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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

June 1, 2025

“Making Jesus Known by Sharing our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
June 1, 2025

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.

INTRODUCTION It is possible to hear in Jesus’ high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ’s forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

WE COME TOGETHER

PRELUDE: “Abide with Me “We Are Called”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: “Heart of Worship”

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

We Hear God’s Word

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

WEEKLY CALENDAR of June 1, 2025

Today, June 1:
River Practice 9:00 am
River Service 10:00am
Coffee Hour 11:00am

Monday, June 2:
Stitching Group 9am

Tuesday, June 3:

Wednesday, June 4:
River Practice 7pm

Thursday, June 5:
AA Meeting 8pm

Friday, June 6:
Wired Word 1:30pm

Saturday, June 7:
Men’s Bible Study 10am

Sunday, June 8:
River Practice 9:00am
Coffee Hour 11:00am

Upcoming Events

Summer Picnics June 11, July 9 and August TBD

Gospel PraiSing FIESTA!

NOURISH THE BODY NOURISH THE SOUL

Mayas Mexican
Restaurant

1601 W. Century Ave

Bismarck

Lunch -order off menu



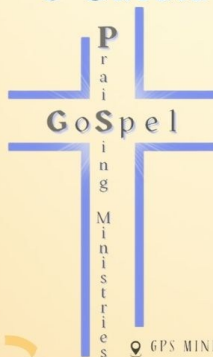
Christian Music

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

20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

RESPONSIVE READNG: Psalm 97

¹The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

²**Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

³Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.

**4His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the LORD of all the earth.

⁶**The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.**

⁷All worshipers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O God.**

⁹For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**The LORD loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

12 “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

16 “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

20 The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Are you a **prayer warrior**? We need you! We are revamping the LCC prayer chain, having lost several participants over the last few years. It is a simple phone tree. You will be called with a request to pray about, and then you will call the next person to pass on the request. Very easy to do from home, and vitally important. Call Connie at 223-1001 to be added to the pray-ers, or tell Pastor Lisa.

The **Emergency Food Pantry** is always looking for food donations. Summer-time is no different. The need is always great.

Camp of the Cross Ministries Prairie Lake Festival will be held Saturday, June 21 at camp inside the Fellowship Center located at 1228 47th Ave NW Garrison. Viewing of the quilts opens at 9:30am. Lunch begins at 10:30. The auction begins at 11:00am. There will be a silent auction as well.

Every Sunday during the summer Camp of the Cross will have an **outdoor worship service**. There is a community meal that follows the service each Sunday as well. The outdoor services run June 8—August 10 at 1228 47th Ave NW Garrison.

The **Church Council** will be meeting immediately after the summer picnics/ worship in June 11, July 9, August. TBD



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.
June —The Forest of Vanishing Stars by Kristin Harmel
July — The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles

Interested in golf? Checking to see if we could gather a few who love to play golf among LCC members, and play together from time to time this coming season! Please give me a call or text me and let’s see if there is interest. Pete Dickerson (new member) (607) 353-2965.

The **Stitching Group** which meets on Monday at 9am is always available to offer assistance on stitching projects. What we are also available for is laughter and light bantering back and forth between friends. Some come to stitch, knit, crochet or bead. Some come just to have coffee. Consider joining us. We will continue to meet during the summer.

Please pray for our church cleaner, Doug Sprynczynatyk, who was getting a heart test so he could have his shoulder surgery, and instead wound up having quadruple bypass surgery. He will be out of commission for some weeks. The good news is that it's summer, and the building is more lightly used. However, we would like to invite you to consider giving an hour here or there to help cover some basic tasks: emptying garbages, cleaning bathrooms, vacuuming traffic areas, and walking through the sanctuary to check it over.

As you can see, these are quite simple, particularly if several people step up to take a turn doing one thing or another, for instance: I can do bathrooms this week; could you round up trash? etc. Many hands make light work. Connie has a sign up list. Volunteers can do it whenever fits their schedule during office hours, or pick up a key.

Barb Norby’s funeral is scheduled for June 13 2pm.

Thank you Pastor Sondra for presiding over the worship service.

GOSPEL SONG: *“Halle Halle Halle”*

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

[Jesus prayed:] 20 “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

SERMON [Video Sermon from Synod](#)

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING SONG: *“Will you Come and Follow Me”*

OFFERING PRAYER

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OUR LORD’S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: *“Because He Lives”*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: *“Christ Be Our Light”*

DISMISSAL

“THE RIVER” and “LIVING WATER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Pastor Sondra Krogstad

Ushers—Larry Jahner, John Kraft, David Drovdal

Communion Assistants—Esther Anderson, Sheila Koffler, Myrtice Behan

Altar Guild—Sarah Dahl, Suzanne Toso, Kelly Olson

Faith and Care Group 5—Kathy Wood, Kathryn & Alex Spilman

River Worship Team—

Sound Board Technicians—Larry Wolf, Karen Will

Projection Team—Caden Kunze, Jace Kunze, Val Kunze, Rod Sargent, Art Wheeler

Streaming Team—Mark Kunze, Karen Will, Art Wheeler

River Singers—Joel Crane, Marlene Grabow, Sally Grenz, Paul Gurholt, Doug Johnson, Cherie Krueger, AJ Marx, Mark Murie, Amanda Sagsveen, Tom Wade

Percussionist—Kari Harris

Violinist—Fynn Sagsveen

Accompanists—Luke Weber, Gerri Sarsten, Jan & Joel Gilbertson, Eve Kath

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—Kolton Harris, Joel Crane, Peder Gulleson

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, Josey Hanson, Heidi Renner, JoDee Sayler, Diane Klein, Libby Martin, Kira Willadsen, Kerry Carpenter, Linda Marson, Lonnie Sunde, Reece Fischer, Paul Kuch, Christ Gerr, Sher Harildstad, Peg Ahlness, Keaton Westlake, Shirley Holder, Jerry Hanson, Claudia Thompson, Carolyn Wegerle, Joyce Wahl, Steve Krogstad, Jeff Christianson, Arvid Mugaas, Pete Barrette, Heather Martin, Audrey Hansen, Collette Ternes, Doug Sprynczynatyk,

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—

Barb Norby, Lewis Getz, Rene Olson Noel, Jacob Hynek