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*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

# The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross  
April 16, 2023

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

*“Because He Lives”, “Holy Is Our Name”, “Mighty to Save”*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG: “Now the Green Blade Rises”**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Deacon Janie Hague

*WE HEAR GOD’S WORD*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 16

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** “Alleluia! (Give the Glory)”

**GOSPEL:** John 20:19-31

**SERMON:** Deacon Janie Hague

**“Chair”ing is Caring!**

Camp of the Cross wants to add new chairs for the Fellowship Center. Each chair cost \$25. Their goal is to raise \$3500 for chairs and storage. To donate go to Camp of the Cross website and make an online donation. Thank you!



Those that ordered **Easter flowers** may take them home today. Thank you for beautifying the sanctuary.

**Deacon Janie**, it’s good to have you back representing Camp of the Cross. Thank you for sharing with us today.

**Bernice Walton’s** funeral will be May 12 @ 11am.

**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.  
May: Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson  
June: We are the Light by Matthew Quick  
July: So Long Chester Wheeler by Catherine Ryan Hyde

**Endowments put us in touch with the spiritual and real problems of our world, nation and society. Even the poorest American is rich compared to those in other societies. And those in churches are among the richest. Giving to our endowment fund may make us more sensitive and able to minister to those less fortunate than us.**

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**SONG OF THE DAY** “*Chris is Alive! Let Christians Sing*”

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** “*Now We Join in Celebration*”

**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:** “*I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*”

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

**BENEDICTION** Spoken

**SENDING SONG:** “*Thine is the Glory*”

**DISMISSAL:** “*Mighty to Save*”

### **Introduction**

In today’s gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

## “THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**Scripture Reader**—Janice Martin

**Greeters:** Larry & Valerie Jahner

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

**Communion Assistants**— Myrtice Behan, Mike Humann, 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 Sayler, Claudia Thompson, Tom Wade, Barb Wilson

**Guitarists**—Tom Wade, Marin Traynor

**Percussionist**— Kari Harris

**Violinist**—Fynn 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:**

Reece Fischer, Tracy Martinson, Ann Hillesland, Erwin and Linda Marson, Arlene Wolff, Gary and LaVonne Hultin, John Behan, Bob Roesler, Josey Hanson, 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, Mark Meier, Chelsea Sorenson, Jean King

#### **For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—**

Maxine Hill, Bernice Walton

## WEEKLY CALENDAR of April 16, 2023

**Today, April 16:**

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

**Monday, April 17:**

**Needlework Group 9am**

**Tuesday, April 18:**

**Staff Meeting 10:00am**

**Wednesday, April 19:**

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

**Thursday, April 20:**

**Quilting 1:00pm  
Theology on Tap 7pm @ Walrus  
AA Meeting 7:30pm**

**Friday, April 21:**

**Wired Word 1:30pm**

**Saturday, April 22:**

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

**Sunday, April 23:**

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

**April 24 Needlework Grp 9am and Knitting for Others 1pm**

**April 26 Women's Bible Study 9am**

**April 27 Quilting 1pm**

**April 28 Men's Bible Study 10am**