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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



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February 26, 2023

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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
Transfiguration of Our Lord
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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

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” “God Will Make a Way”, “Only Jesus”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“Just As I AM (I Come Broken)”*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 32

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Praise the Name of Jesus”*

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

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 2nd, 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 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 or by mailing to **Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061**. Please write "QUAKE" in the memo line.

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. We have given the extra receipts this week to Kitty City Resue and Dakota West Arts Council. Many other non profits were contacted but were finished with that project. 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

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

Gladys Bain is celebrating her 95th birthday March 3. Let's shower Gladys with birthday cards. Her address is 3406 Dominion St. Apt 305 Bismarck, ND 58503.

SONG OF THE DAY “*Seek Ye First*”

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: “*Give Me A Grateful Heart*”

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: “*On Eagle’s Wings*”

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please Stand

FAREWELL & GODSPEED

BENEDICTION Spoken

SENDING SONG: “*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*”

DISMISSAL: “*Only Jesus*”

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

Introduction

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Lyndsey Hoffer

Ushers— Lee Jensen, John & Jean Kraft

Communion Assistants—Doug Johnson, Mavis Pommerer

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, 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, Lori Marx, Pastor Jerry Erickson, Hattie Martinson, Ed Decker, Brady Staloch, Bishop Craig Schweitzer, Curt Hauff, Carter Weigel, Kerry Carpenter, Mary Ternes, David Marx and grandson, MaryBeth Osborn, Vicky Moser, Wayne Narum, Todd Wood, and Jeff Thomas

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR of February 26, 2023

Today, February 26:

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

Monday, February 27:

Needlework Group 9am
Knitting for Others 1pm

Tuesday, February 28:

Staff Meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, March 1:

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

Thursday, March 2:

Quilting 1:00pm
AA Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, March 3:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, March 4:

Men's Bible Study 10:00am

Sunday, March 5:

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

Up Coming

Needlework Group March 6, 13, 20, 27 9am

Knitting for Others March 27 1pm

Rabbi Noah March 1, 2,

Quilting March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 1pm

Wired Word March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 1:30pm

Men's Bible Club March 4, 11, 18, 25 10am

Book Club March 8 1:30pm

Church Council March 9 6:30pm

Women's Book Study March 22 9am

Gather Bible Study March 23 10:30am