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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross
October 22, 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

*“Here I Am to Worship” , “This is My Father’s World” ELW #824,
“Beautiful Savior” ELW #838*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“Take My Life, That I May Be” ELW #583*

CHILDREN’S SERMON Joyce Wahl

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,

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
Art Wheeler, Financial Secretary
Rita Staloch, Recording Secretary
Alex Spilman

Kerry Carpenter
Cherie Krueger
Lisa Ahlness



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! The church office has received 9 photos so far (Thank you!) and the secretary has included them into the paper directory. The photos are absolutely wonderful and will make the directory so worthwhile once we have all of the photos included. Get yours in!!

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.

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!*

³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)

¹O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
²**Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**
³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
⁴**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.**
⁵For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶**Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

⁹Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰**Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

¹²**let the field exult, and everything in it.**

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

¹³before the LORD; for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention
you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our
God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we
know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has
chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to
you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy
Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind
of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And
you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of
persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the
Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the be-
lievers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

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.

November: Someone Else's Shoes by JoJo Moyes

December: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Gamus

January: The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

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.

Coffee servers and dishwashers are needed. Sign up please.

Today is the deadline for signing up for Trunk or Treat. We have 5 people signed
up so far. We need 10 trunks. If the numbers don't change today it will be can-
celled.

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.

New member class will be rescheduled at a later date.

Thank you Pastor Kormos for sharing your wisdom with us today.

SAVE THE DATES for Theology On Tap- the third Thursday of the month
November 16th 7pm @ Stonehome
December no meeting

WEEKLY CALENDAR of October 22, 2023

Today, October 22:	Worship Service Coffee Hour 11:00am
Monday, October 23:	Stitching Group 9am Sweet Adelines 6-9:30pm
Tuesday, October 24:	
Wednesday, October 25:	Women's Bible Study 9am Supper 5:15pm Worship Service 6:00pm Confirmation/Church School 7pm River practice 7pm
Thursday, October 26:	Quilting 1pm AA Meeting 7:30pm
Friday, October 27:	Wired Word 1:30pm
Saturday, October 28:	Men's Bible Study 10:00am River practice 4pm Confirmation Banquet 5:30pm
Sunday, October 29:	Confirmation River Service 10:00am Reception ????????Trunk or Treat 2-3pm
Future Events November 5	Brunch

⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "*Great is the Lord*"

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SERMON Pastor Sharon Kormos

SONG OF THE DAY: *"Glory and Praise To Our God"*

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: Spoken

INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" ELW #623*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION: Spoken

SENDING SONG: *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ELW #834*

DISMISSAL: *"Great is the Lord"*

"THE RIVER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Myrtice Behan

Greeters—Kay Koch, Myrtice Behan

Ushers—Art Wheeler & Lee Jensen, John Kraft

Communion Assistants—Ruth Jensen, Roger & Esther Anderson

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—