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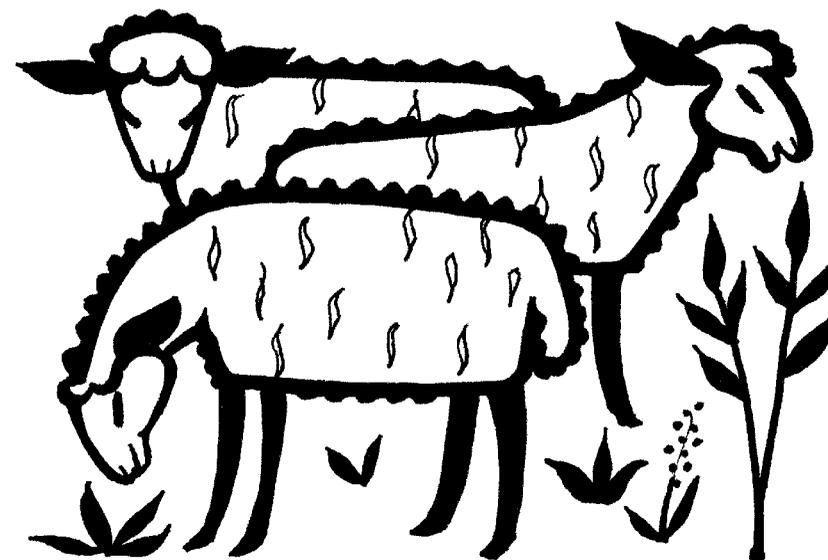
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*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

# The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross  
April 30, 2023

*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**“The River” Worship Service**  
**April 30, 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**

*“Come As You Are”, “The Lord’s My Shepherd” ELW #778”, “My Lighthouse”*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:** *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” ELW #789”*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Joyce Wahl

*WE HEAR GOD’S WORD*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:42-47

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 23

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 2:19-25

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *“Open Our Eyes, Lord”*

**GOSPEL:** John 10:1-10

**SERMON:** Pastor Lisa Ahlness

The secretary was asked if LCC had any more of its own cookbook. **“Recipes to Remember Us By”**. Which we do not. However I got a hold of one and thought I would periodically share a recipe from it. That suggestion was suggested by Kay Miller and I think it is a dandy idea. A little background information: The Cookbook Committee consisted of Gladys Bain, Vivian Dahl, Pam Girard, Shirley Grondahl, Evelyn Hatlestad, Lois Hanson, Una Mae Penne, Carol Samuelson and Bernice Steinke. The cookbook was printed in 2004 in anticipation of the 50th Anniversary of the church which was in 2005. So here is the first recipe I’ll share with you. As some of you may know Shelby was one of the secretaries here for a long time.

**Lemon Bars Shelby Murie**

1 c. butter	2 c. sugar
2 c. flour	5 T. lemon juice
½ c powdered sugar	4 T. flour
4 eggs	1 tsp. baking powder

For crust: mix 1 c. butter, 2 c. flour and ½ c powdered sugar. Pat into 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until lightly golden. Remove pan from oven.  
For filling: beat 4 eggs, add 2 c. sugar, 4 T. flour and 1 tsp. baking powder; mix well. Add 5 T. lemon juice and mix. Pour lemon mixture over baked crust and bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until brown on top or firm in middle of pan. While hot from the oven, sprinkle with powdered sugar. Cut when bars are cooled.

**SAVE THE DATES!** Vacation Bible School Dates: June 4-7  
Time: 6:00-7:30 (light snack provided) Location: United Church of Christ  
Volunteers are needed.

**River Rhapsody Chorus** (Sweet Adelines) presents their spring show, “Grandmas’ Attic” on May 6 at 7pm at Horizon Middle School Cafetorium. Advanced tickets are \$12. Call Barb Wilson for tickets or for more information 701.214.1272.

## 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.

### **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 many in the building) and scan the QR code to sign up.



**SONG OF THE DAY** “King of Love My Shepherd Is” ELW #502

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

**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:** *Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness Surely Mercy)*

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *Please Stand*

**BENEDICTION** Spoken

**SENDING SONG:** “Have No Fear, Little Flock” ELW #764

**DISMISSAL:** “My Lighthouse”

### **Introduction**

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

## “THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**Scripture Reader**—Esther Anderson

**Greeters:** Scot & Melissa Long

**Ushers**—Roger Krueger & Larry Jahner, Verlaine Jahner, Easton Karvo

**Communion Assistants**— Tracy Geiermann, Sheila Koffler, Kay Koch

**Altar Guild**—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, 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—**

Curt Hauff, Maxine Hill, Bernice Walton

## WEEKLY CALENDAR of April 30, 2023

**Today, April 30:**

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

**Monday, May 1:**

**Needlework Group 9am**

**Tuesday, May 2:**

**Staff Meeting 10:00am**

**Wednesday, May 3:**

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

**Thursday, May 4:**

**AA Meeting 7:30pm**

**Friday, May 5:**

**Wired Word 1:30pm**

**Saturday, May 6:**

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

**Sunday, May 7:**

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

**May 14 Mothers Day**

**May 18 Theology on Tap Old 10 Bismarck**

**May 21 & 24 Senior Recognition**

**May 29 Memorial Day**