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# The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

January 23, 2022

*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**“The River” Worship Service**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 23, 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** Worship Team  
“Arise, Your Light Has Come”, “You Are Mine”, “Rivers of Babylon”

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG: “Thy Word”**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*WE HEAR GOD’S WORD*

**FIRST READING:** Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 19

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “He is Exalted” *Please Stand*

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 4:14-21

**SERMON** Pastor Lisa Ahlness

We will be offering the Annual Meeting via Zoom again this year. Here are the directions: If you wish to attend the annual meeting via zoom (online) you will need to click on the link below and register in advance for the meeting. Please register by Friday, January 28th in order for Deacon Janie to have time to send the materials out electronically. Once you complete your registration, within 24 hours you will receive two emails, one from Deacon Janie with the proposed budget, annual report, etc. and one from Zoom with the information to log into the meeting on the 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Janie at either 701-223-1001 or [lccdod@midconetnetwork.com](mailto:lccdod@midconetnetwork.com) Registration link to REGISTER for the annual meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7012231001?pwd=Z0sc-yrgzwtHtGNMjMjNjBvRd\\_HF02EHfv](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7012231001?pwd=Z0sc-yrgzwtHtGNMjMjNjBvRd_HF02EHfv)

**Women's Retreat - Blessed is She**  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - February 5th

You and the women of your congregation are invited to join us for a Saturday event designed to encourage and refresh women of all ages at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bismarck. We will hear from Author and Pastor Lisa Lewton, with some great break out sessions offering meditation, dwelling in the word, bible journaling and the art of “Kintsugi”! This will be a great day together and we hope you can join us! Registration fee of \$25 covers lunch, treats, gift bag and a devotional book from Pastor Lisa Lewton, the keynote speaker. Call Good Shepherd for more information and to register.



The materials for the **Annual Meeting** are available on the back table in the sanctuary for you to take.

## **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.

**Annual Meeting** January 30th. Your presence at the meeting is vitally important to the life of this congregation. You may attend in person or Via Zoom like last year. Two major items will be to vote in the new Council members (3 Council members terms are up) and the upcoming budget. Other items will be discussed.

**Heat the Church** Thank you for continuing this tradition by way of taking care of LCC’s building.

The **Faith and Care Group** lists have been sent out electronically or through the mail. Each group is responsible for two months of time. F & C Group 1 is up. Thank you F & C for handling the potluck next Sunday.

**Book Club** picks: Feb. 9th SOOLEY by John Grisham  
March 9th is “The Flatshare” by Beth O’Leary.  
April 13th is “The Midnight Library” by Matt Haig  
The Book Club meets the second Wednesday at 1:30 at LCC. If you enjoy reading, come and participate.

Anyone want to take on the **volunteer job** of sending out Birthday Cards for children? Jean Kraft has been doing it for years and she is not able to do it at this time. Please call the church office as all supplies are here.

**Direct Your Dollars** We are starting again. Thank you for continuing to bring in receipts. You may place them in the box in the narthex or in the plastic bin next to the secretary’s office.

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.

**SONG OF THE DAY:** “Build Your Kingdom Here”

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER** *Please Stand*

*WE SHARE THE MEAL*

**PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL**

**LORD’S PRAYER** “Lord’s Prayer” by Joel Gilbertson

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

**COMMUNION SONG:** “We Remember, We Believe”

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *Please Stand*

**BENEDICTION** “Benediction Song”

**SENDING SONG:** “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE SONG:** “Trading My Sorrows”

All children are welcomed to come to the front and play instruments during the Worship Team’s postlude song.”

### ***Reading Reflection***

God’s glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God’s glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

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## “THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**Director of Discipleship**—Deacon Janie Hague

**Scripture Reader**—Sara Dahl

**Ushers**— Roger Krueger & Floy Marx

**Altar Guild**—Dawn Hultin, Sharon Narum, Patty Hanson, Ruth Jensen

**Faith & Care Coordinators**—Heather & Brett Gurholt, Melissa & Jay Volk

**River Worship Team**—

**Sound Board Technicians**—Terry Grenz, Lavern Hanson

**Projection Team**— Jace Kunze, Mark Kunze, Jeff Thomas, Art Wheeler,

**Streaming Team**— Mike Collins, Tom Harris, Mark Kunze, Karen Will

**River Singers**— Deb Carpenter, Sally Grenz, Paul Gurholt, Kari Harris,

Doug Johnson, Robin Johnson, Cherie Krueger, AJ Marx, John Sailer,

Amanda Sagsveen, Tom Wade, Barb Wilson

**Percussionist**— Kari Harris

**Accompanists**—Eve Kath, Robin Johnson, 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 issues:**

Maxine Hill, Reece Fischer, Tracy Martinson, Ann Hillesland, Roger Bakke, Erwin and Linda Marson, Quinton and Arlene Wolff, Bonnie Spies, Lori Dvorak, Al Samuelson, JoRae Sarsten; Bernice Walton, Dale Heaton, Jean Schafer, Gary and LaVonne Hultin, John Behan, Bob Roesler, Cheryl Moore, Josey Hanson, Virginia Smith, LeRoy Tiffany, Cordella Thompson, Christie Zainhofsky, Kris Wood, Brandon Heaton, Diane Stotz, Earl Larson, Todd Wood, Joyce Wahl, Lisa Robinson, Carolyn Wegerle, Nancy Dockter, Donna Belisle, Pat Schmidt, Jim Mattheis, Barb Thomas, Sheila & Arvid Mugaas, Jean Kraft, Diane Klein

### **For those dealing with the death of a loved one—the families and friends of:**

James Klein, Louella Olson, Marlene Larson, Betty Fetzer

**Military Deployment:** MN 851 VEC deployed to Kuwait, ND 957th Engineer Co. deployed to southern border.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR of January 23

**Today, January 23:**

**Church School 9:00am**

**The River 9:00am**

**Coffee Hour**

**Living Water practice 5pm**

**Monday, January 24:**

**Needlework Group 9:30am**

**Tuesday, January 25**

**Staff Meeting 10:00 am**

**Wednesday, January 26:**

**Women’s Bible Study 9am**

**Supper 5:15pm**

**Living Water Service 6:15pm**

**Church School/Confirmation 7pm**

**River Practice 7pm**

**Thursday, January 27:**

**Quilting 1pm**

**AA Meeting 7:30pm**

**Friday, January 28:**

**Wired Word 1:30pm**

**Saturday, January 29:**

**Sunday, January 30:**

**Church School 9:00am**

**The River 10:00am**

**Annual Meeting 11:00am**

**Potluck noon**