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# The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

February 12, 2023

*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**“The River” Worship Service**  
**February 12, 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**

*“Blest Are They”, “Baptized and Set Free”, “Build Your Kingdom Here”*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:** *“Glory and Praise to Our God”*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*WE HEAR GOD’S WORD*

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 119:1-8

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

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

**GOSPEL:** John 14:25-31

**SERMON:** Deacon Janie Hague

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

**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

**Rabbi Noah Ullman**

Last spring, we had the wonderful opportunity to have Rabbi Noah Ullman with us here at LCC. Noah is young rabbi, originally from Boston and now based in the Fargo area, with a gift for bringing in Hebrew insights and helping the biblical narrative come alive for all ages and levels of fluency with scripture. Due to popular demand, Rabbi Noah is coming back to Bismarck and you have several opportunities to join in. Those of you who have experienced him already know the joy he brings to scripture study. If you have not yet engaged with Rabbi Noah, you will want to make room in your calendar for at least one of these conversation based studies. A free will offering will be taken.

Wednesday, March 1st:

9-11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church: open study, followed by lunch

4:30-6:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church: study for confirmation students, leaders and parents, including pizza

7-9 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Cross: study for confirmation students, leaders and parents (supper provided 5-6 p.m. before worship). Study will be over at 8:30; stay for further fellowship if you like!

Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at LCC

Come for morning or afternoon study, or stay all day. Lunch will be provided.

9-11 a.m. Study

Lunch

1-3 p.m. Study

**Directories** are available in the narthex.

## 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.  
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

**Altar Focus: *Student Lunch accounts*** through [bpsfoundation.com/donations/student-lunch-assistance](https://bpsfoundation.com/donations/student-lunch-assistance) and

***Power of Play Foundation*** Basic art supplies that are placed in clinics, ERs, and hospitals. See more information in the February Crossword.

Anyone love taking care of plants? LCC is in need of a **plant waterer** on a weekly basis. You choose the day and time that works for you to come in and water (and perhaps talk to the plants.) Let the secretary know.

**Who Doesn't Love a Party? Unless it means Deacon Janie's leaving....**  
Deacon Janie's last day among us at LCC is February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We hope you'll take some time to spend with her if you can. Cards and remembrances of good times together will be collected at church – you can bring them anytime between now and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. MEANWHILE: we will have cupcakes and a celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> after worship/before confirmation and church school, and cake and fellowship after worship on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please come and thank Deacon Janie and wish her well in her new call as Executive Director of Camp of the Cross!

**SONG OF THE DAY** *“All Are Welcome”*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:** *“When We Gather”*

**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:** *“Blessed Assurance”*

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

**BENEDICTION** Spoken

**SENDING SONG:** *“We Are Called”*

**DISMISSAL:** *“Build Your Kingdom Here”*

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

**Introduction** In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

## “THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**Director of Discipleship**—Deacon Janie Hague

**Scripture Reader**—Art Wheeler

**Ushers**— Steve & Cheryl Neu, Tracy & Mike Geiermann

**Communion Assistants**—Cherie Krueger

**Altar Guild**—Jean Kraft, Patty Hanson, Cherie Krueger

**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, Vicky Moser, Wayne Narum

**For those dealing with the death of these loved ones**— Berdeal Bergo, Virginia Smith, Melanie Meyers

## WEEKLY CALENDAR of February 12, 2023

**Today, February 12:**

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

**Monday, February 13:**

Needlework Group 9:00am

**Tuesday, February 14:**

Staff Meeting 10:00am

**Wednesday, February 15:**

Supper 5:15pm  
Living Water Service 6pm  
Church School 7pm  
Confirmation

**Thursday, February 16:**

Quilting 1:00pm  
AA Meeting 7:30pm

**Friday, February 17:**

Wired Word 1:30pm

**Saturday, February 18:**

Men's Bible Study 10:00am

**Sunday, February 19:**

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

### **Up Coming Events**

Quilting Feb 23 1pm

Wired Word Feb. 24 1:30pm

Men's Bible Study Feb. 25 10am

Needlework Group Feb. 27 9am

Women's Book Study Feb. 22 9am

Gather Bible Study Feb. 23 10:30am

Knitting for Others Feb. 27th 1pm