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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross
All Saints Day
November 2, 2025

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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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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.

WE COME TOGETHER

Introduction

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be re-formed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

PRELUDE: "For All the Saints Oh Lord", "Welcome Table"

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

OUR CONFESSION, GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: "The Churches One Foundation"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

The order slip for the **Christmas poinsettias** is out. You'll find it in the narthex and/or at the back of the church. When completed please place it in the offering plate or in the secretary's plastic bin next to her door.

Heat the Church is once again being offered to recognize loved ones birthday's, wedding anniversary's etc. at the same time of raising some monies towards LCC utilities. The book is in the narthex. Thank you to all who participate in this.

You're invited to join us for **Lefse Fry Day** at LCC on Tuesday, November 11th, from 1 pm to 3 pm. Whether you're an experienced Lefse maker, a curious child, a parent, or anyone interested in learning the enchanting art of Lefse making, we welcome you to join us in making Lefse together! If you have any questions, please contact Molly Traynor or Kari Harris. Signups are available in the lobby. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pies will be needed for the **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service**. Let Pastor Lisa know if you are able to provide a pie or two. Coffee servers will be needed as well that evening including set up and clean up.

From Kay Miller: "I spoke with the Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry on Tuesday, Oct. 28th. They served 54 families on Monday (27th) and 67 families on Tuesday (28th). They are getting very concerned because of the number of people who are currently not working due to shutdowns and the ending of the SNAP program. As of right now they need everything. They would really appreciate anything that is shelf stable: vegetables, mac and cheese (that can be made with water), canned tuna or chicken, and packets of items such as soups, instant potatoes."

Thank you Deb Patterson for creating this wonderful fall bulletin board.



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.
Led by Marjo Hewitson followed by her fearless readers.
November—”The Wine Makers Wife” by Kristin Harmel
December—”When Breath Becomes Air” by Paul Kalanihi
January —”All the Colors of the Dark” by Chris Whitaker
February—”The Briar Club” by Kate Quinn

FIND YOUR BALANCE Stress Relief & Support, a monthly stress management offering held at UCC the third Thursday Sept. 28—April 16. 6—7:15 pm.

All Saints Service Wednesday, November 5 at St. George’s Episcopal 6:15pm

Jesus & Women Mtg Dates: 11/12, 11/19, 12/3 Conference Rm.

There will be a **Health Information Fair** at the Missouri Slope Campus on N. Washington Tues, Nov. 4th 10-2 pm .

Camp of the Cross Pancake Breakfast TODAY November 2 serving after the service. The famous Wishek sausage will be paired with the tremendously tender pancakes LCC is also known for. Stay for breakfast to support Camp of the Cross.

The November and December Sunday Ministerial Duties are now scheduled. The schedules have been sent out electronically this week. Copies are also on the round table in the narthex. No reminders will be sent out during the secretaries absence

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service here Tuesday, Nov 25 at 7pm. Sister Idele Badt from Stepping Stone Ministries will be the speaker. Hosted by UCC, LCC, Faith Lutheran, Lord of Life, Annunciation Monastery, McCabe Methodist, Legacy Methodist and St. George’s Episcopal. Pie social to follow.

Let’s fill up the tree in the narthex with everyone’s favorite Bible verse.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 149

Sing the LORD’s praise in the assembly of the faithful. (*Ps. 149:1*)

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- ² **Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**
- ³ Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
- ⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.**
- ⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
- ⁶ **Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,**
- ⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
- ⁸ **to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,**
- ⁹ to execute on them the judgment decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

God raised Christ from the dead and made him head over all the church

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION SONG: “Acclamation #10”

WEEKLY CALENDAR of November 2, 2025

Today, November 2:	River Practice 9:00 am River Service/Church school 10:00am <i>Pancake Breakfast</i> 11:00am The Chosen 3pm
Monday, November 3:	Stitching Group 9:00 am
Tuesday, November 4:	The Chosen 5pm
Wednesday, November 5:	Supper 5pm Worship 6:15pm here All Saints Service @St. George’s 6:15pm Church School / River Practice 7
Thursday, November 6:	Quilting 1:00pm AA Meeting 8pm
Friday, November 7:	Wired Word 1:30pm
Saturday, November 8:	Men’s Bible Study 10am
Sunday, November 9:	River Practice 9:00am River Service 10:00am Coffee 11am

Upcoming Events:
Nov. 11 Lefse Making Day 1-3
Nov. 13 Church Council 6:30p
Nov. 25 Community Worship 7pm here

Gospel PraiSing Fiesta!

Nourish the Body

**Mayas Mexican
Restaurant**



1601 W. Century Ave
Bismarck, ND

Lunch - order off menu
(patron's expense)

Nourish the Soul

**SUNDAYS
11:30 AM-1:30 PM**

**Christian Music
presented by:
Colleen Reinhardt
Julie Ternes
& Guests**

September 7 & September 21

October 5 & October 19

November 9 & November 23

December 21 - Christmas Fiesta



Free-will donations accepted for local charities.

Presented by: Gospel PraiSing (GPS) Ministries
Julie Ternes 701-226-0356

GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

Jesus speaks blessings and woes

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

SERMON Pastor Lisa Ahlness

SONG OF THE DAY: "Shall We Gather at the River"

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING SONG: "For All the Saints"

OFFERING PRAYER

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OUR LORD’S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: “Turn Your Eyes”

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: “Oh When the Saints Go Marching In “

“THE RIVER” and “LIVING WATER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Deb Sargent

Communion Assistants—Deb Sargent, Janice Martin, Suzanne Toso

Ushers—Janice & Keven Martin, Suzane & Joel Toso

Altar Guild—Cherie Krueger, Kelly Olson, Verlaine Jahner

Faith and Care Group 2— Sheila Seuss & Josh Hocker, Sheila & Ron Koffler

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, Mike Geiermann, Marlene Grabow, Sally Grenz, Paul Gurholt, Doug Johnson, Cherie Krueger, AJ Marx, Kathy Morrison, Mark Murie, Deb Patterson, Amanda Sagsveen

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, Hattie Martinson, Carter Weigel, Josey Hanson, Heidi Renner, JoDee Sayler, Diane Klein, Libby Martin, Kira Willadsen, Kerry Carpenter, Sher Harildstad, Shirley Holder, Jerry Hanson, Joyce Wahl, Jeff Christian-son, Arvid Mugaas, Pete Barrette, Heather Martin, Katie Leer, Daryl Hodnefield, Lorna Mathais, Jagger Lindsey, Sandy Drevecky, Emmett Wolf, Peg Ahlness, Don Becker

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—

Keaton Westlake, John Hertzgard, Judi Fockler