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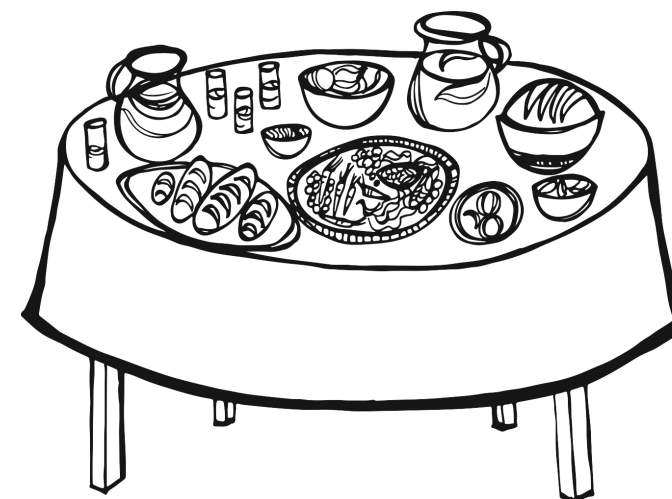
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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross
October 15, 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

“Who Am I”, “I Will Call Upon the Lord”, “Blessed Be Your Name”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“All that We Have”*

CHILDREN’S SERMON Joyce Wahl

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

- ¹O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- ²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
- ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,

Your **Endowment Fund Committee** will be hosting a brunch, in the fellowship hall, following the service on Nov. 5th. There is no cost to attend and Committee Members will be available to answer questions regarding LCC’s Endowment Fund. Please join us as we say thank you to all who support LCC.

A contribution to the Endowment Fund is an amazing gift that is never used up. Your gift is added to the balance of the Fund, and the Fund grows. As the Fund grows, the annual distribution increases, enabling the ministries of Lutheran Church of the Cross to increase. And far into the future, when we can’t know what the appropriate ministries will be, the future church leaders will make decisions based on current needs, and your gift will be part of that future ministry. After other gifts have been expended, the Endowment Fund continues to provide a reminder of the faith and witness of its donors.

Ken Will, Chairperson	Kerry Carpenter
Art Wheeler, Financial Secretary	Cherie Krueger
Rita Staloch, Recording Secretary	Lisa Ahlness
Alex Spilman	

93rd Performance of Handel’s “Messiah” at Trinity
Sunday, November 19, 2023, 7:00 PM
at Trinity Lutheran 502 N 4th St. Bismarck, ND 58501

For the 93rd time, musicians from across the region will come together at Trinity to present G.F. Handel’s most famous work, *Messiah*. Our conductor this year is Dr. Jason Thoms, Director of Choral Activities, Bismarck State College. Tickets will be available at the door.

The Messiah committee invites you to participate in this beautiful community tradition. How can you be involved?

- “ Sing! All singers are welcome! Rehearsals are held on Sundays, 4-6 p.m. First Rehearsal is Sunday, October 15, in the Trinity sanctuary.*
- “ Rehearsal tracks are available, check at rehearsal.*
- “ Come to the performance! Celebrate the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace!*

Handel’s “Messiah” rehearsals begin **this Sunday** at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck. All singers are welcome! Contact Pastor Mary Lou Aune at aune@trinitybismarck.com if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration!

SAVE THE DATES for Theology On Tap- the third Thursday of the month
October 19th 7pm @ Lucky 13 Pub (on the patio-fingers crossed)
November 16th 7pm @ Stonehome
December no meeting

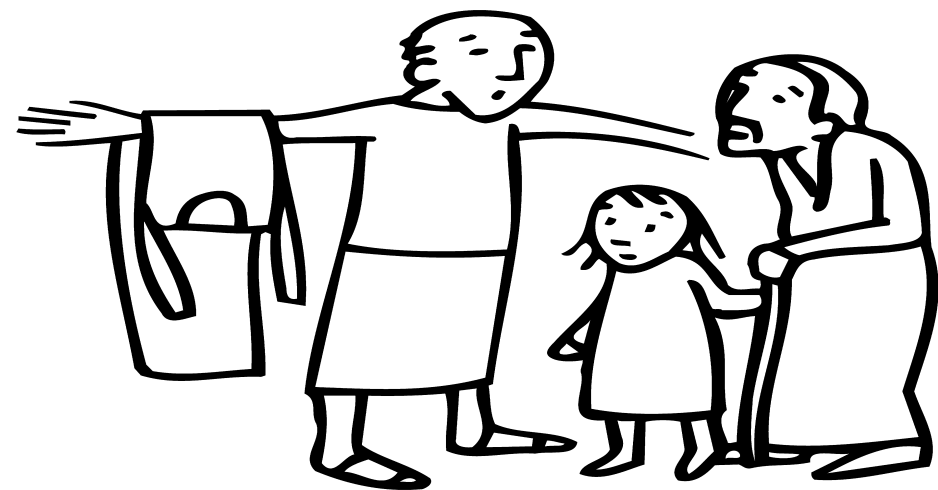
The **church directory** is out on the table in the narthex for your review. Have you removed your landline? Changed or added an email address? Moved? Had a child? If so, please add these things to your family's section. If nothing has changed just write OK, or your initials to your section and the secretary will know to keep the information as is. **Please note:** we are doing a pictorial directory!!! We are not using an outside source but will rely on the congregation to provide their own photos if able to do so. The church office would like individuals and families to submit a photo of yourself or family to the church secretary so that LCC can produce a pictorial directory online (not on LCC's website) through a secure web portal and also on paper. Please submit the jpeg photo electronically to: churchsecretary@midconetwork.com. Photos can be taken on your phone or camera. They do not need to be professionally done. Take a selfie! Ask your neighbor! Let's get this project started and completed by Thanksgiving!

October Altar Focus Closet 701; connected with Heavens Helper Soup Café but located on Main Ave Needed now for the upcoming fall and winter season is outwear for men, women and children. Jeans for men are always in need.

Bible Study with Rabbi Noah and Holly Ullman this Friday, October 20th! Some of you have already experienced a Bible study session with Noah Ullman - it is extraordinary and fascinating and you will never forget it! Rabbi Noah will be here at LCC this Friday, October 20th, for another study opportunity. His wife Holly - who recently was the Bible study leader at the women's retreat at Camp of the Cross - will join him this time. We will provide a simple supper beginning at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. Come whenever you can - the study will start at 6 pm and go until 8 pm. Don't miss it! All are welcome - bring a friend. This is their life's work, so a free will offering will be taken for the Ullmans.

Faith Lutheran Church is sponsoring Pie and Coffee Day Saturday, October 21 from 9—2pm. But don't let the name fool you. There's more than just pie and coffee. It's a bazaar with homemade lefse and knoephla, hand crafter items, quilts, cards and white elephant treasures. Even soup and sandwiches at lunch time. Have your morning coffee there and purchase an item or two from the craft table.

a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.



RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff —

they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

my whole life long.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4: 1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your

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

Book Club Choices: Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30pm in the Library.

October: West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

November: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Gamus

Consider coming to the Book Club. We have interesting and lively discussions of each book. A variety of subjects are read but usually works of fiction.

Thank you Pastor Sondra for sharing your words of wisdom with us this Sunday. We appreciate you.

Coffee servers and dishwashers are needed. Sign up please.

The sign up list for **Trunk or Treat** is in the narthex. We need at least 10 trunks to make this happen. Please sign up. Deadline is October 22. As a grown up do you still have that child in you? Do you remember dressing up and enjoying being Fred Flintstone or the one eyed pirate? Come venture out and deck out your trunk in whatever theme you wish. Candy donations are welcome also.

The **trees** have been trimmed thanks to Paul Gurholt for the donation of the use of the scissors lift and for John Kraft who braved the lift way up high to trim up the trees on the church property.

For you coffee lovers, “**Love Buzz**”, “**Mind, Body & Soul**”, “**Columbian**” and a decaffeinated coffee has been restocked from Equal Exchange. Money goes to the Youth Group.

Church Council has been moved to Tuesday, October 17 @ 6:30pm.

Thank you to Deb Carpenter for donating the two living plant terrariums.

WEEKLY CALENDAR of October 15, 2023

Today, October 15:	Worship Service Coffee Hour 11:00am
Monday, October 16:	Stitching Group 9am Sweet Adelines 6-9:30pm
Tuesday, October 17:	Church Council 6:30pm
Wednesday, October 18:	Supper 5:15pm Worship Service 6:00pm Confirmation/Church School 7pm River practice 7pm
Thursday, October 19:	Gather Bible Study 10:30am Quilting 1pm Theology on Tap 7pm AA Meeting 7:30pm
Friday, October 20:	Wired Word 1:30pm Supper & Bible Study 5pm
Saturday, October 21:	Men's Bible Study 10:00am River practice 4pm
Sunday, October 22:	River Service 10:00am Coffee Hour 11:00am New member class 11:00am
Upcoming Events	
October 29	Confirmation
November 5	Trunk or Treat 2-3pm Brunch

hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “*Jesus Messiah*”

GOSPEL: Mathew 22:1-14

Matthew 22:1-14

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there

will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

SERMON Pastor Sondra Krogstad

SONG OF THE DAY: *"My Life Is In You, Lord"*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *"Open Our Eyes"*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING: *"Give Thanks"*

OFFERING PRAYER

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER: "Lord's Prayer"

INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: *Psalm 23 "Surely Good, Surely Mercy"*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION: *"Benediction"*

SENDING SONG: *"Sent Forth By God's Blessing" ELW #547*

DISMISSAL: *"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy"*

"THE RIVER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Sarah Dahl

Greeters—Floy Marx

Ushers—John Kraft & Roger Krueger, Rich & Judy Fockler

Communion Assistants—Heather Martin, Donna Belisle, Mavis Pommerer

Faith & Care—Janet & Troy Bassingthwaite, Nikki & Ryan Taylor, Sarah & Brian Dahl

River Worship Team—

Sound Board Technicians—LaVern Hanson, Larry Wolf

Projection Team—Caden Kunze, Jace Kunze, Rod Sargent, Art Wheeler

Streaming Team—Mark Kunze, Karen Will

River Singers—Deb Carpenter, Kerry Carpenter, Marlene Grabow, Sally Grenz, Paul Gurholt, Doug Johnson, Cherie Krueger, AJ Marx, Amanda Sagsveen, Gerri Sarsten, John Sayler, Claudia Thompson, Tom Wade, Barb Wilson, Tracy Wolf

Guitarists—Tom Wade

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, Bob Roesler, Earl Larson, Nancy Dockter, Lori Marx, Hattie Martinson, Carter Weigel, Kerry Carpenter, Josey Hanson, Mary Ternes, Vicky Moser, Jeff Thomas, Jean King, Jim Miller, Heidi Renner, Peg Ahlness, Jacob Walby, Kristy Forrest, JoDee Sayler

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—

Kathy Van Middlesworth