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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.

We Come Together

Introduction

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

PRELUDE: "Blessed Assurance", "All are Welcome"

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE

OUR CONFESSION, GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: "Kyrie Eleison"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We Hear God's Word

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

I know that my Redeemer lives and I shall see God .

²³ "O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,

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. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pies will be needed for the **Ecumenical 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.

Kay Miller reports that the **Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry** is serving 70+ families per day. They are in dire need of shelf stable items: vegetables, mac and cheese (that can be made with water), canned tuna or chicken, and packs of items such as soups, instant potatoes.

We are collecting the following items for **Foster Hope**: snack packs, fruit snacks, crackers/cheese packs for children, and hats, gloves and scarves of all sizes.

Thank you for the donations of food and warm things. We need help **delivering** our alter focus **donations** this month! If you can deliver shelf-stable food and winter accessories please reach out to the church office or Pastor Lisa.

We are in need of **office volunteers** while Connie Werner recovers from knee surgery. If you have an hour or two here or there, would you be willing to assist by answering the phone in the church office, taking messages, and being a friendly face to greet those who stop in? If so, please sign up on the clipboard near the hallway to the bathrooms, or call the church office to indicate your availability.

Come experience **Holden Evening Prayer** in worship at 6:15 pm on Wednesdays in Advent: December 3rd, 10th and 17th. The theme of these worship services will be "The Power of Yes":

Our annual **Cookie Walk** will be held on **Sunday, December 14th**. Get out your favorite recipes and dust off your cookie sheets! We invite bakers to sign up, as we need at least 10-15 bakers to make a go of this.

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 through April 16. 6:00-7:15 pm.

Jesus & Women Bible Study: 11/12, 11/19, 12/3 at 7:00 in Youth Room

The November and December Sunday Worship Duties are now scheduled. The schedules have been sent out electronically. Copies are also on the round table in the narthex. No reminders will be sent out during the secretary’s absence

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service here Tuesday, Nov 25 at 7pm. Sister Idelle 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.

The order form 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’ birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and other significant dates in your family. The money raised will go towards LCC utilities. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex—thank you to all who participate!

^{27a}whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 17:1-9

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed ^l to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from ^l lying lips.

² **Let my vindication come forth ^l from your presence;
let your eyes be ^l fixed on justice.**

³ Examine my heart, visit ^l me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- ^l ty in me.

⁴ **I have not regarded what ^l others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways ^l of the violent. R**

⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your ^l well-worn path;
and my feet ^l do not slip.

⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will ^l answer me;
incline your ear to me and ^l hear my words.**

⁷ Show me your marvelous ^l lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who ^l rise
against them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple ^l of your eye;
hide me under the shadow ^l of your wings,**

⁹ from the wicked ^l who assault me,
from my deadly enemies ^l who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

The coming of the Lord Jesus

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION SONG: “ELW #10”

WEEKLY CALENDAR of November 9, 2025

Today, November 9:	9:00 am River Practice 10:00 am River Service 11:00 am Coffee Hour
Monday, November 10:	9:00 am Stitching Group 7:00-9:00 pm Beer and Hymns @ Mandan Eagles
Tuesday, November 11:	Veteran’s Day—Office Closed 1:00-3:00 pm Lefse Making, All Welcome
Wednesday, November 12:	5:00 pm Supper 6:15 Worship 7:00 pm Confirmation, River Practice, Jesus and The Women Bible Study
Thursday, November 13:	1:00 pm Quilting 5:45 pm Scripture Circle @ McCabe United Methodist Church 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm AA Meeting
Friday, November 14:	1:30 Wired Word Group
Saturday, November 15:	Men’s Bible Study 10am
Sunday, November 16:	9:00 am River Practice 10:00 am River Service, Church School

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 25 7:00 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship at Church of the Cross

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 READING: Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus climbs into a tree to see Jesus

¹ [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

SERMON Pastor Brian Knutson

SONG OF THE DAY: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING SONG: "Morning Has Broken"

OFFERING PRAYER

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OUR LORD’S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG: “Let Us Break Bread Together”

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: “I Love To Tell The Story”

“THE RIVER” and “LIVING WATER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Brian Knutson

Scripture Reader— Tracy Geiermann

Communion Assistants—Sheila Koffler, Mavis Pommerer, Kay Koch

Ushers—Mike & Tracy Geiermann, Alex & Katheryn Spilman

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— 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

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, Connie Werner, Dave Kunze

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones:

Keaton Westlake, John Hertzgard, Judi Fockler