall Kelly

Camp of the Cross Ministries is having a **Scandinavian Supper**, Saturday, November 19 at the Fellowship Center on campus. Menu includes Baked Salmon, Swedish Meatballs, Boiled Potatoes, Root Vegetables, Lefse and other Scandinavian desserts. Cost is \$35/person \$10/children 10 yrs. old or younger Call 701.337.2246 to make a reservation.

**Heat the Church** The calendars are out on the round table in the narthex. Thank you for being willing to donate extra funds to the church during our cold winters months. November \$10/day, December—February \$25/day, March \$10/day.

**LCC would like to acknowledge Veteran’s from our congregation for their service:**

Leif Anderson Army, Mike Collins Air National Guard, Art Dohrmann Army,  
John Doerner Navy, Terry Grenz Marines, Jon Hanson Army,

Tom Harris Air Force, Lee Jensen Army, Avery Johnson Army National Guard,  
David Johnson Army National Guard, Isaac Johnson Army National Guard, Micah Johnson Army National Guard, Ronald Koffler Navy, David Kraft Army,  
John Kraft Navy, Steve Martinson Marine, Jim Mattheis Army,

Arnie Metzger Army, Glenn Moser Army, Wayne Narum Army, Murray Sagsveen Army National Guard, Sheila Suess Army, John Ternes Army,  
Jeff Thomas Army, Mark Thompson Air Force, Mike Tiffany Navy, William Zinsli Army, Jordon Ternes Army, Roger Anderson National Guard.

List supplied by Sally Grenz

We are grateful also for those who have recently passed for their service to our country.

Roger Bakke, Al Samuelson, Roger Pommerer, James Kramer, Roger Riveland,  
Manley Hillesland

**SONG OF THE DAY:** *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

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

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

*WE SHARE THE MEAL*

**PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL**

**LORD’S PRAYER** Spoken

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

**COMMUNION SONG:** *“Now We Join in Celebration”*

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

**BENEDICTION** Spoken

**SENDING SONG/POSTLUDE SONG:** *“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”*

**DISMISSAL:** *“God Bless America”*

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

### **Introduction**

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today’s texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: “Do not be weary in doing what is right.”

## “THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**Director of Discipleship**—Deacon Janie Hague

**Scripture Reader**—Barb Wilson

**Ushers**— Mike & Tracy Geiermann, John Kraft & Alex Spilman

**Communion Assistants**—Mavis Pommerer & Heather Martin

**Altar Guild**—Cherie Krueger, Ruth Jensen, Donna Belisle

**Faith & Care** — Myrtice & John Behan, Kim & Mike Humann

**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, 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, Jean Kraft, Nicole Eckroth, Mary Schuler, Gladys Bain, Nancy Dockter, Kerry Carpenter, Todd Wood, Lori Marx, Don Bigwood, Pastor Jerry Erickson, Barb Thomas, Hattie Martinson, Ed Decker, Janie Hague, Ruth Jensen, Donna Belisle, Sheila Koffler, Brady Staloch

**For those dealing with the death of a loved one**—Roger Bakke, Joan Leer, Wendy Eubank: sister to Kraig Sarsten, Lauretta Long

## WEEKLY CALENDAR of November 13, 2022

**Today, November 13:**

**No Church School 9:15am**  
**Worship Service 10:00am**  
**Coffee Hour 11:00am**  
**Financial Peace 6:30pm**

**Monday, November 14:**

**Needlework Group 9am**

**Tuesday, November 15:**

**Wednesday, November 16**

**Supper 5:15pm**  
**Worship Service 6:15pm**  
**Church School 7pm**  
**Confirmation 7pm**

**Thursday, November 17:**

**Quilting 1pm**  
**Church Council 6:30pm**  
**AA Meeting 7:30pm**

**Friday, November 18:**

**Wired Word 1:30pm**

**Saturday, November 19:**

**Interfaith Potluck 11:30—2pm @**  
**UCC**  
**Scandinavian Dinner @ COC**

**Sunday, November 20:**

**Church School 9:15am**  
**Worship Service 10:00am**  
**“Opportunity Sunday” 11:00am**  
**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**  
**Financial Peace 6:30pm**

### **Up Coming Events**

**Wednesday, November 23 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7pm UCC**