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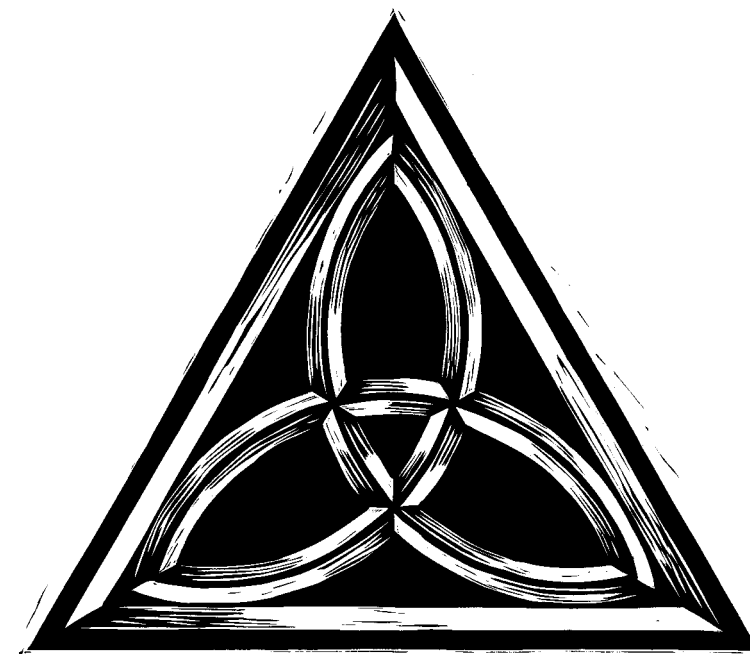
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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



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June 4, 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

“His Glory Appears”, “Beautiful Savior”, “Blessed Assurance”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“Holy, Holy, Holy” ELW #413*

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

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.

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

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 June 14th, July 12th, and August 9th. Mark your calendars now! We will plan for food to be ready at 5:30 and worship at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Welcome New Members on June 11!

We hope you can join us on Sunday, June 11, as we welcome these new members to LCC: John and Charmaine Wehmhoefer, Lynn and Marlene Grabow, and Larry and MariLynn Herman. Please greet them and invite them to join in your favorite activities at church!

Olga's Dream Bars

1/2 c. butter

1/2 c. brown sugar

1 c. flour

1 c. brown sugar

2 beaten eggs

Carol Samuelson

1 T. flour

1/4 tsp. salt

1 1/2 c coconut

1 c. chopped nuts

Mix first three ingredients. Pat into a 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Mix remaining 6 ingredients; spread over first mixture. Bake at 350° For 25 minutes. Cool; cut into bars. Yield 24 to 30 bars.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” ²⁷So

God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 8

¹O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

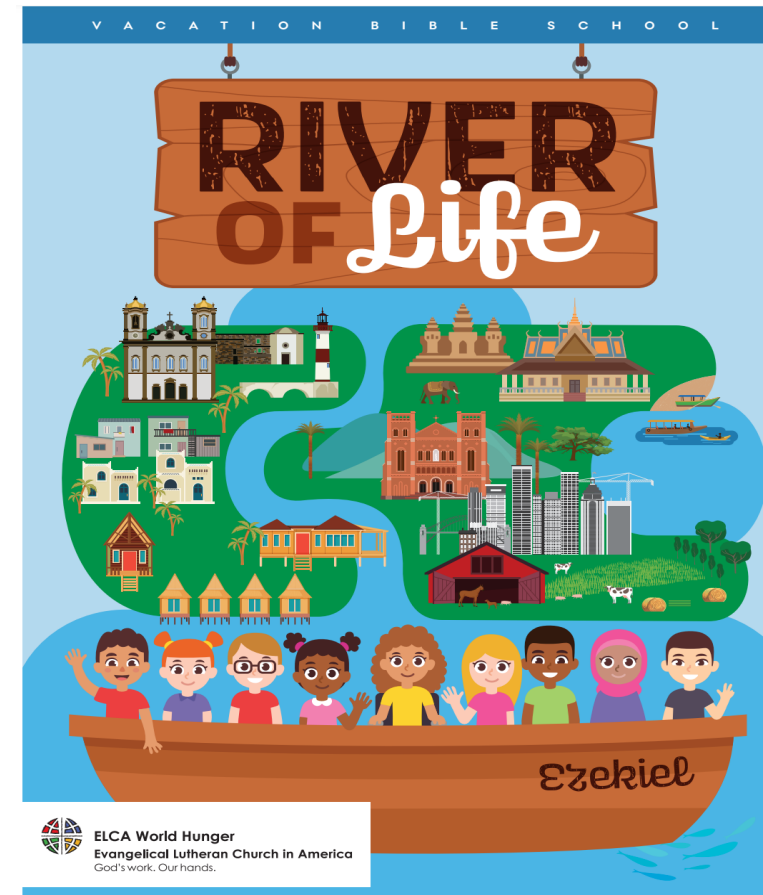
²**Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

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.



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.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR of June 4, 2023

Today, June 4:	Worship Service 10:00am Coffee 11:00am VBS 6-7:30pm
Monday, June 5:	Stitching Group 9am VBS 6-7:30pm
Tuesday, June 6:	Staff Meeting 10:00am VBS 6-7:30pm
Wednesday, June 7:	
Thursday, June 8:	Church Council 6:30pm AA Meeting 7:30pm
Friday, June 9:	Wired Word 1:30pm
Saturday, June 10:	Men's Bible Study 10:00am
Sunday, June 11:	River Service 10:00am Coffee 11:00am

Upcoming Events:

June 8 Church Council 6:30pm
June 11 New Member Sunday
June 14 Picnic & Worship
June 18 LCC sponsorship of worship & meal at COC

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 8

⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;**
you have put all things under their feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,**
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "How Great is Our God"

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

SERMON: Bishop Craig Schweitzer

SONG OF THE DAY “*God, Whose Almighty Word*“ ELW #673

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: “*Alleluia Give the Glory*”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Please Stand

WE SHARE THE MEAL

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

LORD’S PRAYER Spoken

BENEDICTION Spoken

SENDING SONG: “*Shine Jesus Shine*”

DISMISSAL: “*Blessed Be your Name*”

Introduction Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today’s second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

“THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Joel Toso

Ushers—John & Jean Kraft, Janice & Keven Martin

Communion Assistants— David Drovdal, Verlaine Jahner, Tracy Geiermann

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— 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, 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

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—

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