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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

June 2, 2024

10:00am

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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

“It is Well”, “Beautiful Savior” ELW 838, “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“Gather Us In” ELW 532*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Camp of the Cross scholarships available for campers!

Have you ever been to Camp of the Cross, near Garrison? It is fantastic! Check out the brochures on the kids’ table near the library and see all the summer opportunities for youth. (The bulletin board has upcoming retreats, as well!) We don’t want cost to be an impediment to your child being able to have this fabulous camp experience. \$100 scholarships are available. Please contact Pastor Lisa or treasurer Art Wheeler.

Save The Dates: Picnics and Worship June 12, July 10, August 14 along with Church Council following.

Hillview Cup Golf Tournament July 11th (MSLCC)
VBS First week in August 4—7
Neighborhood Block Party August 7 with UCC

In the Footsteps of Paul tour coming in March 2025!

We have many tools to help Bible stories come alive for us: maps, study guides, commentaries, different translations. But nothing brings more aha! moments and enhances understanding better than traveling to the places and getting to know the context that surround and shape the story. Pastor Lisa will be leading a group to Greece and Turkey, to some of the places where Paul preached and ministered, from March 18-29, 2025. You will visit Thessaloniki, Philippi, the Meteora monasteries, Delphi, Athens, a 4 day cruise excursion taking us to Mykonos, Ephesus (Turkey), Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini; and Corinth, before returning to Athens for departure. Full information is available now; let Pr. Lisa know if you are interested in hearing more about it or know someone who might like to go.



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.

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

June: The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

July: To Heaven & Back by Mary C. Neal

Consider coming to the Book Club. You'll meet people with a common interest: the love of reading. We have interesting and lively discussions of each book and even rate the book from 1—10. A variety of subjects are read but usually works of fiction. Come share your favorite reads with us.

The **beautiful flowers** are given in loving memory of Don & Clara Raatz and their family from their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Congratulations on the birth of daughter Viella. Parents are Preston and Vanessa Martin. Blessings to you!

There are more **T-shirts** out in the narthex for the taking.

The **Church Council** will be meeting after worship on the Wednesday picnic evenings during the summer.

Church picnics: June 12, July 10, and Aug. 14. The church will furnish the hamburgers, chicken, buns, condiments, and water. Feel free to bring a dish to share of your favorite summer dish. Supper at 5:15pm Worship at 6pm, Church Council 7pm. Volunteers are needed for setting up, grillers and tearing down. Come on out and enjoy fellowship time that only outdoors, picnics and friends can provide.

With the **Block Party August 7** volunteers for setting up here are needed as well as volunteers for the bars and cookies that we will be serving here.

Volunteers will also be needed for VBS. Registration will be coming

Thank you Pastor Sondra for presiding over the service today. We appreciate you!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 81:1-10

¹Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

²**Raise a song, sound the tambourine,
the sweet lyre with the harp.**

³Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our festal day.

⁴**For it is a statute for Israel,
an ordinance of the God of Jacob.**

⁵He made it a decree in Joseph,
when he went out over the land of Egypt.

I hear a voice I had not known:

⁶**“I relieved your shoulder of the burden;
your hands were freed from the basket.**

⁷In distress you called, and I rescued you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

Selah

⁸**Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

⁹There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

¹⁰**I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *"How Great Is Our God"*

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36-49

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

WEEKLY CALENDAR of June 2, 2024

Today, June 2:

**River Service 10:00am
Coffee Hour 11:00am**

Monday, June 3:

Needlework Group 9:00am

Tuesday, June 4:

Wednesday, June 5:

Thursday, June 6:

AA Meeting 8pm

Friday, June 7:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, June 8:

Men's Bible Study 10am

Sunday, June 9:

**River Service 10am
Coffee Hour 11:00am**

Future Happenings

Picnic, Worship and Church Council June 12

Father the Camp flyers are in the narthex with Mother the Camp display.

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:

Tracy Martinson, Ann Hillesland, Arlene Wolff, Bob Roesler, Earl Larson, Nancy Dockter, Lori Marx, Hattie Martinson, Carter Weigel, Josey Hanson, Jeff Thomas, Heidi Renner, Kristy Forrest, JoDee Sayler, Colter Lee, Arvid Mugaas, Elizabeth Hoglund, Diane Klein, Peg Ahlness, Kaylynn Harris, Pam Morris, Jaden Kunze, Libby Martin, Deacon Janie Hague, Kira Willadsen, Kerry Carpenter, Linda Marson, Lonnie Sunde, Jacob Hynek, Art Wheeler, Reece Fischer

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones— Roberta Kunze, Leo Wolf

SERMON: Bishop Craig Schweitzer video

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”*

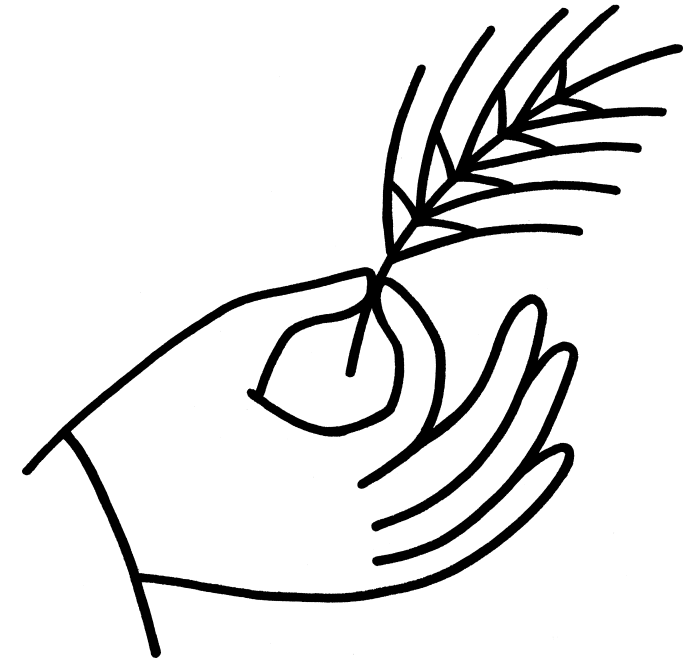
APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *“I Love You Lord”*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING: *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

OFFERING PRAYER



WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER: spoken

INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* ELW 502

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION: spoken

SENDING SONG: *"God Will Make a Way"*

DISMISSAL: *"Let It Rise"*

INTRODUCTION: Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

"THE RIVER" and "LIVING WATER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Roger Krueger

Ushers— Keven Martin & Larry Jahner

Communion Assistants—David Drovdal, Rich Fockler, Verlaine Jahner

Altar Guild— Donna Belisle, Joyce Wahl, Suzanne Toso, Valerie Kunze

River Worship Team—

Sound Board Technicians— Larry Wolf, Francis Greff

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

Streaming Team— Mark Kunze, Karen Will, Art Wheeler

River Singers— Deb Carpenter, Kerry Carpenter, Marlene Grabow, Sally Grenz, Paul Gurholt, Doug Johnson, Cherie Krueger, AJ Marx, Mark Murie, Amanda Sagsveen, John Sayler, Tom Wade, Barb Wilson

Percussionist— Kari Harris

Violinist—Fynn Sagsveen

Flutist—Beth Greff

Accompanists—Gerri Sarsten, Luke Weber, Beth Greff, Jan & Joel Gilbertson

Living Water Worship Team

Living Water Singers—Joel Crane, Amanda Sagsveen, Brandi Ellison, Annabelle Ellison, Emmeline Chopourian-Jack, Kerry Carpenter, Keelin Traynor, Deb Carpenter

Percussionist—Kari Harris

Guitarists— Kolton Harris, Joel Crane

Accompanist and Sound—Beth Greff