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# The River

A Blended Worship Service



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**June 14, 2026**

*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

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# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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## Third Sunday After Pentecost

### Introduction

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

## We Come Together

**PRELUDE:** "For Such A Time As This", "God is Here" ELW 526

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG:** "All Creatures of our God and King"

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## We Hear God's Word

**FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a**

*The covenant with Israel at Sinai*

<sup>2</sup> [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup> 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

# 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

May 17 - Kelley Reuer

May 31 - Steve Harmon

June 7 - Brian Saylor

June 28 - David Sorenson/Traci Juhala

July 12 - Debi Rogers

July 26 - Mya Tena

August 9 - On the Brink

August 23 - Gospel PraiSing Festival  
with Natalie Layne



Free-will donations in May through August  
assist Abused Adult Resource Center (AARC)

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

# June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9a R.Practice 10am River Service 11am Coffee	1 Stitching 9am	2 Kids Corner 9- 10:30	3	4	5 No Wired Word	6 Men's Bible Study 10
7 9a R.Practice 10am River Service 11am Coffee	8 NO Stitching 9am Office closed	9 Kids Corner 9- 10:30	10_ Book Club 1:30 Church Picnic 5:15 Worship 6:15 Council 7 pm	11	12 1:30 Wired Word	13 Men's Bible Study 10 am
14 9a R.Practice 10am River Service 11am Coffee	15 Stitching 9am	16 Kids Corner 9- 10:30	17 Father & Sons Burgers 5:30pm	18 Gather Bible Study 10:30am	19 1:30 Wired Word	20 Men's Bible Study 10 am
21 9a R.Practice 10am River Service 11am Coffee	22 Stitching 9am	23 Kids Corner 9- 10:30	24	25	26 1:30 Wired Word	27 Men's Bible Study 10am
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<sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

## RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 100

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (*Ps. 100:3*)

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Serve the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

*While we were sinners, Christ died for us*

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

## GOSPEL SONG: "Good Soil"

### GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:8(9-23)

*The sending of the Twelve*

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [<sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup> "I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles.

## Camp of the Cross Scholarships Available

Did you know that we want everyone to be able to go to Bible camp?! It is a fun and even transformative experience! LCC has camp scholarships available. If you are attending another Bible camp, just let the treasurer know. Contact Art Wheeler or Sarah Dahl for more information and to receive scholarships!

## Kids Corner at Lutheran Church of the Cross!

We're excited to offer a relaxed and welcoming playtime in our newly furnished nursery for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers. It's a great space to connect with other families while the little ones play and explore.. Whether you're part of our church family, new to the area, or simply looking for a friendly place to meet other parents and caregivers, you are warmly invited! Tuesday in June 9:00—10:30 am. Parking lot and entrance on the west side. We'd love to see you there!

## Altar Focus – June: Helping Specialty Campers with LWR kit items

Pastor Michon Weingartner has joined Camp of the Cross staff recently and will be assisting Deacon Janie Hague in leading camp programs. Pastor Michon has long led some of the specialty camps at CCM, which include art, creative writing, fishing, guitar and ukelele, whittling and trekkers camps) and is starting something new this year by having those campers help put together school kits and health care kits for Lutheran World Relief. You and I have had some experience with kits, but these students may not have! To that end, Pastor Michon is asking if our congregation would help by donating some items toward these kits. Items for the health kits are needed by June 21; the school kits will be put together the first week of August, so hit the sales on school supplies when they start to happen. Lists of items needed are in the narthex.

**\*\*Look Ahead: Altar Focus in July/August will be items for baby care kits and school kits! Watch for rummage sales and school sales!\*\***

**Father the Camp** items are also part of the Altar Focus. See the display and take the list of need supplies.

Who can help **usher**, be a **communion assistant** or a **scripture reader** this summer? Volunteer. Call the office. Send an email with the dates you can help. The lake home people are gone. Camping people have left. Will you step out of your comfort zone and help out?

## 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. Anyone is welcome to attend. Led by Marjo Hewitson followed by her fearless readers.

July—Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid

August—Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

Karen and I would like to have our church friends join us today, in the fellowship hall after service, to help us celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary (actually on the 12th). **Ken & Karen Will**

**Vacation Bible School August: August 9-11 5:30—7:30**

The theme is Exploring God's Creation in the Alaskan Wilderness. Games, songs, stories and fun filled activities are planned. There is a sign up in the narthex. You may also call the office. Volunteers are needed also for this adventure. It will be held here in conjunction with UCC.

**Time for summer reading:** On the table in the narthex is a variety of reading material for adults and children alike. Please feel free to take some or share with others.

**Father and Sons Get Together**

LCC celebrates everyone so on June 17th starting at 5:30 we will celebrate our fathers and sons with a Father and Son Burgers and Root beer supper. We will have a speaker, games, and prizes.

Please call the church or signup if interested so that we can make sure we have enough food. Sons bring your fathers, Fathers bring your friends. Everyone is welcome.

The daily devotional; **Christ in our Home**, is in the narthex. Get your copy.

<sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]



**SERMON:** Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**SONG OF THE DAY:** “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING SONG:** “Now the Feast and Celebration” ELW 167

**OFFERING PRAYER**

## **WE SHARE THE MEAL**

**PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO OUR LORD’S SUPPER**

**COMMUNION SONG:** “All My Hope”

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG:** “I Love to Tell the Story” ELW 661

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

**Pastor**—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

**Scripture Reader**—Esther Anderson

**Communion Assistants**—Debbie Patterson, Kay Koch, HELP!

**Ushers**—Janet & Megan Bassingthwaite, HELP!

**Altar Guild**— Valerie Kunz, Deb Sargent, Suzanne Toso

**Faith and Care Group 5**—Kathryn & Alex Spilman, Peter & Mary Dickerson

**River Worship Team**—

**Sound Board Technicians**— Larry Wolf, Karen Will

**Projection Team**— 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, Glen Hyland, 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, Eve Kath

**Sunday Worship Coordinator**—Peder Gulleson

**Living Water Worship Team**

**Living Water Singers**—Bria Blanchard, 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, Heidi Renner, Diane Klein, Libby Martin, Kira Willadsen, Sher Harildstad, Shirley Holder, Jerry Hanson, Joyce Wahl, Jeff Christianson, Pete Barrette, Heather Martin, Daryl Hodnefield, Jagger Lindsey, Emmett Wolf, Don Becker, Dave Kunze, Marvin Leer, Janie Hague, Ken Will, Laurie Stenehjelm, Breezy Uffelman, Jim Moore, Mark Doerner, Mike Doerner, Sandy Hyland

**For those dealing with the death of these loved ones:** Lorna Mathais, Arvid Mugaas