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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



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May 21, 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

“My Lighthouse”, “Days of Elijah”, “Blessed Be Your Name”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” ELW #392*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Cavatini

Lois Hanson

1/2c each of 3 kinds of pasta, (spirals, wheels, shells) Cooked & Drained
1 lg stick pepperoni, sliced,
1 green pepper, chopped
1 can sliced mushrooms,
1 chopped onion
1 1/2 lb. ground beef, browned with onion & green pepper
2 to 3 c. spaghetti sauce
8 oz Mozzarella cheese, shredded
After cooking pasta and browning ground beef, onion, and green pepper, combine all ingredients. Bake in 9 x 13 inch pan for 30 minutes at 350°. Yield 8 to 10 servings.

I want to Thank the Church School children and staff for painting and planting the flower pots and decorating the pail of candies that were delivered to LCC’s home bound members! The gifts brought lots of smiles and Thank you’s when they were delivered!

Thank you to Deb Carpenter, Mavis Pommerer, Kathryn Spilman, and Janet Bassingthwaite for helping coordinating the project!

21 individuals received gifts that were delivered by Mavis Pommerer, Cherie Krueger, Kay Miller, Ruth Jensen, Sally Grenz, Pam Hanson, Mike Geiermann, Pastor Lisa, Kathryn Spilman, and Jessi Karvo!

Thank you for the help,
Helping Hands Committee

Quilts Needed - Heart River Bridges of Hope

Heart River Bridges of Hope is in need of quilts. The quilts are used for ministry to residents of the North Dakota Youth Correctional Center and Heart River Correctional Center (adult women). When youth leave the correctional center, they are given a quilt and assured that they are wrapped in God’s love and the love of the church community. Women are given a quilt as they arrive at the correctional center and are permitted to have it in their living space and use it while incarcerated. It’s a reminder that the community cares for them and provides comfort and hope. The women take the quilts with them as they transition back to the community. If your congregation has quilts to donate, please contact Pastor Gail Hagerty -pastor.gail@heartriverlutheran.org or 701-471-2400.

Book Club Choices: Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30pm in the Library.

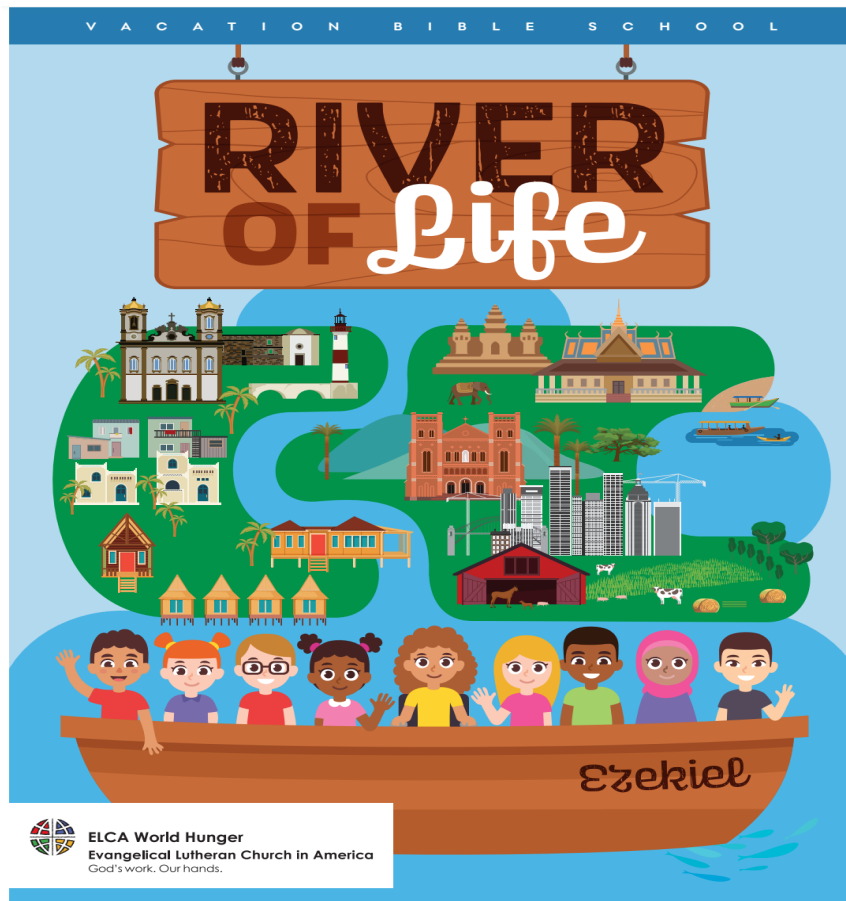
June: We are the Light by Matthew Quick

July: So Long Chester Wheeler by Catherine Ryan Hyde

August: The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate

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.

SAVE THE DATES! Vacation Bible School June 4 –7th



Time: 6:00-7:30
(light snack provided) Location:
United Church of
Christ.

Registration information is in the narthex. And as always- we will need a couple of volunteers to help each evening.

Please return the registration to the secretary's plastic bin by her door.

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

²**As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire,
let the wicked perish before God.**

³But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds —
his name is the LORD —**
be exultant before him.

⁵Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

⁶**God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!**

⁷O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
Selah

⁸the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;
¹⁰your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.
³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the LORD,
Selah
³³O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
³⁴Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel;
and whose power is in the skies.
³⁵Awesome is God in his sanctuary,
the God of Israel;

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *"Fall Like Rain"*

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.

The **2023 High School Graduates** being recognized are: Samantha Bergrud, Ava Johnson, Ashley Kindem, Ray Odgen, Parker Sagsveen, Marin Traynor, and Corina Ugland. Congratulations on reaching this milestone and God's blessings to you as you continue on life's journey wherever that may take you.

Thank you **David Johnson** for being here with us today and sharing your knowledge and your spiritual insights with us. We appreciate your taking the time out of your busy National Guard schedule.

Church School Teachers and Confirmation Small Group Leaders. LCC couldn't do it without you. We don't say thank you often enough for the time, effort, and planning you have put into making LCC's church school / confirmation program what it is. THANK YOU!

The **Prairie Lake Festival Quilt** auction will be held Saturday, June 17th at the Camp of the Cross Fellowship Center. Doors open at 9:00am to browse with the live quilt auction starting at 11:00am. There is also an online quilt auction which will open June 1 at noon. To bid you must register at <https://fundraiser.bid./prairielake>. More details about the online auction will be available on the COC website when you register. Consider being a Festival Sponsor: Bronze Sponsor-\$100, Silver Sponsor-\$250, Gold Sponsor-\$500, Festival sponsor-\$1000.

If you are contemplating donating a quilted item be it a table runner, wall hanging, child size, lap size, large, queen or king size quilt deadline to submit is May 26. There is a form on the COC website that needs to accompany the donated quilt item.

Arlene Hoglund's celebration of life service is Thursday, May 25 at 2pm here. Todd Wood's funeral is Friday, May 26 2pm here.

WEEKLY CALENDAR of May 21, 2023

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| Today, May 21: | Worship Service 10:00am Senior Recognition Coffee 11:00am |
| Monday, May 22: | Needlework Group 9am |
| Tuesday, May 23: | Staff Meeting 10:00am |
| Wednesday, May 24: | Women's Bible Study 9am Supper 5:15 pm Living Water Service 6:15pm Senior Recognition |
| Thursday, May 25: | Gather Bible Study 10:30am AA Meeting 7:30pm |
| Friday, May 26: | Wired Word 1:30pm |
| Saturday, May 27: | Men's Bible Study 10:00am |
| Sunday, May 28: | River Service 10:00am Coffee 11:00am |

Upcoming Events:
May 29 Memorial Day
Vacation Bible School June 4 –7th

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

SERMON: Rev. David Johnson

SONG OF THE DAY "Bind Us Together" ELW #748

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: "Open Our Eyes"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: "Now We Join in Celebration" ELW #462

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER Spoken

INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER *All are welcome*

COMMUNION SONG: "Beautiful Savior" ELW #838

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION Spoken

SENDING SONG: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" ELW #855

DISMISSAL: "My Lighthouse"

Introduction

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family



"THE RIVER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Lillian Crook

Greeters—Myrtice Behan, Daryl Hodnefield

Ushers—Keven & Janice Martin, Mike & Tracy Geiermann

Communion Assistants— Verlainne Jahner, Ruth Jensen, Melissa Long

Altar Guild— Krueger, Sarah Dahl, Kelly Olson

Faith & Care— Peggy & Bruce Hetland, Tracy & Mike Geiermann

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, Tracy Wolf, Marlene Grabow

Guitarists—Tom Wade, Marin Traynor

Percussionist— Kari Harris

Violinist—Fynn Sagsveen

Flutist—Beth Greff

Accompanists—Jan & Joel Gilbertson, 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 Hultin, John Behan, Bob Roesler, Josey Hanson, Earl Larson, Carolyn Wegerle, Nicole Eckroth, 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, Jeff Thomas, Chelsea Sorenson, Jean King, Kacy Toso, baby Faye Luna, and family

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—

Todd Wood, Arlene Hogle, Mary Schuler, Gary Mosbeck, LaVonne Hultin, Bernice Steinke, David Nygaard, Robert Scufka