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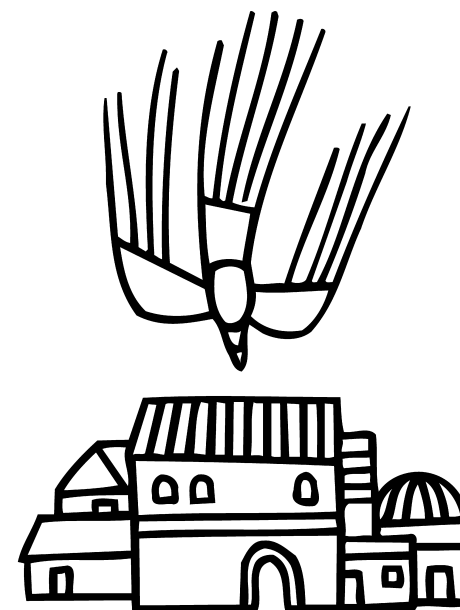
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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



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May 28, 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

“Remember, Rejoice, and Renew”, “God Bless America”, “Song for the Unsung Hero”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

SONG: *“America the Beautiful”*

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“O Holy Spirit, Enter In” ELW #786*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Joyce Wahl

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Hot Dish

1 pkg noodles
2 lb. hamburger
1 can tomato soup
1 can vegetable soup

Bernice Steinke

1 sm onion
1/2 c catsup
3/4 c water
salt & pepper to taste

Cook noodles and drain. Brown the hamburger with onion. Add other ingredients and bring to a boil. Add noodles and bake 40 minutes at 350°. Yield 8 servings.

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.

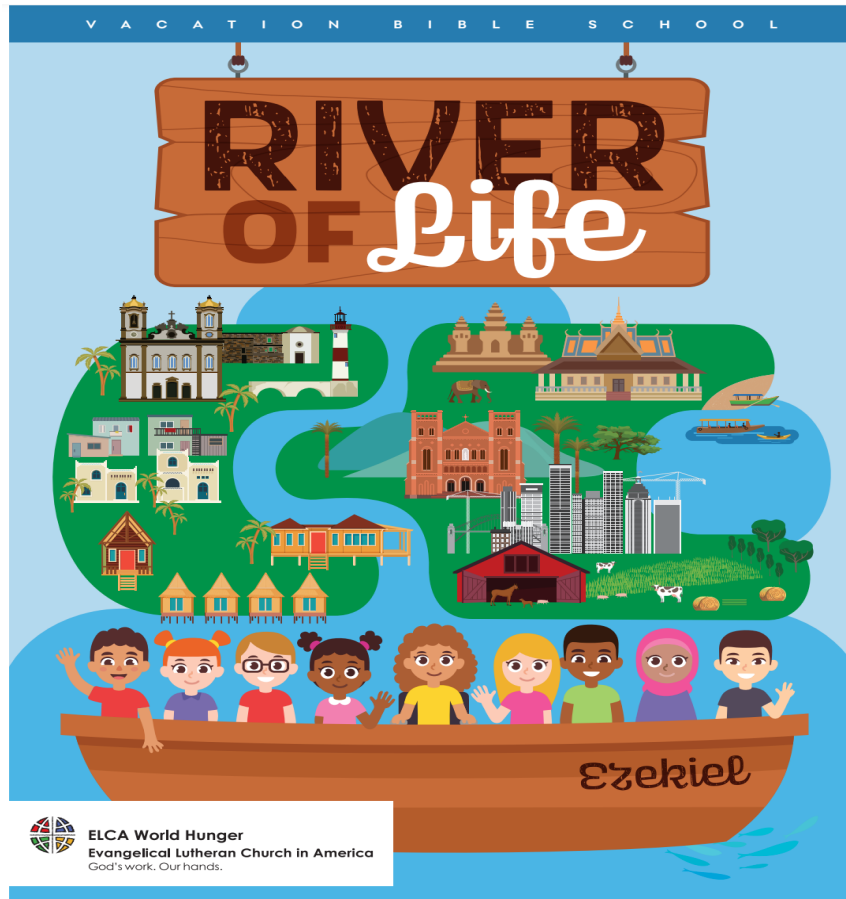
June: We are the Light by Matthew Quick

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.

⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season;**

²⁸When you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works —**

³²who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵**Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the LORD!**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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 **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.



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

WEEKLY CALENDAR of May 28, 2023

Today, May 28:	Worship Service 10:00am Senior Recognition Coffee 11:00am
Monday, May 29:	Memorial Day Office closed
Tuesday, May 30:	Staff Meeting 10:00am
Wednesday, May 31:	
Thursday, June 1:	LaVonne Hultin's Memorial 11am AA Meeting 7:30pm
Friday, June 2:	Wired Word 1:30pm
Saturday, June 3:	Men's Bible Study 10:00am
Sunday, June 4:	River Service 10:00am Coffee 11:00am

Upcoming Events:
Vacation Bible School June 4 –7th

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Halle Halle Hallelujah”*

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

SERMON: Pastor Lisa Ahlness

SONG OF THE DAY *“Glorify Thy Name “*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *“Open Our Eyes”*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“Now We Join in Celebration” ELW #462*

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: *"Here I Am, Lord"*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please Stand*

BENEDICTION Spoken

SENDING SONG: *"My Country, Tis of Thee"*

DISMISSAL: *"Battle Hymn"*

Introduction

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

"THE RIVER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Lillian Crook

Greeters—

Ushers—Larry & Verlaine Jahner, John & Jean Kraft

Communion Assistants— Heather Martin, Mavis Pommerer, Roger Krueger

Altar Guild—Barb Thomas, Cherie 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 Faya 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