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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



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April 2, 2023

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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
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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

“Lamb of God”, “I Will Rise”, “His Glory Appears”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

Processional Song: “Wave the Palms (Hosanna!)”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 31:9-16

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Fall Like Rain”*

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14—27:66

SERMON: Pastor Lisa Ahlness ????????

LCC Women's Retreat April 14 and 15th at Camp of the Cross
We will group at LCC at 4:15 on Friday afternoon and combine rides up to Garrison for dinner then out to the camp. The evening will be relaxing and getting to know each other better, maybe even a movie or two! Spending the night in the Retreat Center Lodge, then Saturday will be filled with Breakfast, discussion, breaks for enjoying the outdoors, snacks, more discussion, and Dinner before heading back to Bismarck. Cost for overnight \$40. plus meals and Saturday discussion leader \$50. Total \$90 for the weekend. Checks are to be written to LCC, please put Women's Retreat in the memo. Please contact Sally Grenz for questions and reservations! sallygrenz@hotmail.com cell 701-390-3049

A group of pastors in our synod is exploring the possibility of launching a preaching academy in order to support lay people who have been called to preach. You're invited to a conversation to dream and vision what this might look like. The conversation will be via Zoom video call on Saturday, April 1 at 10am. Please fill out a survey at the link below if you are interested in learning more and being included in the Zoom call www.bit.ly/LayPreachingSurvey

Coffee on Sunday? Who doesn't love a treat to go with it? Especially if you are of the Scandinavian group. Treat makers and servers are needed. Please sign your name on the dotted line. Sign up sheets for dishwashers, Wednesday meals and treats are all needed.

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.

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

LCC should not be like the one talent steward--fearful, burying talents in the earth. We are called to receive and use all of our talents as truly faithful stewards. Our endowment fund is part of how we use our talents.

LCC Mission Endowment Fund Committee

Your help is needed!

With the departure of Deacon Janie, the council is requesting the assistance of congregation members to serve on a call committee to hire Janie's replacement. If you are interested in serving on this call committee call Pastor Lisa or any member of the council. In the narthex are idea sheets for what the next Director of Discipleship skill set / roles should be. Share your ideas to give the call committee direction. What do you need, what does your family need the Director of Discipleship to be? If you need time to ponder take the insert home and return/ email at your earliest convenience. *The list of council members are on the back page.*

TODAY!!!! April 2, Palm Sunday LCC is having a Palms and Pancake Breakfast in support of Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center. Wishek's famous sausage and Paul Gurholt's renowned pancakes will be served after the service. Plan on staying, being physically fed and leave knowing the money donated will benefit friends at MSLLC.

SONG OF THE DAY “Above All”

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: “Let Us Pray for Peace”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: “Old Rugged Cross”

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: “How Deep the Father's Love for Us”
“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please Stand

BENEDICTION “The Lord Be With You” by Joel Gilbertson

TABLE PRAYER: “Be Present at Our Table Lord”

SENDING SONG: “Were You There”

DISMISSAL: “Depart Quietly”

Introduction Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—

Ushers—Mike & Tracy Geiermann, John Kraft

Communion Assistants— Ken Will, Myrtice Behan, Kay Koch

Altar Guild—Cherie Krueger, Jean Kraft, Mavis Pommerer, Barb Thomas

Faith & Care — Molly & Ken Traynor, Pam & Ron Lee

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

Violinist—Finn Sagsveen

Flutist—Beth Greff

Accompanists—Jan & Joel Gilbertson, Eve Kath, Gerri Sarsten, Beth Greff

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, Arlene Wolff, Gary and LaVonne Hultin, John Behan, Bob Roesler, Joesey Hanson, Diane Stotz, Earl Larson, 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, Jeff Thomas, Bernice Walton, Mark Meier, Chelsea Sorenson, Jean King

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—Quinton Wolff, Berdeal Bergo

WEEKLY CALENDAR of April 2, 2023

Today, April 2:

Church School 9:15am

Worship Service 10:00am

Palms and Pancake Breakfast 11am

Monday, April 3:

Needlework Group 9am

Tuesday, April 4:

Staff Meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, April 5:

Lenten Supper 5:15pm

Living Water Service 6:15pm

Church School 7pm

Confirmation

Thursday, April 6:

Quilting 1:00pm

Maundy Thursday, 7pm

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, April 7:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Tennebrae Service 7pm

Saturday, April 8:

Men's Bible Study 10:00am

Easter Vigil 7pm St. George's

Sunday, April 9:

Easter Sunday

Early Service 8:00am

Light Brunch

Worship Service 10:00am

Up Coming