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*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

# The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

May 12, 2024

10:00am

*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**“The River” Worship Service**  
**May 12, 2024**

*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**

*“Open the Eyes of My Heart”, “10,000 Reasons”, “Blessed Be Your Name”*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:** *“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!” ELW 393*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*WE HEAR GOD’S WORD*

**FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17,21-26**

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his

**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**  
**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.

We have a new **Pentecost bulletin board** done by Deb Sargent.



## 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.

**Mother the Camp** will be May's Altar Focus. The lists are placed throughout the narthex. Camp of the Cross thanks you.

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

We would like to **thank each and every one of you** for your caring support and prayers for Jim and I over the last 10 months. Jim is well on his way in his recovery having completed his physical therapy last week. There is still more work to be done but we are certainly heading in the right direction. A special thank you to Pastor Lisa and Pastor Sondra for their support and visits at the hospital and later at home. Thank you. Jim and Kay Miller.

**Seniors** graduating this year are Callie Collins and Keelin Traynor. LCC will recognize them both on Sunday and Wednesday May 19 & 22.



own place.”<sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

### RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**<sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees

planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

**<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**<sup>6</sup>for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *“Fall Like Rain”*

**GOSPEL READING:** John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

**SERMON:** Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**SONG OF THE DAY:** *“Son of God, Eternal Savior” ELW 655*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:** *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” ELW 752*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING:** *“Offering”*

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR of May 12, 2024**

**Today, May 12:**

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

**Monday, May 13:**

**Needlework Group 9:00am**

**Tuesday, May 14:**

**Wednesday, May 15:**

**Supper 5pm  
Living Water Service 6:15pm  
Church school, Confirmation,  
River practice 7pm**

**Thursday, May 16:**

**Gather Bible Study 9am  
Quilting 1pm  
Theology on Tap 7pm  
AA Meeting 8pm**

**Friday, May 17:**

**Wired Word 1:30pm**

**Saturday, May 18:**

**Men’s Bible Study 10am**

**Sunday, May 19:**

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

### **Future Happenings**

**May 19th & 22nd Graduates honored**

**May 20th Knitting 4 Others 1pm**

**May 22 Women’s Bible Study 9am, Last Wednesday Service**

**May 27 Memorial Day Office closed**

## **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, 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 Hogle, Diane Klein, Kaylynn Harris, Pam Morris, Jaden Kunze, Libby Martin, Deacon Janie Hague, Kira Willadsen, Kerry Carpenter, Linda Marson, Leo Wolf, Glenn, Lonnie Sunde, Jacob Hynek, Roberta Kunze

**For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—** Bill Sommers

## *WE SHARE THE MEAL*

### **PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL**

**LORD'S PRAYER:** Spoken

### **INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER**

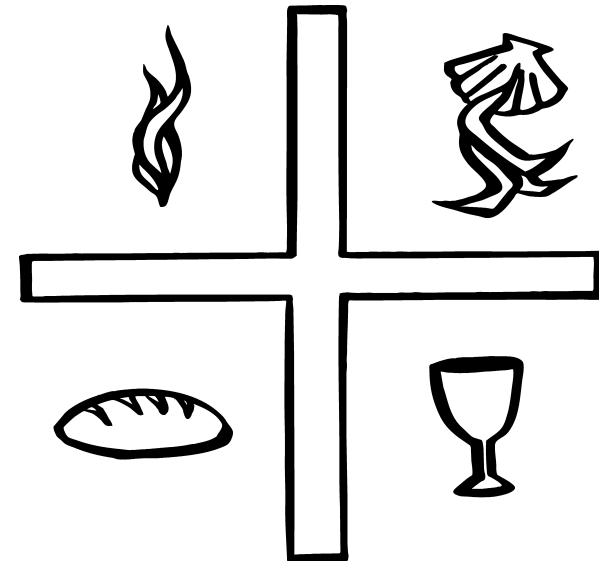
**COMMUNION SONG:** *"Just As I Am"*

### **COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION:** Spoken

**SENDING SONG:** *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

**DISMISSAL:** *"Step By Step"*



## INTRODUCTION:

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!



## “THE RIVER” and “LIVING WATER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**Scripture Reader**—Kathy Drovdal

**Ushers**— Larry & Verlaine Jahner, Roger Krueger, Lee Jensen

**Communion Assistants**—Myrtice Behan, Verlaine Jahner, Ken Will

**Altar Guild**—Barb Thomas, Suzanne Toso, Sarah Dahl, Kelly Olson

**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