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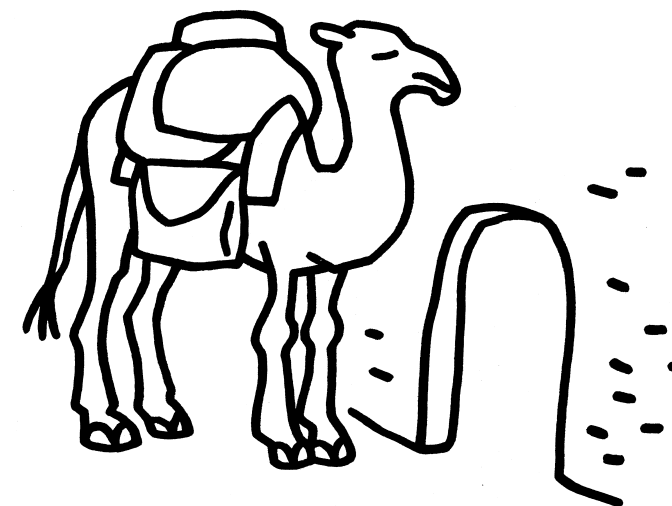
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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

October 13, 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: “Come As You Are”, “Seek Ye First”, “Living Water”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG : “Gather Us In” ELW 532

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Joyce Wahl

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;

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. The pumpkin is for the collection of candy. We will have hot cider and hot chocolate to keep cozy as well. 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. Traditionally that is also Confirmation Sunday. However, the three young men confirming their faith this year are Easton Karvo, Brandon Kunz, and Liam Johnson. They have chosen to be confirmed on Wednesday, October 30, at our 6:15 pm service. Join them for supper and cake starting at 5 pm, and celebrate this occasion with them in worship!

All Saints Day is Friday, November 1st. Join friends from all over Bismarck at a Taize’ worship that evening at St. George’s Episcopal Church, 601 N. 4th Street, Bismarck, at 6 pm.

All Saints Sunday is November 3rd. Be sure to join us, live or online, for worship, and in the couple of weeks before, write the names of your deceased loved ones on paper doves which will be placed on our All Saints Banner and carried in during the opening hymn. Please call the office if you’d like us to do this for you!

Skills for Bridging the Gap

We encounter difference around us – in religion, culture, and politics. With the right skills, we can learn how to respectfully and bravely reach across the divide. This 4 session series is on **Wednesdays at 10 am** (October 2, 9, 16, 23) **at Faith Lutheran Church** and **Thursdays at 7 pm** (October 3, 10, 17, 24) **at Bismarck UCC**. The Thursday class at the UCC is available in person and online. Call the UCC church office at 701-223-2915 or Pastor Lisa for the zoom link.

October 19th is **Pie and Coffee Day @ Faith Lutheran Church**. You are encouraged to star your day there at 9am enjoying a slice of pie or a muffin along with a cup of coffee. After gaining some sustenance there’s shopping of homemade items such as quilts, cards, other hand crafted items and white elephant items. If your browsing takes you to noon there soup and a sandwich to be had with lefse and who can pass up homemade lefse (especially with butter and sugar on it). Come on out and enjoy seeing your friends and neighbors over a cup of coffee.

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.
November: The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Palaki
December : The Wish List by Lynn Austin
January: What She Left Behind by Ellen Marie Wiseman
February: Montana 1948 by Larry Watson

We will offer a non-partisan **voter information forum**, facilitated by some members with much experience in state government, on the constitutional measures which are on the November ballot after worship on Sunday, October 20. If you're not sure what your vote means on these measures, grab your coffee and cookies, and come find some clarity! All are welcome.

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 October 16 @ 12:15. So feel free to bring your lunch. You also u 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!

Altar Focus for October Our focus this month is the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger. We want to be part of the generation to wipe out world hunger! Make a donation to help ELCA World Hunger's work locally, nationwide and globally with feeding programs, animals, water wells, health care and nutrition, and job skills. You can do this at www.elca.org/hunger, and also when you buy “good gifts” for people during Advent!

If you prefer to give actual items rather than money for your altar focus donation, we have members who have concentrated on buying the backpacks for the Fresh Start Kits for adults and youth leaving incarceration. Let's continue this month by trying to get all the supplies to fill them! Thanks for your efforts so far!

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.

you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

¹³**Turn, O LORD! How long?**

Have compassion on your servants!

¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.**

¹⁶Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷**Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands —
O prosper the work of our hands!**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Thy Word”*

GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

WEEKLY CALENDAR of October 13, 2024

Today, October 13:

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

Monday, October 14:

Needlework Group 9am

Tuesday, October 15:

Wednesday, October 16:

**St. Paul Study 12:15pm
NO Supper 5pm
NO Living Water Service 6:15pm
NO Church School, NO Confirmation**

Thursday, October 17:

**Gather Bible Study 10:30
Quilting 1pm
AA Meeting 8pm**

Friday, October 18:

**Wired Word 1:30pm
Called to Care Wkshp**

Saturday, October 19:

**Men’s Bible Study 10am
Called to Care Wkshp**

Sunday, October 20:

**River Service 10am
Coffee Hour 11am
Voter info/constitutional measures 11:15**

Upcoming Events

Endowment Committee mtg Oct. 27 11:15am

Trunk or Treat Oct. 27 2pm

Knitting 4 Others Oct. 28

Confirmation Service Oct. 30 6:15pm

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, Arvid Mugaas, Diane Klein, Peg Ahlness, Libby Martin, Kira Willadsen, Kerry Carpenter, Linda Marson, Lonnie Sunde, Jacob Hynek, Art Wheeler, Reece Fischer, Jeri Mutcher, Lindsey Steiger, Lyndon Jahner, Joel Crane, Paul Kuch, Christ Gerr, Sher Harildstad, Robyn Richter

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

SERMON: Pastor Lisa Ahlness

SONG OF THE DAY: *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” ELW 619*

APOSTLE’S CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *“Open Our Eyes”*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING: *“Create In Me”*

OFFERING PRAYER



WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

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

INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* ELW 502

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION: *"The Lord Be With You"*

SENDING SONG: *"Step by Step"*

DISMISSAL: *"On Our Way Rejoicing"* ELW 537

INTRODUCTION

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

"THE RIVER" and "LIVING WATER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Deb Carpenter

Ushers— John Kraft & Lee Jensen, Art Wheeler

Communion Assistants—Mike Humann, Donna Belisle, Sheila Koffler

Altar Guild— Heather Martin, Mavis Pommerer, Ruth Jensen, Suzanne Toso

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