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# The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

November 6, 2022

*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**“The River” Worship Service**  
**November 6, 2022**  
**All Saints Sunday**

*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**

*“Friends in Christ”, “Christ Be Our Light”, “Great is the Lord”*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:** *“For All the Saints”*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*WE HEAR GOD’S WORD*

**FIRST READING:** Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 149

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 1:11-23

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

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 6:20-31

**SERMON** Pastor Lisa Ahlness

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.

The **River Rhapsody (Sweet Adelines) Chorus** invites you to join them in singing for the Christmas program on December 18. Beginning November 7<sup>th</sup> come to rehearsals (6 of them) to learn the Christmas holiday songs. Rehearsals are at 6:30—8pm at the Wells Fargo Bank at 1050 Interstate Ave; employee entrance. Info is on the bulletin boards. For more information, contact Barb Wilson.

**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

**LCC Saints** who have gone before us this past year. Marlene Larson, James Klein, Al Samuelson, Dennis Tang, Agnes Christianson, Loretta Long, and Roger Bakke.

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.

**Sewing Enthusiasts** you are needed! The quilters meet each Thursday to put together quilts for oversea and local missions. Cutters, sewers, and tiers are needed. The quilt tops are all made to a specific size. The squares are then cut and sewn together into rows and rows are sewn together to make the top. If you've never sewn before but would like to learn no worries. Come and the quilters will guide you. Whether you have time once a month or each week come and join this vital mission. Plus have a little coffee, fellowship and treats to end the day. See you soon. If you have any questions call Esther Anderson @701.770.4126

**SONG OF THE DAY:** *“Blest Are They”*

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:** *“Seek Ye First”*

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** *“Give Me A Grateful Heart”*

**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:** *“Shall We Gather at the River”*

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

**BENEDICTION:** *“The Lord Be With You”*

**SENDING SONG/POSTLUDE SONG:** *“Rise Up, O Saints of God”*

**DISMISSAL:** *“For All Your Saints, O Lord”*

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

### **Introduction**

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

## “THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**Director of Discipleship**—Deacon Janie Hague

**Scripture Reader**—Cherie Krueger

**Ushers**— John & Janet Doerner, Steve & Cheryl Neu

**Communion Assistants**—Roger & Esther Anderson

**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, Diane Klein, Nicole Eckroth, Mary Schuler, Gladys Bain, Nancy Dockter, Kerry Carpenter, Todd Wood, Shirley Grondahl, 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, Laurretta Long

## WEEKLY CALENDAR of November 6, 2022

**Today, November 6:**

**Church School 9:15am**  
**Worship Service 10:00am**  
**Coffee Hour 11:00am**  
**Middle & Sr Hi 2pm**  
**Financial Peace 6:30pm**

**Monday, November 7:**

**Needlework Group 9am**

**Tuesday, November 8:**

**Wednesday, November 9:**

**Book Club 1:30pm**  
**Supper 5:15pm**  
**Worship Service 6:15pm**  
**NO Church School 7pm**  
**NO Confirmation 7pm**

**Thursday, November 10:**

**Quilting 1pm**  
**Mock In Grades 3-5 7-10pm**  
**AA Meeting 7:30pm**

**Friday, November 11:**

**Veteran’s Day Office closed**

**Saturday, November 12:**

**Sunday, November 13:**

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

### **Up Coming Events**

**Thursday Nov. 17, 2022 6:30pm Church Council**

**Nov 19 Interfaith Potluck 11:30—2pm @ UCC**

**Sunday, Nov. 20th Pancake & Sausage Breakfast “Opportunity Sunday”**

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