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# The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

November 27, 2022

*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**“The River” Worship Service**  
**November 27, 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**

*“Now Thank We All Our God”, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”, “O, Come O, Come, Emmanuel”*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” v.1*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:** *“The Advent of Our God”*

**PRESENTATION of THIRD GRADE BIBLES**

*WE HEAR GOD’S WORD*

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 2:1-5

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 122

**SECOND READING** Romans 13:11-14

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *“Glory to God”*      *Please Stand*

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 24:36-44

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. Also let Deacon Janie know you are bringing your famous chili. 301.9917. 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.

**Men’s Bible Study:** LCC is starting a men's bible study group that will meet on Saturdays at 10am at LCC. The dates for December are the 3rd, 10th, and 17th. We will take the last two Saturdays in December off to account for the holidays. Each week join in discussion around the Gospel text for that week. Come for coffee but stay for great discussion and fellowship.

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

**Youth Ski trip to Bridger Bowl:** Youth Grades 6-12 are invited to join Deacon Janie and Faith Lutheran Church for a weekend of fun hitting the slopes February 18th-21st. Cost will be around \$300 depending on if you need rentals or not. There will be a fundraising opportunity to help offset the cost. Please talk to Janie if you are interested in going on the trip. Deadline to register is January 1st

**THANK YOU:** to all who donated juice, grapes and butter for the Opportunity Sunday Pancake Breakfast (Camp of the Cross Fund Raiser). (Cheryl N., Karen W., Janet D., Cherie K., Mavis P., Melissa L., Kunze's., Kelly O., Janice M., Andersons., Kathryn S., Kay K.). And a huge thank you for all the workers that helped set up on Saturday, (Karen, Cherie, Mike, Cheryl and Steve N., LaVern, Deb, and Mavis) Tremendous thank yous to the cooks, servers, and clean up crew on Sunday; (Paul G., Mike H., Kim H., Karen W., Mavis P., Sheila S., Frankie S., Janet B., John and Janet D.) Thanks to Barb Norby for applying for the Thrivent funds and Deacon Janie for driving to Wishek for the sausage! We served 107 plates of pancakes, sausage, and grapes plus 1 carry out!

## 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.  
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 Martha and Martha’s three 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.**

**Congratulations** to Graham Dahl and Audrey Hoffer on receiving their third grade Bible today.

Join our church school students on December 18th for our **Christmas program**. The program will be held at 10am during the worship service. We hope you can join us for a wonderful program!

**SONG OF THE DAY:** *“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”*

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:** *“Let Us Pray for Peace”*

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** *“My Lord, What a Morning”*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**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:** *“Prepare a Place”*

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

**BENEDICTION** Spoken

**SENDING SONG:** *“Hark the Glad Song”*

**DISMISSAL:** *“Soon and Very Soon”*

*(All children are welcome to come to the front and*

### **INTRODUCTION**

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today’s readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord’s coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

## “THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**Director of Discipleship**—Deacon Janie Hague

**Scripture Reader**—Janet Doerner

**Ushers**— Roger Krueger & Easton Karvo, Steve & Chery Neu

**Communion Assistants**—Ruth Jensen & Doug Johnson

**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, Lisa Ahlness, Peg Ahlness

**For those dealing with the death of these loved ones**— Kathy Beaudoin, Calvin Johnson, Becky Sommers, Mary Sherer, Roger Bakke, Joan Leer

## WEEKLY CALENDAR of November 27, 2022

**Today, November 27:**

**Church School 9:15am**  
**Worship Service 10:00am**  
**Coffee Hour 11:00am**  
**Financial Peace 6:30pm**

**Monday, November 28:**

**Needlework Group 9am**

**Tuesday, November 29:**

**Staff Meeting 10:00am**

**Wednesday, November 30:**

**Advent Dinner 5:15pm**  
**Worship 6:15pm**  
**Church School/Confirmation 7pm**

**Thursday, December 1:**

**AA Meeting 7:30pm**

**Friday, December 2:**

**Wired Word 1:30pm**

**Saturday, December 3:**

**Men’s Bible Study 10:00am**

**Sunday, December 4:**

**Church School 9:15am**  
**Worship Service 10:00am**  
**Coffee Hour 11:00am**  
**Financial Peace 6:30pm**

## **Up Coming Events**

**December 8 Church Council 6:30pm**

**December 18 Christmas Program**

**December 24th 5pm Festive Service**

**10:00pm Candlelight Service**

**December 25th Christmas Stories in pajamas!**