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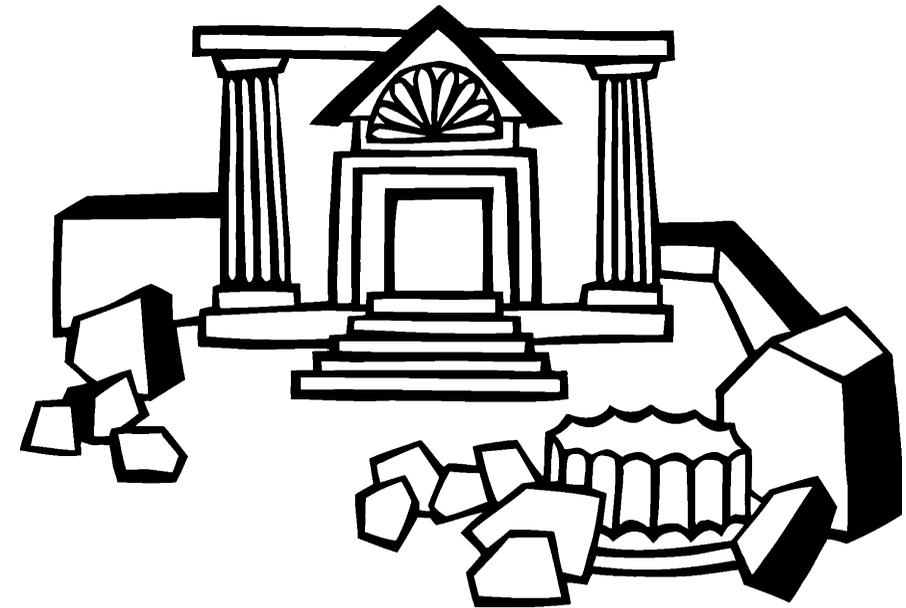
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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

November 17, 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: “Blessed Be Your Name”, “At The Cross“, “God Will Make A Way”,

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG : “We Praise You, O God” ELW 870

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Come learn or teach how to **make lefse!** It has come to our attention that others besides our church school children are unfamiliar with the delectable Norwegian treat, lefse. We are hosting an afternoon of lefse making, novices and experts welcome! Sunday, Nov. 24, after worship, we will make some pizzas to eat for lunch while we set up. (Or feel free to run home if you like.) At 12:30 we plan to start the griddles—experts, please bring mats, rolling pins, and sticks if you can. All mistakes will be eaten—possible the best part! (Be prepared to get a little flour on your clothing.)

We will set up the tree around Thanksgiving time for **Carrie’s Kids**. Boys jeans seem to be in high demand. With Christmas sales seem to be running earlier each year stock up and save while helping to dress our children in need. Whether you take a “pant hanging ornament” off of the tree or not, all sizes are needed in regular, slim and husky. You needn’t wrap them. The bag you purchase them in is sufficient or no bag at all. Thank you for your generosity with this ministry that LCC supports.

The **music stands** in the narthex are free to anyone who can use them.

Camp of the Cross’ Annual Scandinavian Supper is Saturday Nov. 23 at 5:30 Tickets \$40 available for purchase now.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for **December’s Pancake and Sausage for Camp of the Cross**. That’s just around the corner so sign up now!

Look for the **Cookie Walk poster** to sign up.

Thank you Gerri Sarsten for your creative fall bulletin board.



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

Thank you Rev. Dominique for being with us today sharing your knowledge and insights, giving us food for thought in your sermon.

Altar Focus for November— Bears for the first responders in honor of Shiela Mugaas’ cousin Martha and her grandchildren. Bring the bears to worship. They will be blessed before being given away. Warm outer wear is being collected as well—gloves, hats, caps, mittens, scarves. Look for the basket to place the items in, in the narthex.

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 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

Century High School is putting on “**Elf The Musical**” next week Thursday— Sunday with evening performances at 7pm and Sunday’s matinee at 2pm. Three of our young people are involved. Seniors Bayne Blanchard is Walter Hobbs and Megan Bassingthwaite is playing Jovie at the Thursday and Saturday performances. Colton Harris is in the pit orchestra. Come out to support our youth and have an enjoyable evening. Tickets available at the door.

LCC will again be participating with St. George’s, UCC, Lord of Life, McCabe Methodist, Legacy Methodist, and Faith Lutheran at St. George’s for the **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**, Tuesday, November 26 at 7 pm.

You will find the **sign up calendars** for “Heat the Church” on the round table. Thank you for supporting LCC in helping to keep the church warm during the cold winter months.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 16

⁰A Miktam of David.

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²**I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD;
I have no good apart from you."**

³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸**I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

¹⁰**For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

¹¹You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18) 19-25

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “*Jesus Messiah*”

WEEKLY CALENDAR of November 17, 2024

Today, November 17:

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

Monday, November 18:

Needlework Group 9am

Tuesday, November 19:

Wednesday, November 20:

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

Thursday, November 21:

**Quilting 1pm
AA Meeting 8pm**

Friday, November 22:

Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, November 23:

Men’s Bible Study 10am

Sunday, November 24:

**River Service 10:00am
Coffee Hour 11:00am
Lefse making 12:30pm**

Upcoming Events

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast COC Dec. 8
Blue Christmas Dec 8
Cookie Walk Dec. 15
Caroling Dec. 22
Christmas program ?? Dec. 22
Annual Mtg January 12, 2025

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, Earl Larson, Nancy Dockter, Lori Marx, Hattie Martinson, Carter Weigel, Josey Hanson, Heidi Renner, Kristy Forrest, JoDee Saylor, 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, Carolyn Wegerle, Pr. Phil Leer, Leland Johnson

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—

Bob Roesler, Ruby McVane, Mary Grant

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:1-8

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

SERMON: Rev. Dominique McFall-Buchholz

SONG OF THE DAY: *“My Lord, What a Morning” ELW 438*

APOSTLE’S CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *“Holy Ground”*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING: *“We Are An Offering”*

OFFERING PRAYER

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

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

INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: *"It is Well"*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION: *"Benediction Song"*

SENDING SONG: *"Build Your Kingdom Here"*

DISMISSAL: *"I Will Call Upon the Lord"*

INTRODUCTION

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

"THE RIVER" and "LIVING WATER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Melissa Long

Ushers— Lee Jensen, Tracy Wolf, Scot & Melissa Long

Communion Assistants—Sally Grenz, Mike & Kim Humann

Altar Guild— Cherie Krueger, Kelly Olson, Donna Belisle, Verlaine Jahner

Faith and Care Group 2— Deb & Rod Sargent, Myrtice Behan

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