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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

January 8, 2023

"Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts"

"The River" Worship Service January 8, 2023

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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

"Shall We Gather at the River", "Every Time I Feel the Spirit", "Blessed Be Your Name"

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: "Here I Am to Worship"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "All Hail King Jesus"

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON: A.J. Marx

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.

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.

Youth Ski trip to Bridger Bowl: Has been canceled.

Please plan on attending the **Annual Meeting Sunday**, **January 22** immediately following the church service..

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

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.

Thank you to all who donated poinsettias to decorate the church's sanctuary. You may take yours. You may take others if you like as well.

The **Men's Bible Study** has started this Saturday (1/7) and will meet each Saturday at 10am 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.

Thank you AJ for writing this week's sermon. We appreciate your time and efforts at bringing this message to us.

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. Once you complete your registration you will receive two emails: one from Deacon Janie with the proposed budget, annual report, and the information to log into the meeting on the 22nd. (This email will be sent once the report and budget are finalized. The second email will come from zoom with the information to log into the meeting via zoom. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Janie at either 701-223-1001 or lccdod@midconetwork.com

Registration link to REGISTER for the annual meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/

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SONG OF THE DAY "We Are Called"

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: "Open Our Eyes"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: "All That We Have"

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: "His Love Still Shines"

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER Please Stand

BENEDICTION Spoken

SENDING SONG: "Shine A Little Light"

DISMISSAL: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

(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—Ken Will

Ushers— Art Wheeler & Alex Spilman, Roger & Esther Anderson

Communion Assistants—Myrtice Behan & Doug Johnson

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, Garv 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, 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, Kerry Carpenter, Mary Ternes

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—

WEEKLY CALENDAR of January 8, 2023

Today, January 8: Church School 9:15am

> Worship Service 10:00am Coffee / Caramel Rolls Youth Group 2pm

Monday, January 9: **Needlework Group 9:00am**

Tuesday, January 10: Staff Meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, January 11: Book Club 1:30pm

Supper 5:15

Living Water Service

Church School Confirmation

Thursday, January 12: Quilting 1:00pm

> **Church Council 6:30pm** AA Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, January 13: Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, January 14: Men's Bible Study 10:00am

Sunday, January 15: **NO Church School 9:15am**

Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour 11:00am

Up Coming Events

Jan. 22 Annual Meeting and Potluck

Jan. 25 Women's Book Study 9:00am

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