Welcome to Worship Sunday, August 25



The Reading Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

TABLE PRAYER

Loving God, you have given us your Son who has taken our sins away and in exchange given to us his righteousness, his goodness. May we reflect the love that he has shown to us to all that we meet. Bless the food we are about to eat. May it strengthen us to be faithful witnesses of your love and grace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Phyllis Berninger	K Barta	Chase Lykken	S Kubesh
Justin Lothert	Classmates 2011	Diana Adkins	B Hennen
Loraine Smith	S Schlomann	Cristel Enstad	F Johnson
Leslie Sagedahl	D Sagedahl	Florence Jacobs	J Balgaard
Marge Cooper	A Boen	David Louis	A Boen
Maddy Travers	K Barta	Judy Hanson	J Hanson
John Lothert	C Lothert	Elaine Julius	M Hausken

Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries Jens Gylland and Anders Gylland – deployed to Afghanistan

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Kindness of others.

Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:

-Please gain permission.

-Fill out a request form: found in the pews, office, or at crossofcalvary.net -Names will remain on the list for a maximum of one month.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

25 Sun	Worship	9:00 am
26 Mon	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
27 Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
28 Wed	Classroom reserved	3:00-6:30pm
29 Thurs	Community Meal/Worship	5:45/6:30pm
01 Sun	Worship	9:00 am

RALLY SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 8

Worship 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday School 9:30-10:20

REMINDER ---- Parents will accompany their child(ren) to their Sunday school class. See an overview of what's in store this year. Connect with the teacher, and participate with your kid(s). Be sure to update your contact information. Treats for everyone in the classrooms!!

Blessing of school bags at 8:30 and 10:30 Presentation of 3rd and 8th grade Bibles at 10:30



Additional volunteers are needed. Laurie is happy to meet with you to show you how easy it is to run the screen. Give it a try!

VOLUNTEERS for August

Communion – T Gay Ushers 9:00 – J Jandl, C Jandl, W Stucke, S Wertish Altar Guild – S Larson, A Dietrich, S Iverson



VOLUNTEERS for September

Communion 8:30—S Whited 10:30—G Blem Ushers Sept 1, 9am—M Grund, J Grund, D Gross, D/K Bratsch 8:30 — M Grund, J Grund, D Gross, D/K Bratsch 10:30— D Senger, D Steffel Altar Guild M Klinghagen, B Wertish

Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers - sign-up on the board



What's blooming in the church gardens? Day lilies, astilbe, hosta, mums, hydrangeas, roses and geraniums. The landscaping around the 11th Street sign is also completed.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - Pastor and the staff are always available, day and night, to take calls for <u>emergencies and pastoral care</u>. Simply call 523-1574. The answering system will direct you to the number for the staff member needed, and emergency numbers can be found there. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

PASTORAL CARE: Pastor is available and eager to make visits whenever there is an illness or a hospitalization, here or in the cities. Have a family member or friend **notify the church**, so Pastor can be made aware of the need. You may also request that hospital staff call the church on your behalf.



Pastor Matt's Podcast!!

The Faithful 15 is a weekly, 15-minute podcast that will recharge and regenerate you to go out and live your life in faith and discipleship throughout the week. To listen visit **www.crossofcalvary.net**

A FEW GOOD MEN???

Looking for help loading and unloading the dishwasher for funeral luncheons. Please contact Marlys.

Fall Craft Retreat

Oct 31-Nov 2 Look for registration information in

the bulletins and in the Narthex.

Blue Jeans Sunday

September 22

Beginning at 9:30 Gather with our Faith Family and lend a hand to clean the church and grounds . Various chores will be listed throughout the building. Wear your jeans, stay for as long as you can. More hands and friendly faces make the work go quickly! Large Print Bulletins are available on the display rack or from an usher.

DEADLINE for the summer bulletins is on Wednesday, by noon.



Coffee Hour. Youth groups will again be doing coffee starting September 15th. Until then, coffee hour is open to other groups for fund raising. Keep an eye on the Coffee Hour List for openings for your group



COMMUNITY BOARD

- Renville County Senior Expo is Thurs, Sept 26th
- Willmar Walk to End Alzheimer's is Oct 5th
- Women's Bible Study Every Wed morning, a group of women in our community gather at the Master's Coffee Shop at 8:30 a.m. to pray and study the Bible together. We will be having a short, 5-week book study beginning September 11 on Ann Voskamp's book <u>1000 Gifts</u>. Ann Voskamp invites us to slow down, to learn how to live the full life of eucharisteo (with grace, thanksgiving, joy) regardless of circumstances. If you would like to be a part of this study, let Claire Lund know that you would like a book (\$8). The study includes a DVD and the discussion will be led by Jola Johnson.

Unity of the Church

Ephesians 4:1-16

Key Verses: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Ephesians 4:4-6

Time: about 62 A.D.

Background: Continuing Paul's theme of working to unify, rather than divide the church, this letter called all Christians to be united under "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." (4:5) He exalted the various gifts of those in the community of faith, emphasizing the benefits of all the gifts. He also called the community to hold one another accountable, and to grow in faith and maturity.

Community: Where do your community's differences cause division? How does Christ's saving work affect how your community works together?

At Home: Often, when other people bother us, it's an indication that there is something unsettled within ourselves. See if you can identify this week what is stirring inside of you when you find yourself bothered by another's differences. What might you do to change your perspective?

Read This Week:

Monday: *Christ's Ascension*, Luke 24:49-53 Tuesday: *Prayer*, Philippians 1:1-11 Wednesday: *Paul's Circumstances*, Philippians 1:12-30 Thursday: *Christ's Example*, Philippians 2:1-11 Friday: *Duties of Christians*, Philippians 2:12-18 Saturday: *Timothy and Epaphroditus*, Philippians 2:19-30

Next Week: Armor of God, Ephesians 6:10-20

