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*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

# The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross  
July 2, 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**

*“Shall We Gather at the River” ELW #690, “America the Beautiful”,  
“Seek Ye First/Thy Word”, “God Bless America”*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:** *“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak” ELW #676*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*WE HEAR GOD’S WORD*

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 28:5-9

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

**Book Club Choices:** Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30pm in the Library.  
July: So Long Chester Wheeler by Catherine Ryan Hyde  
August: The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate

**Fresh Apple Cake**

4 c apples, peeled & diced  
2 c. sugar  
1/2 c oil  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 c. walnuts, chopped

**Gladys Bain**

2 tsp. vanilla  
2 c. flour  
2 tsp. cinnamon  
2 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. salt

Mix diced apples with sugar and allow to sit 10 minutes. Add oil, eggs, vanilla and nuts. Mix dry ingredients and add to apple batter. Pour into a 9 x 13 greased pan. Bake at 350 for 4—50 minutes until an inserted toothpick comes out clean. To serve, top with a generous portion of vanilla or rum sauce.



### **School Care Kits** (list found on the square card table in the narthex)

4 70 sheet notebooks  
1 16 or 24 crayons  
1 pencil sharpener  
1 12 inch ruler  
1 blunt scissors  
5 unsharpened #2 pencils w/erasers  
5 black or blue ballpoint pens  
1 2 1/2 eraser  
1 drawstring backpack 14" x 17". No standard backpacks please.

### **Lutheran College Scholarships**

If one of your family members is attending an ELCA college this next year, please contact Pastor Lisa for a simple application for our Lutheran College Scholarship. These congregational scholarships will be matched by any ELCA college. Don't miss this opportunity! Applications due July 15.

### **Summer Picnics and Outdoor Worship.**

The second Wednesday of each month this summer, we will gather for a picnic and brief outdoor worship. We will grill hamburgers, hotdogs, and chicken breasts, and provide paper products, silverware, drinks and fixings. Bring something to share, if you can, but come and enjoy! We do have some chairs and tables, but feel free to bring your favorite chair if you like. The summer Wednesdays will be July 12th, and August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will plan for food to be ready at 5:30 and worship at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

**"Father the Camp"** needs are listed on a colorful poster throughout LCC. Check out their needs.

The sound booth has a **listening assisted device** available for anyone to use. Please ask Lavern in the sound booth for the device and headset.

The **Burleigh County Senior Center** is in need of someone (s) delivering meals to seniors in our community. Nearly 300 meals are delivered daily to homebound seniors. Whether you can deliver once a month, 1 day a week or 5 days a week they will work with your schedule. They even offer mileage reimbursement. Call 255-4648 and ask for Trisha or Andrea and they'll provide more information or email: andread@burleighsenioradults.org

### **Responsive Reading Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**<sup>2</sup>I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:

**<sup>4</sup>I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations."**

#### **Selah**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

**<sup>16</sup>they exult in your name all day long,  
and extol your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.

**<sup>18</sup>For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23**

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

<sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *“When We Gather”*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

## **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.

### **Missouri Slope LCC**

Missouri Slope would like to invite you to participate in our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hillview Cup on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The format is a four-person scramble, so whether you are a beginner or a novice, please just come join in on a day of fun and fellowship. This year we are adding another competition, one between our nine-member churches. We are asking each church to create a team, (only one player needs to be a member of your church). More than one team per church is allowed to better your chances of winning the traveling trophy and bragging rights as the member church champion!

For more information and to register, please visit [charitygolftoday.com/missourislope](http://charitygolftoday.com/missourislope) or contact Cathy Anhalt at Missouri Slope, 701.221.9349

### **July Altar Focus: Baby Care Kits and School Kits**

• Please include sizes between 6 and 24 months. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows.

#### **INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH BABY CARE KIT**

TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)

TWO long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)

TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36” and 52” square

FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred

ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap

TWO pairs of socks

ONE hand towel, dark color recommended

TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini

or hotel size bars

TWO diaper pins or large safety pins

## WEEKLY CALENDAR of July 2, 2023

**Today, July 2**                      **Worship Service 10:00am**  
   **Coffee 11:00am**

**Monday, July 3**                      **Stitching Group 9am**  
   **Sweet Adelines practice 6-9:30pm**

**Tuesday, July 4:**                      **Fourth of July Office closed**

**Wednesday, July 5:**

**Thursday, July 6 :**                      **AA Meeting 7:30pm**

**Friday, July 7:**                      **Wired Word 1:30pm**

**Saturday, July 8:**                      **Men's Bible Study 10:00am**

**Sunday, July 9:**                      **River Service 10:00am**  
   **Coffee 11:00am**

**Upcoming Events**  
**Church Picnic and Worship, Book Club**      **July 12**  
**Church Council**                                      **July 13**

**SERMON:** Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**SONG OF THE DAY:** "All Are Welcome" ELW #641

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING:** "We Are An Offering"

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*WE SHARE THE MEAL*

**PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL**

**LORD'S PRAYER**      Spoken

**INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER**

**COMMUNION SONG:** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**      Spoken

**SENDING SONG:** "Blessed Assurance"

**DISMISSAL:** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

### **Introduction**

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.



## "THE RIVER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**Scripture Reader**—Kathy Drovdal

**Ushers**—Kathy & David Drovdal, Roger Krueger & Larry Jahner

**Communion Assistants**—Mike & Kim Humann, Myrtice Behan

**Altar Guild**—Jean Kraft, Barb Thomas, Sharon Narum, Verlaine Jahner

**Faith & Care**—Cheryl Moore & David Kraft, Suzie & Redge Finck

**River Worship Team**—

**Sound Board Technicians**—Lavern Hanson

**Projection Team**—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, John Behan, Bob Roesler, Earl Larson, Nancy Dockter, Lori Marx, Pastor Jerry Erickson, Hattie Martinson, Ed Decker, Carter Weigel, Kerry Carpenter, Mary Ternes, MaryBeth Osborn, Vicky Moser, Jeff Thomas, Chelsea Sorenson, Jean King, Kacy Toso, baby Faya Luna, and Toso family, Sharon Tabert, Jim Miller

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

Gladys Bain, Gary Hultin, Todd Wood, Arlene Hoglund, LaVonne Hultin. Allen Schreve