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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

January 29, 2023

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
January 29, 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

“Blessed Be Your Name”, “Just As I Am I Come Broken”, “My Lighthouse”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“Here in the House of the Lord”*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 15

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Jesus Name Above All Names”*

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON: Deacon Janie Hague

Altar Focus: Pillows, pillowcases, bedding to benefit United Way’s Home Shelter, and Ministry on the Margins.

The **Time and Talent Sheets** are available to fill out. You’ll find them in the narthex and at the back of the church. 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.

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.

Directories are available in the narthex.

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

Newly elected to the LCC’s Church Council are: Jessi Karvo and Scot Long. Out going members are Ron Borth and Kari Harris. We thank you for your service to LCC in this way. The Church Council information is always listed on the back of the bulletin.

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.

Feb: The Sunflower Sisters by Martha Hall Kelly

March: Remarkable Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

April: Vanishing Half by Brit Bennet

May: Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson

June: We are the Light by Matthew Quick

July: So Long Chester Wheeler by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Giving Hearts Day is coming up on **February 9th** – just about 2 weeks away!!

There are a lot of fun things happening on and around the big day. For every \$25+ donation we receive for GHD, we will be giving a single stem rose to a resident/tenant. We are hoping to be able to gift every resident and tenant a rose on Valentine’s Day.

We also will be hosting a golf event on GHD. This is a great way to support GHD and Missouri Slope in a fun way! If you or anyone you know would be interested in participating, send them our way! There will be lunch, raffle prizes, and golf! (golfing is not required! Just come enjoy lunch and try for a chance to win some great raffle items!)

Schedule your donation: <https://app.givingheartsday.org/#/profile/490>

Sign up for golf event: <https://mslcc.salsalabs.org/mslccfoundationgolf>

The other really awesome thing happening: Gate City Bank is giving away (5) \$5,000 donations and (1) \$100,000 donations. We need your help to win! You can nominate as many times as you want between now and February 2nd. The more nominations, the higher the odds of winning.

You can nominate here: <https://woobox.com/dwcp9u>

We are registered as **Missouri Slope Foundation**

(remember- you can nominate an unlimited amount of times!)

SONG OF THE DAY *“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”*

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *“I Love You, Lord”*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“Offering”*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Please Stand

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD’S PRAYER Sung

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

COMMUNION SONG: *“People Need the Lord”*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please Stand

BENEDICTION Sung

SENDING SONG: *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessings”*

DISMISSAL: *“Pass It On”*

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

Introduction

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Sarah Dahl

Ushers— John Kraft & Art Wheeler & Floy Marx

Communion Assistants—Roger Krueger & Heather Martin

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, Nicole Eckroth, Mary Schuler, Gladys Bain, Nancy Dockter, 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, Curt Hauff, Carter Weigel, Kerry Carpenter, Mary Ternes, David Marx and grandson, MaryBeth Osborn, Melanie Meyers, Vicky Moser, Wayne Narum, Holy Land Travelers

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones— Virginia Smith

WEEKLY CALENDAR of January 29, 2023

Today, January 29:

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

Monday, January 30:

Needlework Group 9:00am

Tuesday, January 31:

Staff Meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, February 1:

Supper 5:15 pm
Living Water Service 6pm
Church School 7pm
Confirmation
Quilting 1:00pm
AA Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday, February 2:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Friday, February 3:

Saturday, February 4:

Men's Bible Study 10:00am

Sunday, February 5:

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

Up Coming Events

Quilting Feb 2.9.16.23 1pm

Wired Word Feb. 3, 10,17, 24 1:30pm

Needlework Group Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 9am

Men's Bible Study Feb. 4, 11,18, 25 10am

Book Club Feb. 8 1:30pm

Church Council Feb. 9 6:30pm

Women's Book Study Feb. 22 9am

Knitting for Others Feb. 27th 1 pm

Gather Bible Study Feb. 23 10:30am