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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended 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

*“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”, “Mighty to Save”,
“Just As I Am (I Come Broken)”*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“Rise Up, O Saints of God!” ELW #669*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Joyce Wahl

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and

Baked French Toast

1 stick margarine
1 1/2 c milk
pinch of salt
1 c. brown sugar

Nancy DeGree

6 eggs
1 T. cinnamon
bread slices

Melt margarine in 9 x 13 inch pan. Mix brown sugar and cinnamon together and add to melted margarine. Cover with 2 layers of bread slices. Beat eggs, milk and salt. Pour over bread and cover. Chill overnight. Bake 30 minutes, uncovered at 350°. Serve with butter and syrup.



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

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 9th. We will plan for food to be ready at 5:30 and worship at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Did You Know...

The bulletin is on the website.
The weekly calendar is on the website and is sent out electronically.
The lights in the bathroom automatically turn on and off.
Our newsletter is called **The CrossWord** and is sent out via email monthly. Open it up and read all about the happenings at LCC.

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

Many thanks to the men who have gone up to help out cleaning and doing whatever else has been needed to be done.

The first of the **summer potluck picnics** and worship times had a great turnout. Thanks to the grillers, setter uppers and cleaners who came and helped.

set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Responsive Reading Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

³Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Praise the Name of Jesus”*

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.”

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.

June Altar Focus: LWR Baby Care 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

We will announce a day later in the summer when we will be assembling the baby care kits. Come and join in if you can.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR of June 18, 2023

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| Today, June 18: | Worship Service 10:00am Coffee 11:00am Sponsorship of worship & meal at COC |
| Monday, June 19: | Stitching Group 9am Sweet Adelines practice 6-9:30pm |
| Tuesday, June 20: | Staff Meeting 10:00am |
| Wednesday, June 21: | |
| Thursday, June 22: | AA Meeting 7:30pm |
| Friday, June 23: | Wired Word 1:30pm |
| Saturday, June 24: | Men's Bible Study 10:00am |
| Sunday, June 25: | River Service 10:00am Coffee 11:00am |

¹⁶“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

SERMON: Pastor Lisa Ahlness

SONG OF THE DAY *"Our God"*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *"I Love You, Lord"*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *"Above All"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Please Stand

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER Sung

INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: *"I Love to Tell the Story" ELW #661*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION *"The Lord Be With You"*

SENDING SONG: *"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"*

DISMISSAL: *"Pass It On"*

Introduction

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

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"THE RIVER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Janet Doerner

Ushers—David & Kathy Drovdal, Joel & Suzanne Toso

Communion Assistants— Rich Fockler, Donna Belisle, Sheila Koffler

Altar Guild—Donna Belisle, Sarah Dahl, Suzanne Toso, Valerie Kunz

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

River Worship Team—

Sound Board Technicians—Terry Grenz, 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, Gary Hultin, John Behan, Bob Roesler, Earl Larson, Gladys Bain, Nancy Dockter, Lori Marx, Pastor Jerry Erickson, Hattie Martinson, Ed Decker, Carter Weigel, Kerry Carpenter, Mary Ternes, David Marx and grandson, MaryBeth Osborn, Vicky Moser, Jeff Thomas, Chelsea Sorenson, Jean King, Kacy Toso, baby Faya Luna, and family, Sharon Tabert

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—

Todd Wood, Arlene Hoglund, Mary Schuler, Gary Mosbeck, LaVonne Hultin, Bernice Steinke