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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

September 29, 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: *“Beautiful Savior”, “I Love to Tell the Story”, “Untitled Hymn”*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“All Creatures of Our God and King”*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

4The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! 5We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; 6but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” 10Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. 11So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? 12Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? 13Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’

Did you know

The fourth quarter daily devotional; **Christ in Our Home** is out in the narthex.

Quilting is cancelled just for next week.

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Sunday, October 27 at 2 pm. Weather permitting it will be held outside. There are sign up sheets for helpers and for those who wish to decorate their trunks. A box is underneath the easel for the collection of candy. This has always been an enjoyable experience for the young and “older kids” at heart who have participated. See you there.

Reformation Sunday is also October 27. The three young men being confirmed this year have chosen to be confirmed Wednesday October 30.

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.
October: Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano
November: The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Palaki

Thank you Pastor Knutson for being with us again today. We appreciate your time with us and your message.

Study on St. Paul Some of you are planning to go on the footsteps of Paul trip next March. We will be starting a book study in October as we prepare – you don’t have to be going on the trip to join in! The book is called “In the Footsteps of Saint Paul” by Edward Stourton. 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.

The **Altar Focus for September** will be the Fresh Start Kits for people leaving the State Penitentiary and the Youth Correctional Center. The list is posted in the narthex. Take your copies for shopping.

LCC is in need of **Communion Assistants, Readers and Ushers, coffee hosts and dishwashers** for Sundays. Your help is greatly needed! Call the office to volunteer or sign up on the clip board for coffee hosts and dishwashers.

14 I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. 15If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

16 So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. 25Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

26 Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” 28And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” 29But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them !”

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸**the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**
⁹the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

WEEKLY CALENDAR of September 29, 2024

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**

¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

13Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

16Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. 17Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. 19My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, 20you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *"Praise the Name of Jesus"*

Today, September 29:

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

Monday, September 30:

Needlework Group 9am

Tuesday, October 1:

Wednesday, October 2:

**Supper 5pm
Living Water Service 6:15pm
Church School, Confirmation
7pm**

Thursday, October 3:

**NO Quilting 1pm
AA Meeting 8pm**

Friday, October 4:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, October 5:

Men's Bible Study 10am

Sunday, October 6:

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

Upcoming Events

**Book Club Oct. 9 1:30
Church Council Oct.10 6:30
Gather Bible Study Oct. 17
Women's Bible Study Oct. 18
Trunk or Treat Oct. 27 2pm
Confirmation Oct. 30**

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, 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, Christ Gerr, Sher Harildstad, Karen Will, Robyn Richter

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—Archie Johnson

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

SERMON: Pastor Brian Knutson

SONG OF THE DAY: “O Jesus, I Have Promised” ELW 810

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: “Let Us Pray for Peace”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING: “Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”

OFFERING PRAYER

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

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

INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: *"Remember Me"*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION: *"The Lord Be With You"*

SENDING SONG: *"Go My Children With My Blessing" ELW 543*

DISMISSAL: *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" ELW 547*

INTRODUCTION

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

"THE RIVER" and "LIVING WATER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Sarah Dahl

Ushers—Larry & Verlaine Jahner and Joel & Suzanne Toso

Communion Assistants—Heather Martin, Roger Krueger, Mavis Pommerer

Altar Guild—Heather Martin, Ruth Jensen, Sharon Narum, Verlaine Jahner

Faith and Care Group 1—Nikki Taylor, Janet Bassingthwaite, Annie Bergrud

River Worship Team—

Sound Board Technicians—Larry Wolf, Francis Greff

Projection Team—Caden Kunze, Jace Kunze, Val 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—Luke Weber, Beth Greff, Gerri Sarsten, Jan & Joel Gilbertson

Living Water Worship Team

Living Water Singers—Deb Carpenter, Kerry Carpenter, Caroline Collins, Keira Collins, Joel Crane, Annabelle Ellison, Brandi Ellison, Beth Greff, Amanda Sagsveen

Percussionist—Kari Harris

Guitarists—Kolton Harris, Joel Crane

Accompanist—Luke Weber

Sound—Beth Greff