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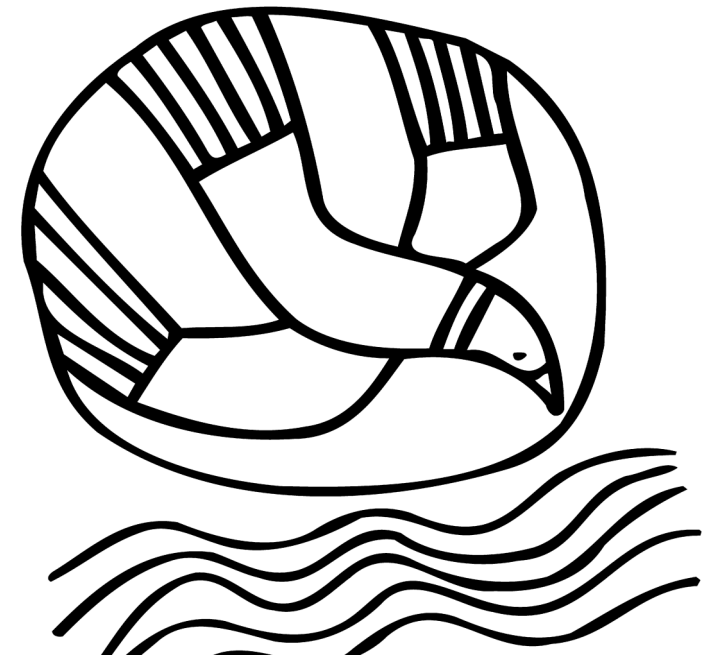
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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross
June 8, 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 On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ’s love and the freedom of God’s grace with all the world.

WE COME TOGETHER

PRELUDE: “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”, “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: “Kyrie Eleison”

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

We Hear God’s Word

FIRST READING: Acts 2: 1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because

WEEKLY CALENDAR of June 8, 2025

Today, June 8:	River Practice 9:00 am River Service 10:00am Coffee Hour 11:00am
Monday, June 9:	Stitching Group 9am
Tuesday, June 10:	Worship & Music Mtg 7:30pm
Wednesday, June 11:	5 pm picnic 6 pm outdoor worship Church Council River Practice 7pm
Thursday, June 12:	AA Meeting 8pm
Friday, June 13:	Barb Norby’s funeral 2pm
Saturday, June 14:	Men’s Bible Study 10am
Sunday, June 15:	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



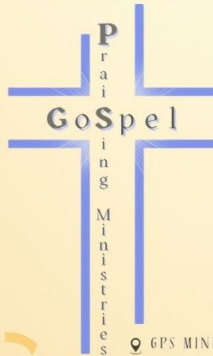
Christian Music

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

⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

RESPONSIVE READNG: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷**These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;**

²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works —**

³²who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵**Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the LORD!**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may

Thank you Pastor Sondra for worshipping with us today. For stepping in when Pastor Lisa is sick. You have a great heart.

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/



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 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. Thanks Deb Patterson for cleaning this week.

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

Summertime picnics and outdoor worship begins this Wednesday. The picnic begins at 5pm with LCC furnishing the meat and buns. 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.

also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL SONG: *“Let My Heart Be Good Soil”*

GOSPEL: John 14:8-17, (25-27)

⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”]

SERMON Pastor Sondra Krogstad

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Come Join the Dance of Trinity”*

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING SONG: *“Everybody Got Something to Offer”*

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: *"The Power of His Spirit"*

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: *"My Life is in You Lord"*

DISMISSAL



"THE RIVER" and "LIVING WATER" WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Deb Sargent

Ushers—Alex & Kathryn Spilman, Max Buchholz

Communion Assistants—Esther Anderson, Verlaine Jahner, & Debbie Patterson

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, 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, John Doerner

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—

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