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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross
May 11, 2025

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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
“The River” Worship Service
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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

WE COME TOGETHER

PRELUDE: *“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”, “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”*

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

We Hear God’s Word

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Peter raises Tabitha/Dorcas from the dead

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter,

WEEKLY CALENDAR of May 11, 2025

Today, May 11:	Mother’s Day River Practice 9:00 am River Service 10:00am <i>Teacher Recognition</i> Coffee Hour 11:00am Living Water practice 5pm
Monday, May 12:	Needlework Group 9am
Tuesday, May 13:	Worship & Music meeting
Wednesday, May 14:	Book club 1:30pm Supper 5pm Living Water Service 6:15pm <i>Teacher Recognition</i> Church School, Confirmation River Practice 7pm
Thursday, May 15:	Gather Bible Study 10:30am Quilting 1:00pm AA Meeting 8pm
Friday, May 16:	Wired Word 1:30pm
Saturday, May 17:	Men’s Bible Study 10am
Sunday, May 18:	River Practice 9:00am River Service 10:00am <i>Honoring our grads</i> Coffee Hour 11:00am Living Water practice 5pm

Gospel PraiSing FIESTA!

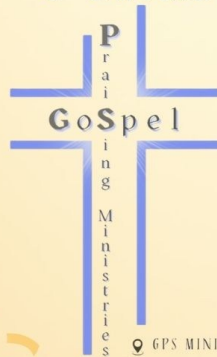
NOURISH THE BODY NOURISH THE SOUL

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

Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

RESPONSIVE READNG: Psalm 23

⁰ A Psalm of David.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

³ he restores my soul.

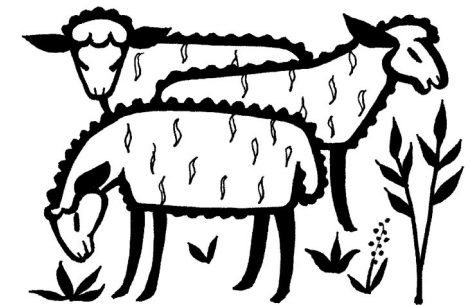
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;**

**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**



SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A white-robed multitude sings before the Lamb

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

CCM Service Project Weekend!

We are looking for volunteers to come to camp and help with our CCM Service Project Weekend on May 17th & 18th! Beginning at 10am on Saturday, May 17th, we will be working on service projects on-site at camp to help get prepared for our summer season. We anticipate being done by 3pm on Sunday, May 18th at the latest. There is overnight lodging and meals available as necessary as well.

Please contact us to RSVP by 5pm on May 14th to let us know if you will be there!

We hope to see lots of you there! We appreciate any and all help and support you can provide!

Are you looking for a way to **give back to the church** in some small way but don't know how? Consider donating your time by ushering, being the scripture reader or communion assistant. Those ministerial duties take moments of your time but add so much to the vitality of this church. Give the secretary a call and say “put me on the list please.” 223.1001.

Thanks to the people who responded to the Canasta inquiry; a group has been formed.

Thank you to Jean Kraft's Confirmation class for creating the bulletin board. The creative, young women who came up with the design are: Libby Martin, Morgan Hocker, Keira Collins.



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.
May — This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger
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.

In the Footsteps of Paul tour coming in April 2026! We have many tools to help Bible stories come alive for us: maps, study guides, commentaries, different translations. But nothing brings more aha! moments and enhances understanding better than traveling to the places and getting to know the context that surround and shapes the story. Pastor Lisa will be leading a group to Greece and Turkey, to some of the places where Paul preached and ministered, shortly after Easter in 2026. The plan is to visit Istanbul, Thessaloniki, Philippi, the Meteora monasteries, Delphi, Athens, a 4– day cruise excursion take us to Mykonos, Ephesus (Turkey) Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini; and Corinth, before returning to Athens for departure. Friends and family are welcome; our LCC neighbors have also expressed interest in joining us on this tour. Let Pr. Lisa know if you are interested in hearing more about it or know someone who might like to go.

Happy Mother's Day to all the nurturer's and caregivers out there. The carnation is a small token of appreciation for all the love you pour into your family past, present and future.



GOSPEL SONG: *“Lord Be Glorified”*

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

SERMON Pastor Lisa Ahlness

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING SONG: *“Reckless Love”*

OFFERING PRAYER

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: *"Lead Me Guide Me"*

DISMISSAL



"THE RIVER" and "LIVING WATER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Tracy Wolf

Ushers—Kathy & David Drovdal, Steve & Cheryl Neu

Communion Assistants—Roger & Esther Anderson, Doug Johnson

Altar Guild—Sarah Dahl, Suzanne Todo, 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, 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, Jacob Hynek, Reece Fischer, Paul Kuch, Christ Gerr, Sher Harildstad, Peg Ahlness, Keaton Westlake, Brady Staloch, Austin Jamtgaard, Mark Thompson, Shirley Holder, Jerry Hanson, Claudia Thompson, Carolyn Wegerle, Joyce Wahl, Steve Krogstad, Jeff Christianson, Arvid Mugaas, Pete Barrett, Heather Martin, Audrey Hansen

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—

Amanda Kist