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*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

# *The River*

A Blended Worship Service



**Lutheran Church of the Cross**

**April 20, 2025**

**10:00am Easter Sunday**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**Easter Morning 10:00am**  
**April 20, 2025**

You are invited to sing with the River Worship Team throughout our worship.  
All songs and worship liturgy will be projected on the screens for your use.

WE GATHER TOGETHER IN DARKNESS AND SILENCE

**PRELUDE** *“Praise to the Lord the Almighty” ELW 858*  
*“My Lord What a Morning” ELW 438*  
*“Because He Lives”*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EASTER ACCLAMATION**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**EASTER GATHERING SONG:** *“Lift High the Cross” ELW 660*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

**FIRST READING:** Acts 10:34-43

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”*  
*ELW 367*

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 24:1-12

~ Ken & Karen Will

~ Mavis Pommerer  
In memory of Roger Pommerer  
In honor of all men and women in the military.

~ Mark & Val Kunze & families  
In memory of Russell & Lois Kunze and Jim Klein

~ Marjo & Jim Hewitson  
In honor of family

~ John & Janet Doerner  
Pastor Lisa and Deacon Janie

~ Terry & Sally Grenz  
In honor of all God’s children

~ Kay Koch  
In honor of my family.

~ Steve & Cheryl Neu  
In honor of all our families!

~ Tracy & Mike Geiermann  
In honor of YOU, our church family

~ Tom & Kari Harris  
In honor and in memory of the Harris, Drevecky, and Vernon families

~ Janice & Keven Martin  
In memory of Vic & Bernice Goetz and Linda & Kelly Goetz

*Thank you to all who so graciously donated the Easter flowers in  
memory or in honor of special people in your lives. A special thank  
you to those that came and arranged the flowers in the sanctuary.  
They are beautiful!*

- ~ Brian & Sarah Dahl  
In memory of Phillip and Vivian Dahl
- ~ LorRaine Riveland  
In memory of Roger Riveland
- ~ His family  
In memory of Jim Klein
- ~ Amanda & Matt Sagsveen  
In honor of our parents Al & Rita Staloch/Murray & Kristi Sagsveen and  
our boys: Parker, Fynn & Sander
- ~ Lois Hanson  
In memory of Lyle Hanson and in honor of our 3 children, grandchildren  
and great grandchildren
- ~ Roger & Esther Anderson  
In memory of our parents
- ~ Lisa Ahlness & Van Vechten Crane  
In memory of Paul & Hans Ahlness, Richard & Mary Crane
- ~ Ryan & Nikki Taylor  
In memory of Bud & Liz Taylor
- ~ Kraig & Gerri Sarsten  
In honor of our children and grandchildren
- ~ Sondra Krogstad  
In memory of Al & Gladys Krogstad



- SERMON** Pastor Lisa Ahlness
- SONG OF THE DAY:** “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” ELW 365
- NICENE CREED**
- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**
- SHARING OF THE PEACE**
- OFFERING** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” ELW 674
- OFFERTORY PRAYER**
- WE SHARE THE MEAL**
- PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL**
- LORD’S PRAYER** (spoken)
- INVITATION TO OUR LORD’S SUPPER** All Are Welcome
- COMMUNION SONG:** “Good Christians Friends Rejoice and Sing” ELW 385  
“The River is Here
- COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**
- BENEDICTION:** (spoken)
- SENDING SONG:** “How Majestic is Your Name”
- DISMISSAL:**

**EASTER READINGS REFLECTION:**

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

**THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS**

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness  
Scripture Reader—Alex Spilman  
Ushers—John Kraft & Roger Krueger, Mike & Tracy Geiermann  
Communion Assistants— Mavis Pommerer, Myrtice Behan, David Drovdal  
Altar Guild—Cherie Krueger, Jean Kraft, Mavis Pommerer, Kathryn Spilman, Cheryl Neu  
Faith & Care 4— Molly & Ken Traynor, Pam & Ron Lee  
River Worship Team—  
    Sound Board Technicians—Karen Will, Larry Wolf  
    Projection Team— Caden Kunze, Jace Kunze, Val Kunze, Rod Sargent  
    Art Wheeler  
    Streaming Team— Mark Kunze, Art Wheeler, Karen Will  
    River Singers—Joel Crane, Marlene Grabow, Sally Grenz, Doug Johnson, Cherie Krueger, AJ Marx, Mark Murie, Amanda Sagsveen, Tom Wade  
    Percussionist— Kari Harris  
    Violinist—Fynn Sagsveen  
    Accompanists—Jan & Joel Gilbertson, Eve Kath, Gerri Sarsten, Luke Weber

**Living Water Worship Team**

Living Water Singers-  
    Caroline Collis, Keira Collins, Joel Crane, Annabelle Ellison, Brandi Ellison, Amanda Sagsveen  
Percussionist— Kari Harris  
Guitarists— Joel Crane, Peder Gulleeson, Kolton Harris  
Accompanist — Luke Weber  
Sound — Peder Gulleeson  
Wednesday Worship Coordinator — Joel Crane

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.)**Tracy Martinson, Ann Hillesland, Earl Larson, Nancy Dockter, Lori Marx, Hattie Martinson, Carter Weigel, Josey Hanson, Heidi Renner, JoDee Sayler, Diane Klein, Libby Martin, Kira Willadsen, Kerry Carpenter, Linda Marson, Lonnie Sunde, Jacob Hynek, Reece Fischer, Paul Kuch, Christ Gerr, Sher Harildstad, Peg Ahlness, Keaton Westlake, Austin Jamtgaard, Shirley Holder, Jerry Hanson, Claudia Thompson, Carolyn Wegerle, Joyce Wahl, Steve Krogstad, Jeff Christianson, Arvid Mugaas

**Easter Flower Donations**

- ~ Jerry & Patty Hanson  
    In memory of Scott Kennedy and Barb Hanson
- ~ Art Wheeler  
    In memory of Florence Wheeler, the Fiske and Wheeler families
- ~ Candace, Gloria, Sandra & families  
    In memory of Agnes & Conrad Christianson
- ~ John & Mark Erickstad families  
    In memory of Ralph & Lois Erickstad
- ~ Donna Belisle  
    In memory of Gene
- ~ John & Jean Kraft  
    In memory of David Larson, Ed Kraft, Ruby Hoffman
- ~ Molly & Ken Traynor  
    In honor of Marin, Keelin, and Nora
- ~ Kathy Wood  
    In memory of Todd Wood
- ~ Mark Murie  
    In honor of grandchildren-Owen, Kari, Greta, Evy  
    In memory of grandparents, parents, brother, sister

