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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

February 5, 2023

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
February 5, 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

“Here I Am Lord”, “You Shine”, “Light of the World”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“Gather Us In” (Here in This Place)*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 112:1-10

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON: Pastor Sondra Krogstad

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.



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

Altar Focus: *Student Lunch accounts* through 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.

Directories are available in the narthex.

Thanks to **Joyce Wahl** for taking over the Direct Your Dollars campaign.

Thank you to Pastor Krogstad for being here today with us sharing your knowledge and experience. Thanks for joining us here.

SONG OF THE DAY *“God, Whose Almighty Word”*

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“Thy Word”*

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: *“Untitled Hymn” (Come to Jesus)*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please Stand

BENEDICTION Spoken

SENDING SONG: *“Shine A Little Light” (This Little Light of Mine)*

DISMISSAL: *“Step By Step”*

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

Introduction

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Director of Discipleship—Deacon Janie Hague

Scripture Reader—Lillian Crook

Ushers— Roger & Esther Anderson, Lee Jensen & Floy Marx

Communion Assistants—Heather Martin &

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, 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, Holy Land Travelers

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR of February 5, 2023

Today, February 5:

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

Monday, February 6:

Needlework Group 9:00am

Tuesday, February 7:

Staff Meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, February 8:

Book Club 1:30
Supper 5:15 pm
Living Water Service 6pm
Church School 7pm
Confirmation

Thursday, February 9:

Quilting 1:00pm
Church Council 6:30pm
AA Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, February 10:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, February 11:

Men's Bible Study 10:00am

Sunday, February 12:

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

Up Coming Events

Quilting Feb 16, 23 1pm

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

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

Needlework Group Feb. 13, 20, 27 9am

Women's Book Study Feb. 22 9am

Gather Bible Study Feb. 23 10:30am