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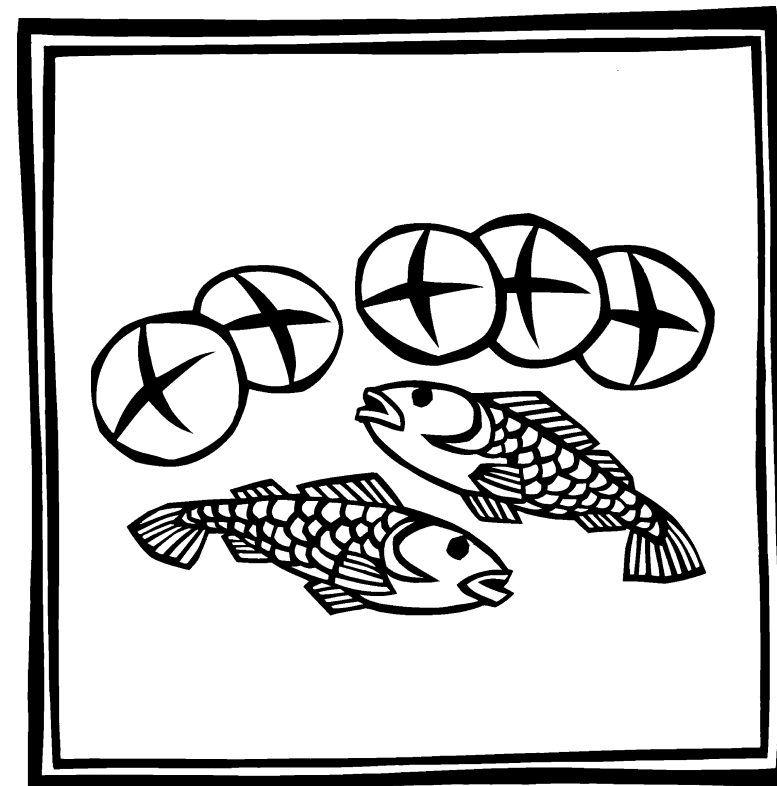
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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

July 28, 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: “Shout to the Lord”, “Above All”, “Each Day”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: “Here I Am, Lord”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” ⁴³ But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’” ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

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. Call the church if you can help in that capacity.

Volunteers will also be needed for VBS. Registration form is in the narthex. Please fill it out and turn it in to the office.

Church picnics: Last one is 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 5:00pm. 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.

Prairie Masters Golf Tournament August 14, 2024 at the Garrison Golf Club. To benefit Camp of the Cross Ministries. There are several ways to participate. As a participant, as a Individual hole sponsor, or as a Team hole sponsor. Check it out!

In the Footsteps of Paul tour in March 2025! The paperwork for the tour is in the narthex. Check it out and sign up.

LCC is in need of **coffee hosts and dishwashers** for Sundays this summer. Our taste buds don’t seem to diminish during these hot spells not even our need for hot coffee. So volunteer and share in this ministry of fellowship for our church.

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.

August: The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens

September: The Women by Kristin Hannah

October: Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

November: The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Palaki

Book Club members: The book: **The Women** is available in the office to check out. Come in the morning to pick up your copy for the Book Club.

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.

Favorite Song Sundays!! You are invited to submit a favorite song or hymn, by texting it to Beth Greff (see number on back of bulletin), calling the office, or writing it on small papers (provided) and placing in one of the offering baskets at the back of the church. Then, be sure to come for worship (or watch the livestream, if you are away) on August 11, 18 and September 1. We will use as many of your favorites as we possibly can!

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, sleepers (no feet), and hand towels (colored, please wash first.** We also need - but these will likely need to be purchased at stores: 4-5 oz bars of mild soap (Ivory, Dove, etc.) We got a big donation of sweaters and are good there!

Just a reminder the **Faith and Care Co-Chairs** will be meeting the August 6 at 5:30 pm to discuss changes and the new schedule. See you then!

July’s Altar Focus is **School Care Kits**. We have an abundance of pencils, crayons, and erasers. We are in dire need of notebooks and pens. Rulers and scissors too. LCC is ordering the backpacks.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,**

¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.**

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Great is the Lord”*

GOSPEL READING: John 6:1-21

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

WEEKLY CALENDAR of July 28, 2024

Today, July 28:

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

Monday, July 29:

Needlework Group 9:00am

Tuesday, July 30:

Wednesday, July 31:

Thursday, August 1:

AA Meeting 8pm

Friday, August 2:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, August 3:

Men’s Bible Study 10am

Sunday, August 4:

**River Service 10am
Coffee Hour 11:00am
VBS @ UCC**

Future Happenings

**Picnics and Worship, August 14 along with Church Council following.
VBS First week in August 4—7
Neighborhood Block Party August 7 with UCC Picnic there, Games here**

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, Heidi Renner, Kristy Forrest, JoDee Sayler, Colter Lee, Arvid Mugaas, Diane Klein, Peg Ahlness, Kaylynn Harris, Libby Martin, Deacon Janie Hague, Kira Willadsen, Kerry Carpenter, Linda Marson, Lonnie Sunde, Jacob Hynek, Art Wheeler, Reece Fischer, Jeri Mutcher, Mark Kunze

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—Ramona Larson, David Grondahl, Gorden Mutcher, Elizabeth Hoglund, Arlene Lelleid, David Larson, Roberta Kunze

SERMON: Pastor Lisa Ahlness

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Break Thou the Bread of Life”*

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *“Open the Eyes of My Heart”*



SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING: *“Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”*

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: *“Glorify Thy Name”*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION: *“The Lord Be With You”*

SENDING SONG: *“Glory and Praise to Our God”*

DISMISSAL: *“Sanctuary”*

INTRODUCTION: Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus’ table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

“THE RIVER” and “LIVING WATER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Sarah Dahl

Ushers—Mike & Tracy Geiermann, Rich & Judy Fockler

Communion Assistants—Ruth Jensen, Myrtice Behan, Sally Grenz

Altar Guild—Cherie Krueger, Barb Thomas, Sharon Narum, Verlaine Jahner

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