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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross
April 23, 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

"Join in the Dance", "Open the Eyes of My Heart", "You are My All in All"

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: "I Will Call Upon The Lord"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Sondra Krogstad

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 116:1-4,12-19

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

SERMON: Pastor Lisa Ahlness

"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 click on the red "Donate Toda" button and make an online donation. Thank you!



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

Camp of the Cross’ **Mother the Camp list**, which is May’s Altar Focus is available in the narthex. Pick up your copy and shop to your hearts content for them. The list is double sided so check out the back side too. Their summer needs are great. Buy in bulk at your favorite store.

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.

Looking for someone to come in and water the plants weekly. Talk to the secretary.

YOUTH GROUP MOCK IN

5TH—9TH Grade Youth Welcome
at Trinity Lutheran Church
Friday May 5th, 6-10 pm.
Registration is needed.

Find a poster (there are 6 in the building) and scan the QRcode to sign up.

Think spring! Think spring! Think spring! Think spring! Think spring!

SONG OF THE DAY “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen” ELW #377

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: “When We Gather”

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: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please Stand

BENEDICTION Spoken

SENDING SONG: “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” ELW #536

DISMISSAL: “I Will Call Upon The Lord”

Introduction

Today’s gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord’s day.

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Melissa Long

Greeters: Kay Koch, Joyce Wahl

Ushers—John Kraft & Art Wheeler, Kevin & Janice Martin

Communion Assistants— Ken Will, Donna Belisle, Verlaine Jahner

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—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, 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 23, 2023

Today, April 23:

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

Monday, April 24:

**Needlework Group 9am
Knitting for Others 1pm**

Tuesday, April 25:

Staff Meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, April 26:

**Women's Bible Study 9am
Supper 5:15 pm
Living Water Service 6:15pm
Church School/Confirmation 7pm**

Thursday, April 27:

**Gather Bible Study 10:30am
Quilting 1pm
AA Meeting 7:30pm**

Friday, April 28:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, April 29:

Men's Bible Study 10:00am

Sunday, April 30:

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

Upcoming Events:

May 11 Church Council

May 14 Kids Service

May 18 Theology on Tap Old 10 Bismarck

May 21 & 24 Senior Recognition