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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

November 20, 2022

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
November 20, 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

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”, “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”, “Thanksgiving Medley”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“We Gather Together”*

THIRD GRADE BIBLES RECEIVED

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 100

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“God is so Good”* *Please Stand*

GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:1-10

SERMON Deacon Janie Hague

The **Advent season** is just around the corner beginning November 30th with worship at 6:15 PM. Plans are underway to provide Advent dinners before worship on Wednesday evenings, 5:15-6:00 PM. Advent dinner proceeds are designated to help provide scholarships to our confirmation students to go to Bible camp in the summer.

Our first meal on November 30th is a Chili Cook Off with cornbread. If you would like to enter the cook off, please bring a crock pot of chili to the church by 5pm on November 30th. The rest of the menu is: Dec. 7: Chicken Noodle Soup with sweet rolls, Dec. 14: Beef Barley Soup with rolls, Dec 21: Knoephla Soup with rolls.

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 or 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.

Opportunity Sunday. This is your *Opportunity* to see all the opportunities to serve LCC and the many ways to share your gifts, whatever they may be. Come eat pancakes and Wishek sausage in support of Camp of the Cross and then peruse the tables and fill out a time and talent form to let organizers know what you would like to do, from being on a committee, helping with the worship service, providing transportation for people, meals on wheels, and/or delivering donations to appropriate destinations, providing sewing and fellowship, baking/cooking, reading books and sharing insights, Whatever your gift, LCC needs you.

Book Club Choices: Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30 in the Library.
December: The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner
January: The Sunflower Sisters by Martha Hall Kelly

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.

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!

No quilting until January 12, 2023.

SONG OF THE DAY: *“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”*

APOSTLE’S CREED

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“We Are An Offering”*

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: *“I Am the Bread of Life”*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION Spoken

SENDING SONG/POSTLUDE SONG: *“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”*

DISMISSAL: *“Shout to the Lord”*

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

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Art Wheeler

Ushers—Roger & Esther Anderson, Joel & Suzanne Toso

Communion Assistants—Ken Will & Art Wheeler

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 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, 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, Lisa Ahlness, Peg Ahlness

For those dealing with the death of a loved one—Roger Bakke, Joan Leer

WEEKLY CALENDAR of November 20, 2022

Today, November 20:

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

Monday, November 21:

Needlework Group 9am

Tuesday, November 22:

Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 23:

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
7pm at UCC**

Thursday, November 24:

***Thanksgiving Office closed
AA Meeting 7:30pm***

Friday, November 25:

Office closed

Saturday, November 26:

Sunday, November 27:

***NO Church School 9:15am
Worship Service 10:00am
Financial Peace 6:30pm***

Up Coming Events

**December 8 Church Council 6:30pm
December 18 Christmas Program**