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*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

# The River

A Blended Worship Service



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July 6, 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**

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus’ invitation to “take and eat . . . take and drink” is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

*WE COME TOGETHER*

**PRELUDE:** “Come All You People”, “Give Me Jesus”

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:** “We Are All One in Mission”

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*We Hear God’s Word*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 66: 10-14**

*Jerusalem, a nursing mother giving life to her children*

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast,

that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious bosom.

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.

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 July 9, August- TBD

**Ann Hillesland’s** funeral is scheduled for August 8.

We’ve had **another death** of a long time member; Jenny Carlson. Her funeral will be here Saturday, July 12 at 2pm She and her husband Norris were very active when they lived here. She has resided in Reno, Nevada for years but it was her wish to have her funeral here in her home church.

## **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.  
July — The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles  
August—James by Percival Everett  
September—Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

The two summer altar focus collections are **LWR Baby Care Kits**, and non perishable food items for the **Emergency Food Pantry**. The listing for the Baby Care kits can be found in the narthex. For those who love to rummage sale, pick up items as you seen them. They will be assembled into kit form later. We’ve also placed a Mock up of the **School Care Kits** because of the sales going on now.

There is now a **sign up sheet** in the narthex for August’s - December’s Sunday Ministerial Duties. Please take the time to review your schedule and fill in your name to help in this vital ministry of the church. You’ll find this on the round table near the bathrooms.

**The next summertime picnic and outdoor worship is this 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.

There is a **registration form** for Vacation Bible School out in the narthex. Vacation Bible School will be held at UCC August 10-13 from 6—8pm. A light supper will be served at 5:30 each night. The link for the online registration is <https://shorturl.at/CG8pf>.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream,  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm  
and bounced on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass,  
and it shall be known that the power of the Lord is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

### **RESPONSIVE READNG: Psalm 66:1-9**

All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. *(Ps. 66:4)*

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

<sup>2</sup> **sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.**

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> **All the earth worships you;  
they sing praises to you,  
sing praises to your name.” Selah**

<sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

<sup>6</sup> **He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.**

**There we rejoiced in him,**

<sup>7</sup> who rules by his might forever,  
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—  
let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Selah

**8 Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,**

<sup>9</sup> who has kept us among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.

**SECOND READING: Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16**

*Do what is right now and reap at the harvest time*

[<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor’s work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

**GOSPEL SONG: “Word of God Speak”**

**WEEKLY CALENDAR of July 6, 2025**

**Today, July 6:**  
**River Practice 9:00 am**  
**River Service 10:00am**  
**Coffee Hour 11:00am**

**Monday, July 7:**  
**Stitching Group 9am**

**Tuesday, July 8:**

**Wednesday, July 9:**  
**Book Club 1:30pm**  
**Picnic 5pm**  
**Worship 6pm**  
**Church Council 7pm**  
**River Practice 7pm**

**Thursday, July 10:**  
**AA Meeting 8pm**

**Friday, July 11**  
**Wired Word 1:30pm**

**Saturday, July 12:**  
**Men’s Bible Study 10am**

**Sunday, July 13:**  
**River Practice 9:00am**  
**Coffee Hour 11:00am**

**Upcoming Events**  
Summer Picnics August TBD

Vacation Bible School August 10-13





## **GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11,16-20**

*Jesus sends out seventy disciples into the harvest*

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup> And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

<sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

**SERMON** Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**SONG OF THE DAY:** “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING SONG:** *“Gods Work Our Hands”*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*WE SHARE THE MEAL*

**PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO OUR LORD’S SUPPER**

**COMMUNION SONG:** *“Wash Oh God Our Sons and Daughters”*

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG:** *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*  
*“Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies”*

**DISMISSAL**

**“THE RIVER” and “LIVING WATER” WORSHIP MINISTERS**

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness  
**Scripture Reader**—Deb Sargent  
**Ushers**—Roger & Esther Anderson, Larry Jahner  
**Communion Assistants**—Roger & Esther Anderson, Sheila Koffler  
**Altar Guild**—Cherie Krueger, Sarah Dahl, Sharon Narum, Verlaine Jahner  
**Faith and Care Group 6**—Patsy & Norlyn Schmidt, Tracy & John Kindem  
**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, 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, Carolyn Wegerle, Joyce Wahl, Steve Krogstad, Jeff Christianson, Arvid Mugaas, Pete Barrette, Heather Martin, Collette Ternes, Doug Sprynczynatyk, Katie Leer, Daryl Hodnefield, Gisela Hodnefield

**For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—**  
Jenny Carlson, Ann Hillesland, Barb Norby, Jerry Jensen, Audrey Hanson