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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



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April 6, 2025

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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
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INTRODUCTION

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus’ feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God’s new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

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.

WE COME TOGETHER

PRELUDE: “Here I Am to Worship”, “The Church’s One Foundation”

SERVICE OF LIGHT PROCESSION (sung)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN EVENING HYMN (sung)

EVENING THANGSGIVING (sung)

PSALM 149 (sung)

MEDITATION PRAYER

CHILDRENS SERMON

WEEKLY CALENDAR of April 6, 2025

Today, Sunday, April 6:	River Practice 9:00 am River Service 10:00am Coffee Hour 11:00am Living Water practice 5pm
Monday, April 7:	Needlework Group 9am Beer & Hymns Mdn Eagles 7pm
Tuesday, April 8:	W & Music Committee Mtg 7:30pm
Wednesday, April 9:	Lenten Supper 5pm Living Water Service 6:15pm Church School, Confirmation River Practice 7pm
Thursday, April 10:	Quilting 1:00pm Church Council 6:30pm AA Meeting 8pm
Friday, April 11:	Wired Word 1:30pm
Saturday, April 12:	Men’s Bible Study 10am
Sunday, April 13:	River Practice 9:00am River Service 10:00am New member Sunday Coffee Hour 11:00am Living Water practice 5pm

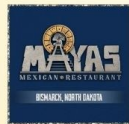
Upcoming Events
Maundy Thursday First Communion Service 7pm
Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7pm
Easter Vigil Service @ Faith Lutheran 7pm
April 25 & 26 Women’s Retreat at Camp of the Cross

Gospel PraiSing FIESTA!

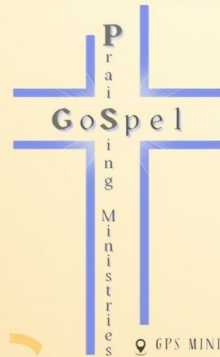
NOURISH THE BODY NOURISH THE SOUL

Mayas Mexican
Restaurant

1601 W. Century Ave
Bismarck
Lunch -order off menu



Christian Music
Presented by:
Colleen Reinhardt
Julie Ternes
& Guests



Presented By: Gospel PraiSing (GPS) Ministries

JULIE TERNES 701-226-0356

SUNDAYS
11:30AM-1:30PM

January 5th
January 19th
February 9th
February 23rd
March 9th
March 23rd
April 6th
April 27th
May 4th
May 18th
June 8th
June 22nd
August 24th-Gospel
PraiSing Festival

We Hear God's Word

READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

To know Christ and his resurrection, to share in his sufferings

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.


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YOU IMAGINE IT WE PRINT IT

GOSPEL John 12:1-8
Mary anoints Jesus for his burial

1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

SERMON Pastor Sondra Krogstad

MEDITATION

Leader:
The light shines in the darkness

All:
And the darkness has not overcome it.

THE ANNUNCIATION (sung)

THE MAGNIFICAT (sung)

LITANY AND PRAYERS (sung)

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: “Day by Day”

OFFERING PRAYER



Easter Week Services

Palm Sunday
10am Service
Easter Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday Service
7pm First Communion

Good Friday Tenebrae Service
7pm

Easter Vigil Service
7pm Faith Lutheran

Easter Sunday
8am Service
Brunch
10am Service

LCC Women's Retreat at Camp of the Cross April 25 & 26, 2025

Pastor Lisa will guide us through a few short sessions and activities on "hope". We will enjoy breakfast and a late lunch on Saturday prepared by Camp staff along with our discussions, and have time to enjoy the camp ground, too, weather permitting.

Cost: \$80 for Friday/Saturday (supper in Garrison Friday @ the usual spot)
\$35 for Saturday only

Questions: call Sally Grenz 701.390.3049

Payment to LCC, memo Women's Retreat.

RSVP by April 17th please!

Many people have already signed up. Will you be the next one?

First Communion Class At LCC, all baptized children are welcome to receive communion, with parents' permission and a plan for instruction. We will offer a first communion class next Saturday, April 12 from noon—1:30pm. Children will bake communion bread together, and then spend some time learning about the sacrament of Holy Communion. First communion will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 17th, at the 7pm service. Let Pastor Lisa know of your children's interest! Please have your child watch "Prince of Egypt" before this class. It is a Disney movie from 1998. You can stream it or the church has 4 copies of the DVD to lend.

Easter is nice and late this year, which gives us the opportunity for great weather for our **Easter Egg Hunt!** After worship on Sunday, April 13th, Palm Sunday; we will hunt up the goodies and your youngsters are invited. To prepare for the fun, we will need lots of plastic easter eggs and donations of small items and candy to put in them. Bring your donations to worship or to the office. Later we will need some help filling eggs and hiding them that day.

The next meeting dates of **the Gospel of John Bible Study** will meet April 9th and the 23 at 7pm following the Wednesday worship service. On April 23 the last date will be determined.

WE SHARE THE MEAL

INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONG: "As the Deer"

COMMUNION BLESSING

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

SENDING SONG: "How Majestic is Your Name"



“THE RIVER” and “LIVING WATER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Janet Doerner

Ushers—John Kraft, Kay Koch,

Communion Assistants—Myrtice Behan, Art Wheeler, Sheila Koffler

Altar Guild—Cherie Krueger, Jean Kraft, Mavis Pommerer, Kathryn Spilman, Cheryl Neu

Faith and Care Group 4— Pam & Ron Lee and Molly & Ken Traynor

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

Sunday Worship Coordinator—Peder Gulleson

Living Water Worship Team

Living Water Singers—Caroline Collins, Keira Collins, Joel Crane,
Annabelle Ellison, Brandi Ellison, Amanda Sagsveen

Percussionist—Kari Harris

Guitarists— Joel Crane, Peder Gulleson, Kolton Harris

Accompanist —Luke Weber

Sound—Peder Gulleson

Wednesday Worship Coordinator—Joel Crane

Prayers, Births, Deaths, Concerns

For those struggling with health and other concerns:

Tracy Martinson, Ann Hillesland, Arlene Wolff, Earl Larson, Nancy Dockter, Lori Marx, Hattie Martinson, Carter Weigel, Heidi Renner, JoDee Saylor, Arvid Mu-
gaas, Diane Klein, Libby Martin, Kira Willadsen, Kerry Carpenter, Linda Marson,
Lonnie Sunde, Jacob Hynek, Reece Fischer, Paul Kuch, Christ Gerr, Sher Har-
ildstad, Peg Ahlness, Keaton Westlake, Brady Staloch, Austin Jamtgaard, Mark
Thompson, Shirley Holder, Jerry Hanson, Claudia Thompson, Carolyn Wegerle,
Joyce Wahl, Steve Krogstad, Jeff Christianson, Joan Hall, Josey Hanson

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—Harry Schmidt

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.

April: The Language of Cottonwoods by Clay Jenkinson

May: Discussion on one book each individual has read recently.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the **Heating the Church** fund this
year. Over 26 individual and families contributed multiple times to the fund in
recognition of love ones birthday, anniversaries and other special occasions.

Some of you may remember former members Joe and Linda (now deceased)
Brockel. They moved to South Dakota quite a while ago, and had decided to be
buried there. However, they had previously purchased two plots in Sunset Me-
morial Gardens. The cemetery does not buy them back, so Joe has these plots
available. If anyone is interested, we have his phone number in the office and
you are welcome to call him.

New member Sunday April 13th.

No quilting Maundy Thursday, April 17th

Support Legal Ukrainian residents... You have an opportunity to add your
name to letters being sent to Senators Hoeven and Cramer and Representative
Fedorchak urging them to support U.S. Senate Bill 696. SB 696 gives legal im-
migrants from Ukraine the right to remain in the U.S. under Ukrainian Guest Sta-
tus for 120 days after guest status that our Secretary of State determines hostili-
ties have ceased and their safe return is possible. Read the letter and sign your
name on the sheet provided in the Narthex. By printing your name you agree to
your name being placed on all three letters. The letters themselves explain what
and who our local group have been working on and with. If you have questions,
please speak to Pastor Sondra.

Thank you Pastor Sondra for your message today. We appreciate you!

Check out the **Peeps Dioramas** on display in the fellowship hall. Wonderful!