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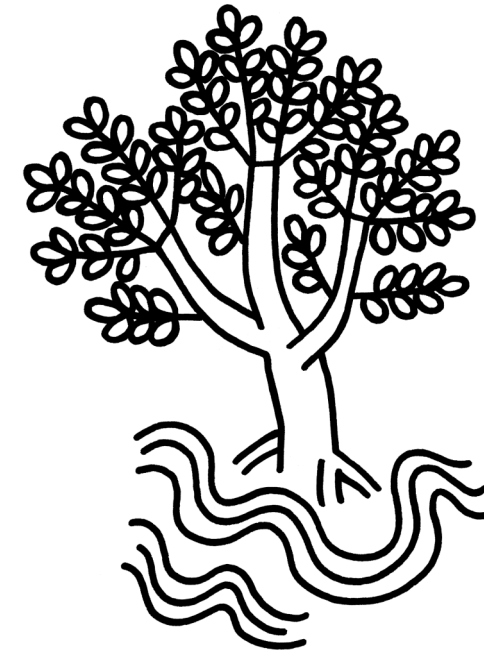
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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service



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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.

Introduction

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus’ point in the gospel. A mustard seed’s-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

WE COME TOGETHER

PRELUDE: “God is Here!” “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

We Hear God’s Word

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4

Wicked surround the righteous; wait for the LORD

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

SIGN UP to help with the important ministerial duties that are needed each and every week . You’ll find the spreadsheet on the round table near the bathrooms. Thanks to all you have volunteered for September. We are now planning for October. We can’t do it without you.

German Supper Sat. Oct. 18 5—7pm at UCC a sumptuous homemade meal of Fleischkuekle, Borscht soup, German potato salad, bread and kuchen. The meal will benefit Ministry on the Margins and UCC. Tickets —adults \$20, kids \$10, kids 4 and under free

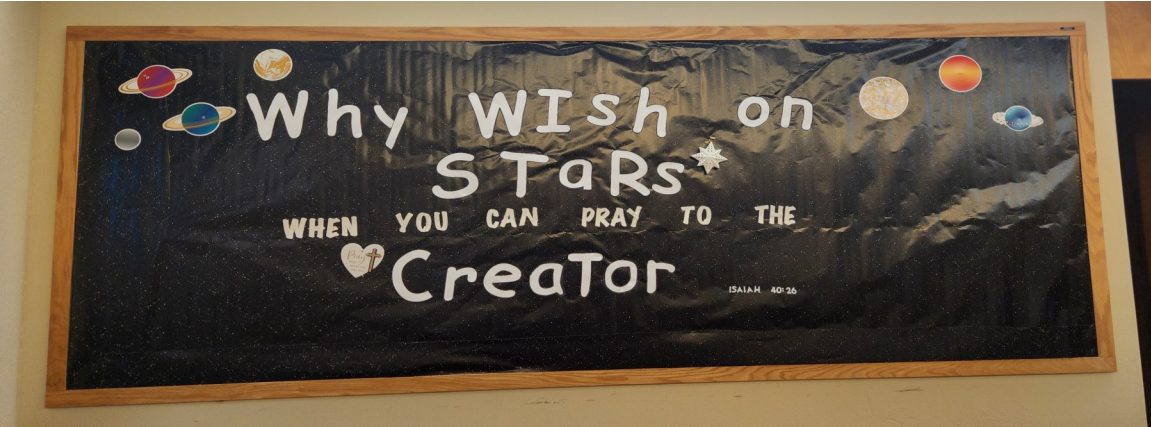
Let’s fill up the tree in the narthex with everyone’s favorite Bible verse.

Faith Lutheran’s Pie & Coffee Day is Saturday, October 25 from 9—2pm. They will be serving delicious rolls, muffins, pie and coffee. As well as soup & sandwiches during the extended lunch hour. In between eating 9 at 9 am and lunch at 11:30 the Women of Faith Lutheran church will be offering take home baked goods, hand crafted items such as cards, quilts and fall items. The parking lot is along the north side. You can take the elevator there to the basement.

The Chosen Bible Study Sunday, October 19th at 3pm or Tuesday, November 7th 5pm .You will have a choice of days to fit it into your schedule.

October’s Altar Focus remains Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry, but with an emphasis on spices and staples of flour, sugar, etc. and can openers.

Thank you Deb Patterson for creating this wonderful 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.
October—“The Secret Life of Sunflowers” by Marta Molnar
November—“The Wine Makers Wife” by Kristin Harmel
December—“When Breath Becomes Air” by Paul Kalanithi
January —“All the Colors of the Dark” by Chris Whitaker
February—“The Briar Club” by Kate Quinn

Thank you Peder for sharing your message with us today.

There is a Caring Bridge page for **Emmett Wolf**. www.caringbridge.org Search for his name. The page was created 9.9.25. Both parents, Marisa and Kyle are writing about what their tiny son is going through. Prayers are needed for this little warrior and his parents.

LCC welcomes new members: Erin Bolinger and daughter Kaija Rozier, Debbie Patterson, Ernie Torpen, and Kathy Morrison. We hope you will feel welcomed here being a part of God’s LCC family.

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.

Gospel PraiSing Ministries is continuing their twice monthly performances at the Mayas Mexican restaurant 11:30—1:30 the first and third week of each month. See the posted flyers for the monthly dates.

Beer & Hymns Monday, October 20 from 7—9 pm at the Mandan Eagles.

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

Trunk or Treat October 26 3-4 pm in the parking lot or if inclement weather inside.

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

RESPONSIVE READNG: Psalm 37:1-9

Commit your way to the *Lord*; put your trust in the *Lord*. (*Ps. 37:5*)

¹Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

²**for they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.**

³Trust in the Lord and do good;
live in the land and enjoy security.

⁴ Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
⁵ Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.
⁶ He will make your vindication shine like the light
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
⁷ Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.
⁸ Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Guard the treasure entrusted to you: faith and love in Christ

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
² To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.
⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

WEEKLY CALENDAR of October 5, 2025

Today, October 5:	River Practice 9:00 am River Service /Church school 10:00am Coffee 11:00am
Monday, October 6:	Stitching Group 9:00 am
Tuesday, October 7:	
Wednesday, October 8:	Book Club 1:30pm Supper 5pm Worship 6:15pm Church School /Confirmation 7p River Practice 7pm Jesus & the Women Bible Study
Thursday, October 9:	Quilting 1:00pm Church Council 6:30pm AA Meeting 8pm
Friday, October 10:	Wired Word 1:30pm
Saturday, October 11:	Men’s Bible Study 10am
Sunday, October 12:	River Practice 9:00am River Service 10:00am Coffee Hour 11:00am



¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION SONG: *“Alleluia” setting 10*

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

Faith the size of a mustard seed

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

SERMON Peder Gulleson

SONG OF THE DAY: “How Firm a Foundation”

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING SONG: “Create in Me a Clean Heart O God”

OFFERING PRAYER

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OUR LORD’S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: “We Walk by Faith”

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: “Faith of Our Fathers”

DISMISSAL

“THE RIVER” and “LIVING WATER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness
Scripture Reader—Cherie Krueger
Ushers—Rich & Kinsley Fockler, Larry Jahner
Communion Assistants—Sheila Koffler, Janice Martin, David Drovdal
Altar Guild—Verlaine Jahner, Ruth Jensen, Sharon Narum, Kelly Olson
Faith and Care Group 1— Janet & Troy Bassingthwaite, Annie & Aanen Bergrud
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, Peg Ahlness, Shirley Holder, Jerry Hanson, Joyce Wahl, Steve Krogstad, Jeff Christianson, Arvid Mugaas, Pete Barrette, Heather Martin, Collette Ternes, Katie Leer, Daryl Hodnefield, Lorna Mathais, Jagger Lindsey, Sandy Drevecky, Keaton Westlake, Marisa Wolf, Emmett Wolf. Judi Fockler

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—
Madison Woehl, Jim Hausmann, Carolyn Wegerle