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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

August 11, 2024

10:00am

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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
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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: “Untitled Hymn”, “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”, “Blessed Assurance” ELW 638

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: “This is My Father’s World” ELW 824

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Jesus Loves Me” ELW 595

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

4[Elijah] went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” 5Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” 6He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” 8He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Help Wanted! LCC is looking for folks that would be interested in helping out in our Tech area - specifically Projection, Streaming, and Sound. If you have a good ear for music or an interest in computers we would love to visit with you. Please contact Beth Greff at the phone number or email listed on the back of the bulletin. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of our Team!

Confirmation and Church School starting up again!! And so is fall programming here at LCC. September 4: Confirmation Orientation for grades 6, 7, 8 at 7 p.m. September 8: Rally Sunday – come meet your church school teacher during worship, and fun activity afterward! Think scavenger hunt! September 11: Rally Wednesday – Confirmation Small Group night and meet your church school teacher night for younger students with scavenger hunt! September 25: Confirmation Large Group Service project: assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief and 9th grade + mentors Five Promises meeting, both at 7 p.m.

August 12 & 13, 9—12, We will be putting the **Baby care kits** together. If you have pinking shears bring them along as more diapers need to be cut those days.

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.

Church picnics: Last one 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, 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!

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.

Study on St. Paul to begin in September. Some of you are planning to go on the footsteps of Paul trip next March. We will be starting a book study in September as we prepare – you don't have to be going on the trip to join in! The book is called “Paul Among the People” by Sarah Ruden. It is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Kindle, or wherever you normally get books! Let Pastor Lisa know what days/times work best for you and watch for further info! (Another recommended title is “Paul” by N.T. Wright, if you'd like to read more about the apostle.

Favorite Song Sundays!! August 11, 18 and September 1. 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!

August Altar Focus continues to be **School Care Kits** plus **Ministry on the Margins** has put out an urgent call for pillows, bedding, blankets, towels, soap. They don't have to be brand new but should be in good shape.

Thank you to all who baked or purchased cookies/bars for the Block Party and to the volunteers who helped out in various ways to make the Block Party a success.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 34:1-8

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

3 O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

**4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**

5 Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.**

7 The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**8 O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Thy Word”*

GOSPEL READING: John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

SERMON: Pastor Lisa Ahlness

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Holy, Holy, Holy” ELW 413*

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING: *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” ELW 884*

OFFERING PRAYER

WEEKLY CALENDAR of August 11, 2024

Today, August 11:

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

Monday, August 12:

**Needlework Group 9:00am
Baby Care Kits 9-noon**

Tuesday, August 13:

Baby Care Kits 9 to noon

Wednesday, August 14:

**Book Club 1:30pm
Picnic 5pm
Worship 6pm**

Thursday, August 15:

**Gather Bible Study 10:30am
AA Meeting 8pm**

Friday, August 16:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, August 17:

Men’s Bible Study 10am

Sunday, August 18:

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

Future Happenings

Women’s Bible Study Aug. 28 9am
Rally Sunday Sept 8
Raly Wednesday Sept 11

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, Lindsey Steiger, Lyndon Jahner, Joel Crane, Paul Kuch

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

*WE SHARE THE MEAL***PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL**

LORD'S PRAYER: *"The Lord's Prayer"*

INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: *"Just As I Am" ELW 592*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION: *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*

SENDING SONG: *"Shout to the Lord"*

DISMISSAL: *"Go, My Children, With My Blessing" ELW 543*

INTRODUCTION: Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

“THE RIVER” and “LIVING WATER” WORSHIP MINISTERS



Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Janet Doerner

Ushers—Scot & Melissa Long, Roger Krueger & Floy Marx

Communion Assistants—Rich Fockler, Mavis Pommerer, John Kraft

Altar Guild— Jean Kraft, Mavis Pommerer, Joyce Wahl, Cheryl Neu

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 Saylor, 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