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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

October 27, 2024

10:00am

“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
October 27, 2024
Reformation Sunday

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: “You Are My All in All”, “You Are My King”, “People Need the Lord”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG : “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” ELW 504

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for TODAY 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.

Confirmation Wednesday. 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 Taizé’ worship that evening at St. George’s Episcopal Church, 601 N. 4th Street, Bismarck, at 6 pm. Those that have passed in 2024 from LCC family are Donna Kenny, Arnie Metzger, Gary Howard, Archie Johnson, David Grondahl, Ramona Larson, Elizabeth Hoglund

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!

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.

Thanks to your generosity and hard work, we delivered 30 quilts, 34 baby care kits, and 74 school kits to Lutheran World Relief! Special thanks to all the people and for all the ways in which you helped!

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 Book Christmas by Lynn Austin
January: What She Left Behind by Ellen Marie Wiseman
February: Montana 1948 by Larry Watson

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!

It’s that time of the year again to **update your information in the directory**. So please initial your information if everything is correct or make the necessary changes, if there are any. If you haven’t in the past provided a picture of your family you may still do so. Just send the jpeg to: churchsecretary@midconetwork.com

Study on St. Paul will continue Tues, Oct. 22 at 11:45am. We will look at Thessaloniki and Thessalonians, and continue on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, roughly following the path of our traveling group. We are using several resources. All are welcome—please come, and speak to Pr. Lisa for more information.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Selah

**⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Selah

**⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

**¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Selah

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Thy Word”*

GOSPEL READING: John 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

WEEKLY CALENDAR of October 27, 2024

Today, October 27:

**River Service 10:00am
Coffee Hour 11:00am
Endowment Committee 11:15am
Trunk or Treat Oct. 27 2pm**

Monday, October 28:

**Needlework Group 9am
Knitting 4 Others 1:30pm**

Tuesday, October 29:

Wednesday, October 30:

**Living Water/Confirmation Service
6:15pm
Church School, Confirmation**

Thursday, October 31:

**Quilting 1pm
AA Meeting 8pm**

Friday, November 1:

**All Saint's Day
Wired Word 1:30pm
Taizé' Worship St George's 6pm**

Saturday, November 2:

Men's Bible Study 10am

Sunday, November 3:

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

Upcoming Events

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—

SERMON: Pastor Lisa Ahlness

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Old Hundredth (All People That on Earth Do Dwell)”*

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: *"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION: *"The Lord Be with You"*

SENDING SONG: *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW 858*

DISMISSAL: *"Soon and Very Soon"*

INTRODUCTION

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

"THE RIVER" and "LIVING WATER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Janet Doerner

Ushers— Mike & Tracy Geiermann, Joel & Suzane Toso

Communion Assistants—Mike Humann, Sheila Koffler, Myrtice Behan

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