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# The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

February 19, 2023

*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**“The River” Worship Service**  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
**February 19, 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**

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”, “Beautiful Savior”, “Shine Your Light on Me”*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:** *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*WE HEAR GOD’S WORD*

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 24:12-18

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 2

**SECOND READING:** 2 Peter 1:16-21

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

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 17:1-9

**SERMON:** Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**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.

**Altar Focus:** **Student Lunch accounts** through [bpsfoundation.com/donations/student-lunch-assistance](https://bpsfoundation.com/donations/student-lunch-assistance) or checks made out to LCC with memo Meals BPS and

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

## 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

**Lutheran World Relief** is trying to provide relief to those in need from the recent earthquake in Turkey. You can give directly at [lwr.org/quake](http://lwr.org/quake) or by mailing to **Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061**. Please write "QUAKE" in the memo line.

“**Thank you** kids in church school, for creating such cute Valentines for LCC’s shut-ins and older generation members.” Helping Hands

**Direct Your Dollars** is being discontinued. All receipts need to be turned in immediately by individuals so that the church has time to collectively tally the slips. LCC’s last day to turn in the \$150,000 worth of receipts is March 1. Thank you for your generous support of this program.

**Members of Church of the Cross:** Thank you so much for these wonderful years that we have had together. I will take with me all that I have learned from you and my time here. Thank you for the wonderful going away party, all the calls, emails, text messages and coffee that we have had together. This is not goodbye, it is I will see you later. Peace be with you friends.—Deacon Janie

Berdeal Bergo’s funeral is here tomorrow, Monday, February 20 at 10:30am.

LCC is need of a **Meals on Wheels Coordinator** for the month of August. Call the office to volunteer.

**SONG OF THE DAY** “*Just As I AM (I Come Broken)*”

**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:** “*All Are Welcome*”

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

**FAREWELL & GODSPEED**

**BENEDICTION** Spoken

**SENDING SONG:** “*Shine, Jesus, Shine*”

**DISMISSAL:** “*Christ Be Our Light*”

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

**Introduction**

Today’s festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God’s beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today’s liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

## “THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**Director of Discipleship**—Deacon Janie Hague

**Scripture Reader**—Amanda Sagsveen

**Ushers**— Lee Jensen & Floy Marx, Roger Spilman & John Kraft

**Communion Assistants**—Ruth Jensen & Ken Will

**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 Saylor, 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, 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 19, 2023

**Today, February 19:**

**No Church School 9:15am  
Worship Service 10:00am  
Coffee Hour 11am**

**Monday, February 20:**

**President's Day Office closed  
Huff Hills 9:30 Gr. 6-12**

**Tuesday, February 21:**

**Staff Meeting 10:00am**

**Wednesday, February 22:**

**Ash Wednesday  
Women Book Study 9AM  
Lenten Supper 5:15pm  
Living Water Service 6:15pm  
No Church School 7pm  
Confirmation**

**Thursday, February 23:**

**Gather Bible Study  
Quilting 1:00pm  
AA Meeting 7:30pm**

**Friday, February 24:**

**Wired Word 1:30pm**

**Saturday, February 25:**

**Men's Bible Study 10:00am**

**Sunday, February 26:**

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

### **Up Coming Events**

**Needlework Group Feb. 27 9am**

**Knitting for Others Feb. 27th 1pm**