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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



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July 23, 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

“Our God”, “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”, “How Great is Our God”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: “Oh, Worship the King” ELW #842

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Book Club Choices: Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30pm in the Library.
August: The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate

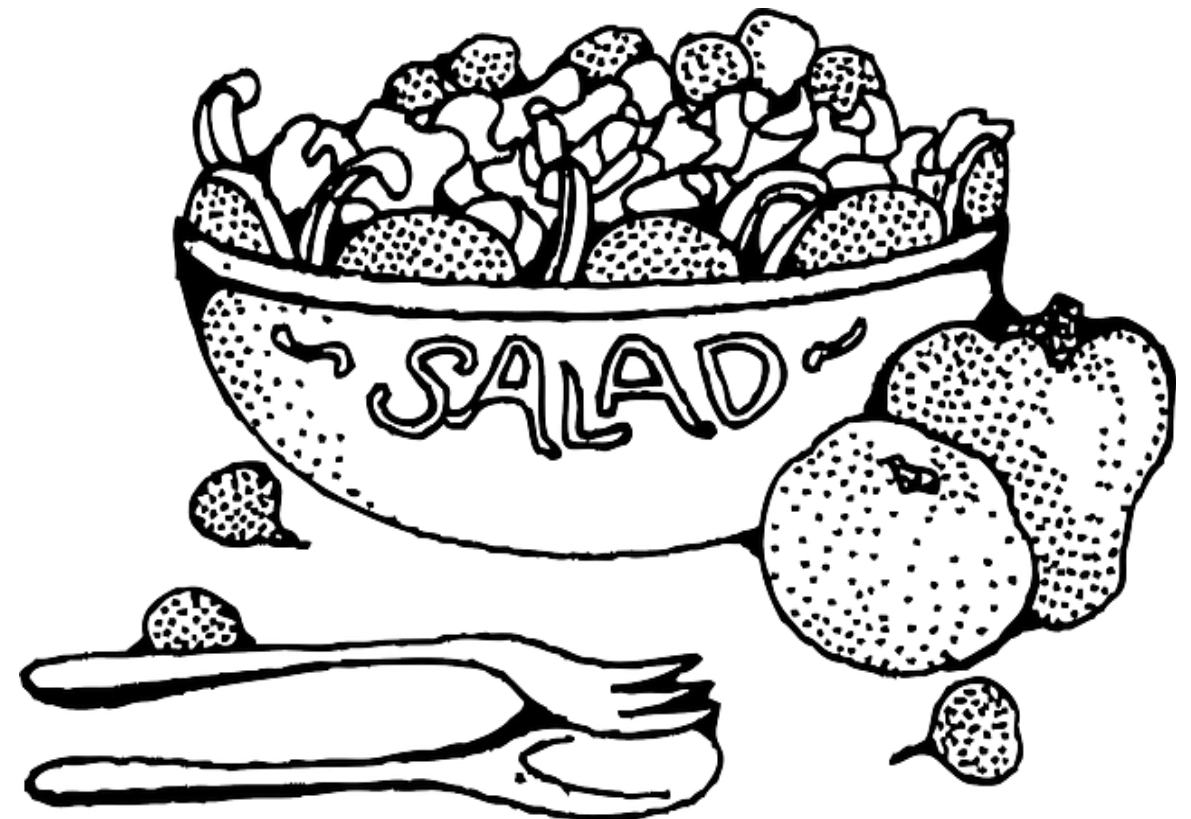
Tomato Pie

1 can baking powder biscuits
4 to 8 tomatoes, peeled & Sliced
1/2 c diced onions
1/2 c diced green pepper

Wilma Pierson

1 c. grated Mozzarella cheese
1 c. mayonnaise
1 tsp. salt
dash of pepper

Mix a 9” inch pie pan with biscuit dough. Slice tomatoes in separate bowl in order to drain off juice. Place onions, peppers and drained tomatoes over biscuits. Sprinkle salt and pepper over them. Spread the mayonnaise over the sprinkle cheese on tope. Bake @ 350 ° for about 45 minutes. Delicious and different.



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 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!

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.

Camp of the Cross' Ministries' Night Out at the Ballpark is scheduled for August 4th. Tickets are \$15 or \$25. Visit larkstickets.com for more information. On August 8th CCM is also sponsoring **Prairie Masters Golf Tournament** at the Garrison Golf Club. All proceeds from the tournament will go towards providing faith filled experiences to campers at Camp of the Cross. Check out more information at info@campofthecross.com.



Dear Beloved LCC Friends,
We appreciate each and every one of you for the love and kindness you have shared with the Bain Family from the time way back in 1955 when the church started until now. All four of us faithfully attended the church and were baptized and confirmed at this beautiful place. We ate many Jello salads and hot dishes there as well as getting Cracker Jacks after the Children's Christmas program! Thank you dear friends for those memories and the new memories that were made just a few weeks ago when you helped memorialize our beautiful mom, Gladys Bain. Everything was perfect..the music, the ser-

vice, the flowers, and the food but most importantly was the kindness and thoughtful ways you shared with us. We truly are blessed with the LCC family and so appreciate each one of you.

Love,
Steve Bain
Karen Johnson
Susie Queen
Alan Bain and our families

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

Responsive Reading Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹²**I give thanks to you, O LORD my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.**

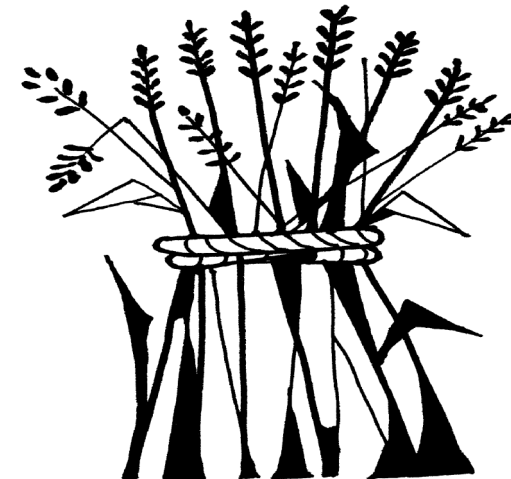
¹³For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

¹⁴**O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.**

¹⁵But you, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

¹⁶**Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving girl.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.



SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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.

Thank you Pastor Krogstad for sharing with us your words of wisdom and insight. We are glad you are a member here and can worship with us today

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

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR of July 23, 2023

Today, July 23:	Worship Service 10:00am Coffee 11:00am
Monday, July 24:	Stitching Group 9am Sweet Adelines practice 6-9:30pm
Tuesday, July 25:	
Wednesday, July 26:	Women's Bible Study 9am
Thursday, July 27:	AA Meeting 7:30pm
Friday, July 28:	Wired Word 1:30pm
Saturday, July 29:	Men's Bible Study 10:00am
Sunday, July 30:	River Service 10:00am Coffee 11:00am

Upcoming Events
Aug. 9 Picnic and worship
Aug. 10 Church Council
Aug. 16 Block Party with UCC

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *"When We Gather"*

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

SERMON Pastor Sondra Krogstad

SONG OF THE DAY: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ELW #693

APOSTLES' CREED

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING: *"Give Thanks"*

OFFERING PRAYER

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER: *"Lord's Prayer"* (Gilbertson)

INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: *"Better Is One Day"*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION: *"The Lord Be With You"*

SENDING SONG: *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling "* ELW #631

DISMISSAL: *"How Great Is Our God"*

Introduction God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

"THE RIVER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Murray Sagsveen

Greeters—

Ushers—David & Kathy Drovdal, Keven & Janice Martin

Communion Assistants—Roger & Esther Anderson, Kay Koch

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, Rod Sargent, Art Wheeler

Streaming Team— 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, 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, Heidi Renner, Peg Ahlness, Lois Kunze

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—

Glen Blanchard, Patty McVane, Ed Decker, Allen Shreve, Gladys Bain