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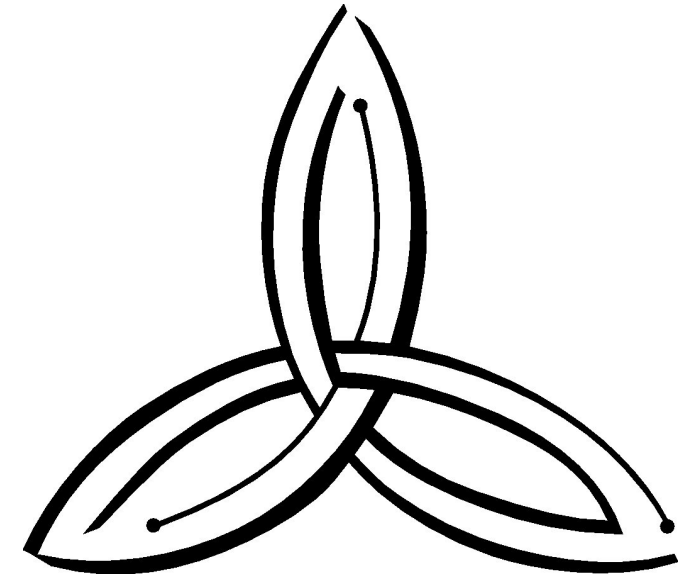
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*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

# The River

A Blended Worship Service



The Holy Trinity

Lutheran Church of the Cross

June 15, 2025

“Making Jesus Known by Sharing our Gifts”

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
***“The River” Worship Service***  
**June 15, 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** “O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”  
Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.

*WE COME TOGETHER*

**PRELUDE:** *“Come All You People”, “For Such a Time as This”*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:** *“Let the River Flow”*

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

*We Hear God’s Word*

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

*Wisdom rejoices in the creation*

- <sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?
- <sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- <sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
- <sup>4</sup> “To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

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 Chain, or tell Pastor Lisa. Those currently on the Prayer Chain please call to confirm your continuation to be on the prayer chain and to convey which phone number to be listed. Thank you.

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

**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 has been out of commission for some weeks. We would like to invite you to consider giving an hour here or there to help cover some basic tasks: emptying garbage, 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. Connie has a master list with duties to initial when completed. Volunteers can do it whenever fits their schedule during office hours, or pick up a key. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you Deb Patterson and the Doerners!

**The next summertime picnic and outdoor worship is July 9.** The picnic begins at 5pm with LCC furnishing the meat, buns, and beverage. Participants feel free to bring a dish to share. Come enjoy the outdoors, worship God and have fellowship with your friends all at the same time.

The **7th Annual Hillview Cup** will be held July 10th at Prairie West, 2709 Longspur Rail, Mandan. This golf tournament directly supports the mission and healthcare ministry of Missouri Slope. Sponsorships are available. For more information call 701.877.1499.

Another **Ukrainian family is coming to Bismarck soon** (end of June beginning of July,). They are working through the Uniting 4 Ukraine and the Global Neighbors here. A mother with her two daughters aged 12 and 21. The husband, an attorney is required to remain behind in Ukraine. The mother and older daughter have professional degrees and have the visa that gives them a green card shortly after arrival meaning permission to work. An apartment has been rented. Items that are needed will be listed here as they become known. Please pray for this family as they leave their homeland, their husband and father and traveling to a yet unknown world here in Bismarck, ND.

<sup>22</sup> The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world’s first bits of soil.  
<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.”

### **RESPONSIVE READNG: Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> **Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup> **what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
<sup>6</sup> **You have given them dominion over the works of your  
hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**  
<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**  
  
<sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5**

*God’s love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit*  
<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in  
which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not  
only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces  
endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces  
hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been  
poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**GOSPEL SONG: “Good Soil”**

**GOSPEL: John 16:12-15**

*The Spirit will guide you into the truth*  
<sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When  
the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak  
on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the  
things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine  
and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said  
that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

**WEEKLY CALENDAR of June 15, 2025**

**Today, June 15:**  
  
**River Practice 9:00 am  
River Service 10:00am  
Coffee Hour 11:00am**

**Monday, June 16:**  
  
**Stitching Group 9am**

**Tuesday, June 17:**

**Wednesday, June 18:**  
  
**River Practice 7pm**

**Thursday, June 19:**  
  
**AA Meeting 8pm**

**Friday, June 20:**  
  
**Wired Word 1:30pm**

**Saturday, June 21:**  
  
**Men’s Bible Study 10am**

**Sunday, June 22:**  
  
**River Practice 9:00am  
Coffee Hour 11:00am**

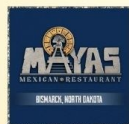
**Upcoming Events**  
Summer Picnics July 9 and August TBD

# Gospel PraiSing FIESTA!

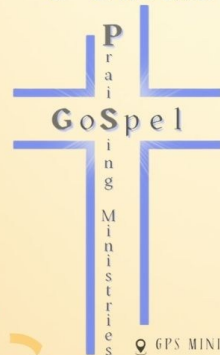
NOURISH THE BODY NOURISH THE SOUL

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

SERMON Pastor Lisa Ahlness

SONG OF THE DAY: "Come Thou Almighty King"

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING SONG: "Everybody Got Something to Offer"

OFFERING PRAYER





## *WE SHARE THE MEAL*

### PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

### LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER

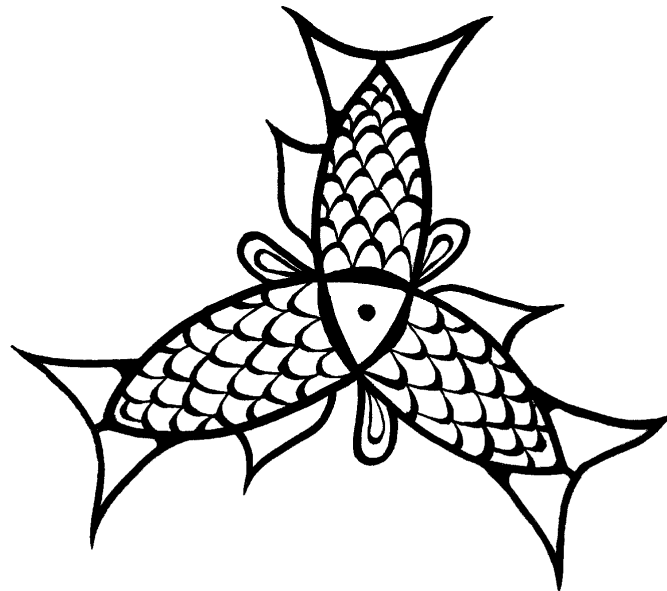
### COMMUNION SONG: *"Our God"*

### COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

### SENDING SONG: *"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"*

### DISMISSAL



## **"THE RIVER" and "LIVING WATER" WORSHIP MINISTERS**

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**Scripture Reader**—Murray Sagsveen

**Ushers**—Rich & Judi Fockler, Suzanne & Joel Toso

**Communion Assistants**—John Kraft, Sheila Koffler, Rich Fockler

**Altar Guild**—Valerie Kunze, Joyce Wah, Suzanne Toso

**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, Arlene Wolff, Earl Larson, Nancy Dockter, Lori Marx, Hattie Martinson, Carter Weigel, Josey Hanson, Heidi Renner, JoDee Saylor, 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, Collette Ternes, Doug Sprynczynatyk, John Doerner, Katie Leer

#### **For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—**

Ann Hillesland, Barb Norby, Jerry Jensen, Audrey Hanson