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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

January 1, 2023

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
January 1, 2023

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

“Away in a Manger”, “Let There Be Peace on Earth”, “O Come All Ye Faithful”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:7-9

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 148

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:10-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“All Hail King Jesus”*

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON: Pastor Brad Dokken

The **Time and Talent Sheets** are available to fill out. You’ll find them in the narthex. What talents do you have that you are willing to share with the church? Please leave the completed form in the secretary’s plastic bin next to her door.

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.

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



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 1:30pm in the Library.
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: Pillows, pillowcases bedding to benefit United Way’s Home Shelter, and Ministry on the Margins.

Camp of the Cross is sponsoring a **Men’s Retreat Jan. 27-29**. Check it out on their website; campofthecross.com.

We thank the families of **Gene Belisle** and **Phyllis Johnson** for memorials LCC received in their honor.

Thank you to all who donated poinsettias to decorate the church’s sanctuary.

The **Men’s Bible Study** will start up again this coming Saturday 1/7 at 10am and will meet each Saturday of each month. Those that wish to receive the gospel lesson via email from the secretary please call the office or send a response to churchsecretary@midconetwork.com.

SONG OF THE DAY *“What Child is This”*

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *“Open Our Eyes”*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“Once in Royal David’s City”*

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: *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please Stand

BENEDICTION Spoken

SENDING SONG: *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”*

DISMISSAL: *“Go Tell It On the Mountain”*

(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—Barb Wilson

Ushers— Mike & Tracy Geiermann, John & Jean Kraft

Communion Assistants—Roger & Esther Anderson

Altar Guild—Dawn Slag, Sharon Narum, Patty Hanson, Ruth Jensen

Faith & Care — Melissa & Jay Volk, Sharon & Wayne Narum

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, 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, Ruth Jensen, Donna Belisle, Sheila Koffler, Brady Staloch, Bishop Craig Schweitzer, Virginia Smith, Curt Hauff, Carter Weigel

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—

WEEKLY CALENDAR of January 1, 2023

Today, January 1:

New Years Day
NO Church School 9:15am
Worship Service 10:00am
Coffee Hour 11:00am

Monday, January 2:

Office closed

Tuesday, January 3:

Staff Meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, January 4:

No evening church activities

Thursday, January 5:

Women’s Bible Study 10:30am
AA Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, January 6:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, January 7:

Men’s Bible Study 10:00am
Faith & Care Mtg 10:00am

Sunday, January 8:

Church School 9:15am
Worship Service 10:00am
Coffee Hour 11:00am

Up Coming Events

Jan. 11 Book Club 1:30pm

Jan. 12 Quilting resumes 1:00pm

Jan. 12 Church Council 6:30pm

Jan. 22 Annual Meeting and Potluck

Jan. 25 Women’s Book Study 9:00am

Jan. 27-29 Men’s Retreat Camp of the Cross