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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

June 30, 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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”, “My Worth is Not in What I Own”, “Who Am I?”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW 712

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

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.

LCC is invited to the **Highland Acres Second Sunday Summer concerts.**

July 14 — Jennifer Lyn & Richard Torrance

August 11 — The Bluestems

6:30—8 pm in the soccer field of Highland Acres Elementary School

Food trucks and Ice cream trucks will be there.

6th Annual 18 hole Hillview Cup Golf Tournament July 11, 2024. Proceeds go to the LSLCC Foundation. Continental, breakfast, lunch and dinner provided. \$150/golfer, \$600/team of four. At Prairie West Golf Course, Mandan, ND.

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

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.

The third quarter daily devotionals; **Christ in Our Home** are out in the narthex.

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.

July: To Heaven & Back by Mary C. Neal

August: The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens

September: Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

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.

We are on a roll with **birthdays!** Peg Ahlness turns 90 next week, on July 5th. You are invited to her birthday party at Touchmark on Friday, July 5, from 2-3:30 pm. Have some cake and a good visit, too! Cards may be sent to Peg at 1000 W. Century Ave #349, Bismarck, ND 58503.

Are you a rummage saler? Tis the season! We are always looking for items for **baby care kits**, which can often be found at such sales. Please watch for: t-shirts (not onesies), socks, pajamas (no feet), and blankets. We also need - but these will likely need to be purchased at stores: 4-5 oz bars of mild soap (Ivory, Dove, etc.) and colored hand towels. We got a big donation of sweaters and are good there! We are already preparing for baby care kits.

Just a reminder the **Faith and Care Co-Chairs** will be meeting the end of July/early August to discuss changes and the new schedule. See you then!

UCC is sponsoring a Ukrainian family that will be coming soon. Some needed items are trash bags, toilet paper, razors, shaving cream and shampoo. Drop them by the church and have the bag labelled UCC. We will see that they are delivered.

²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not
reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 30

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

⁶**As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."**

⁷By your favor, O LORD,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

⁸**To you, O LORD, I cried,**

and to the LORD I made supplication:

⁹“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!**

O LORD, be my helper!”

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have taken off my sackcloth

and clothed me with joy,

¹²**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.**

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“When We Gather”*

WEEKLY CALENDAR of June 30, 2024

Today, June 30:

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

Monday, July 1:

Needlework Group 9:00am

Tuesday, July 2:

Wednesday, July 3:

Thursday, July 4:

**Happy 4th of July
Office closed
AA Meeting 8pm**

Friday, July 5:

NO Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, July 6:

Men’s Bible Study 10am

Sunday, July 7:

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

Future Happenings

Picnics and Worship, 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

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, Jeri & Gorden Mutcher

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



GOSPEL READING: Mark 5:21-43

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

SERMON: Pastor Lisa Ahlness

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Great is Thy Faithfulness” ELW 733*

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: *“The Lord’s Prayer”*

INVITATION TO OUR LORD’S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: *“Come As You Are”*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION: *“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”*

SENDING SONG: *“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ELW 886*

DISMISSAL: *“Trading My Sorrows”*

INTRODUCTION: A woman finds healing by touching Jesus’ cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus’ time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark’s gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector’s house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our

“THE RIVER” and “LIVING WATER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Melissa Long

Ushers— Rich & Judi Fockler, Larry & Verlaine Jahner

Communion Assistants—Art Wheeler, Verlaine Jahner, Sally Grenz

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