

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, September 15, 2013



The Reading

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.

³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."

⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

⁸Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its

horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

***The Gospel** John 1:29

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"



COMMUNION – Sept 22

TABLE PRAYER

Faithful God, your faithfulness to us is beyond compare. Thank you! May you strengthen us so we may walk in faith and when we stumble may we know that you are there to pick us up. Thank you for the food we are about to eat. It is another sign of your faithfulness to us. May we go out and share all you have given to us in your gracious love. Amen!

Large Print Bulletins are available on the display rack or from an usher.

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Phyllis Berninger	<i>K Barta</i>	Chase Lykken	<i>S Kubesh</i>
Justin Lothert	<i>Classmates 2011</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Jeanie Miller	<i>M Hanson</i>	David Louis	<i>A Boen</i>
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Dan Rasmussen	<i>C Jandl</i>
Maddy Travers	<i>K Barta</i>	Mary Page	<i>J Page</i>
John Lothert	<i>C Lothert</i>	Bob Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>
Millie Larson	<i>K Larson</i>	Tonia Otto	<i>P Aalderks</i>
Leanne Miller	<i>K Grasmon</i>	Katelynn Rae Wahus	<i>S Alton</i>

Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries
 Jens Gylland, Anders Gylland, James Whitcomb and Logan Pautzke – Afghanistan

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

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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.

VOLUNTEERS for September

Communion 8:30—S Whited 10:30—G Blem
Ushers 8:30 — M Grund, J Grund, D Gross, D/K Bratsch
 10:30— D Senger, D Steffel
Altar Guild M Klinghagen, B Wertish
Acolytes Abby Sigurdson, Eva Larson



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

THIS WEEK

15 Sun	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30-10:20am
	Altar Guild – Library	5:30
	Girl Scouts 6:30pm	6:00-9:00pm
16 Mon	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
	October Follower Deadline	
17 Tues	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
	Office Closed – Staff at Synod Meetings	
18 Wed	1st Communion Class/WOW	3:15pm
	Confirmation Meal	5:45pm
	Confirmation Class	6:30pm
	Sr. Choir	6:30pm
	Committee Meetings	7:00pm
	Council Meeting	8:00pm
21 Sat	Worship	5:30pm
22 Sun	Blue Jeans Sunday	
	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30-10:20am
	Golden Living Service	1:00pm

DEADLINE for the bulletin **Thursday noon.**

COMING UP

Sept 23	Ruth Circle
Sept 24	Assemble the <i>Follower</i>
Sept 26	Dorcas Circle
Sept 29	Kingery Baptism, Honzay Baptism
Oct 03	Breakfast Club begins
Oct 06	Weis Baptism



Correction: The Confirmation Banquet is Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Coffee Hour.

Sept 15	OPEN
Sept 22	Blue Jean Sunday
Sept 29	Youth



Oct 6	OPEN
Oct 13	Youth
Oct 20	OPEN

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!

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - Pastor and the staff are always available, day and night, to take calls for emergencies and pastoral care. 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

Blue Jeans Sunday is 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!

SIGN UP on the BOARD

WOW TREATS

Sept 18 Jill Hanson
Sept 25
Oct 2
Oct 9
Oct 23
Oct 30

Prepare for 30 kids
Drop off by noon
Ideas - bars, cookies, fruit,
crackers, cheese, fruit, snack
mix, veggies/dip
NO NUTS

CONFIRMATION SUPPER

Sept 18 Dave and Kathy Altmann
Sept 25 Stacey Larson / Sarah Iverson
Oct 2 Jill Hanson
Oct 23 Confirmation Banquet
Nov 6 Stacey Bratsch / Tina Weber
Nov 13
Nov 20
Dec 4 Libby Revier / Teri Larson-Johnson
Dec 11
Dec 18
Jan 8 Emy Elbert / Melissa Sagedahl
Jan 15
Jan 22
Jan 29
Feb 5
Feb 12
Feb 19
Feb 26
Apr 23

Expect - 20 Confirmation students and 10 adults

Time – Serve from 5:45 to 6:20

Ideas – walking tacos, pizza, soups, enchiladas, BBQ, hot turkey sandwiches, spaghetti, hotdish

Beverages – sodas, milk (lemonade mix available at church)

Dessert - cookies, bars, ice cream treats

Bring - disposable paper products, unless you choose to do dishes

Optional – baby carrots, chips, salad

A New Look for Serving the Church and Others.

VOLUNTEER	COMMITTEE	COUNCIL REPS
	Equipping the Congregation	Eric Skeie, Sandy Whited Cindy Johnson
	Outreach	David Torgelson, Marie Rauenhorst
	Administration	Gordy Blem, Todd Gay, Keith Larson Dave Altmann, Michelle Jensen,
	Youth Ministry	Natashia Johnson

Committees will meet at 7pm, one Wednesday evening each month, on the same night Council meets.

God's work. Our hands.

Wednesday
Sept 18

Your hands
are needed!



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.

To listen visit www.crossofcalvary.net

ON THE COMMUNITY BOARD

- **Lutheran Social Services:** Looking for individuals to serve as respite volunteers. Stipends and Education Grants available.
- **Harvest Festival is Sept 18** at Our Savior's in Sacred Heart
- **5th Annual Apple Harvest Fest** is Sept 22 at Parkview Village
- **Renville County Senior Expo** is Thurs, Sept 26th
- **Willmar Walk to End Alzheimer's** is Oct 5th
- **Woodland Centers to provide "Youth Mobile Crisis Service"** for Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Meeker, Lac Qui Parle, Renville and Swift counties. Information is on the Community Board or call 320-231-9158
- **Girls' Night Out** is September 25th – Grace Community Church

Olivia Cemetery Work Night

Monday, Sept 16th from 3:00 pm until dark.

To keep the costs at an absolute minimum for our community members the cemetery operates on a "shoestring budget" and receives no City or Government financing. In the desire to keep the grounds looking nice, we welcome you to join us as we trim some trees, raise a few sunken markers and see what is needed to show honor for those buried in our cemetery. Questions can be directed to Gordy Blem at 523-1102. If you could give us an hour or so, it would be much appreciated. If you can't help but desire to give a financial donation to the Perpetual Care fund for future upkeep, it would be greatly treasured!! (The Olivia Cemetery is the east section and is separate from St. Aloysius Cemetery which is the west section)



Tech News – The new LED panel was up and running for Rally Day. What a wonderful addition to our worship service! A few questions were asked:

- Does the LED fold back to the wall? *For services that do not require the use of the LED, it will fold flush to the wall.*
 - Is the print smaller? *The print is the same size as previously used, and is much sharper. Adjustments will continue to be made over the next few months.*
 - Will the swing arm be painted? *From September 16-25 the LED will be taken down to make adjustments to the swing arm and to have it painted. During this time, electrical access will be installed.*
- Note: On Sunday, Sept. 22, we will use the old screen and projector.*

Thank you for your patience throughout the installation process. We want to get everything right, so taking our time with the task has helped us to avoid problems along the way.

1. GLLM seeks organized, friendly, self-starting Retreat Registrar for 25 hours per week. [Application and job description are available online at www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org). Applications are due by September 25.

Show Me Jesus - from Sarah Hausken— SWMN Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator

I had an interesting experience at a Lutheran Youth Organization meeting this summer. The majority of the youth and many of the adults on our board shared that in general they do not connect with God during worship in their congregations. They love the community in their congregations and they want to worship



God, but they do not feel fed. Again at Family Bible Camp, adults conversed about what they want from worship. They want to fill the God-sized hole in their lives with Jesus.

I recently read an article on the Living Lutheran blog about connecting with all generations in worship written by our very own Pastor Laura Aase of River of Hope Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. My parents also attend River of Hope regularly and have shared with me the way the congregation uses all sorts of methods for people of multiple ages and personalities to encounter Jesus in worship. So I've asked Pastor Laura to lead us in exploring how worship (at whatever time and whatever setting it's offered) can do what all people long for it to do: to SHOW ME JESUS.

Open to ALL who would like to lean more... the SWMN Synod Fall Youth Workers' Retreat will focus on this topic. Whether you're a pastor, paid youth minister or volunteer, you are called to show people Jesus. I hope you will consider joining us for this time of continuing education with your youth and family ministry team.

The retreat will be held on Tues, Oct. 1 at Zion Lutheran Church, Buffalo Lake from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Snacks and lunch are included. Carpooling is an option.

Please see Laurie, Chelsey or Sarah for more information/registration before Sept 20th.

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

Key Verses: Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'" Genesis 22:13b-14

Time: around 1850 BCE

Background: God made a covenant with Abraham that would last for generations. God's covenant was a blessing, that Abraham and his offspring would be a blessing to others. Abraham's side of the covenant was fulfilled when he and his household were circumcised. This covenant was established before God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. God's fulfilling of the covenant was not contingent on Abraham's willingness to carry out the morbid request.

Scripture tells us the request was a test of Abraham. We will never know what may have happened to the covenant or the relationship if Abraham had denied God's request. But Abraham proved he was willing to carry it out. Abraham was faithful and proved to God that he could be trusted with the blessing.

Community: To those who have not been brought up with the tradition of scripture (and even to those who have), this story can appear abominable.

How might you tell this story to those who have not heard? What does this story tell us about God? What does it tell us about ourselves?

At Home: Where are there weaknesses in your faith life? What prevents you from trusting God fully? What could you do this week to make a change?

Read This Week:

Sunday, Sep 15, *Binding of Isaac*, Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

Monday, Sep 16, *Choosing of Rebekah*, Genesis 24:1-27

Tuesday, Sep 17, *Choosing of Rebekah*, Genesis 24:28-49

Wednesday, Sep 18, *Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah*, Genesis 24:50-67

Thursday, Sep 19, *The Birth of Esau and Jacob*, Genesis 25:19-28

Friday, Sep 20, *Esau Sells His Birthright*, Genesis 25:29-34

Saturday, Sep 21, *Isaac and Abimelech*, Genesis 26:1-33

Next Week: Sunday, Sep 22, *Jacob's Dream*, Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

taking GOD'S STORY home



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Abraham named that place "The LORD Will Provide." And even now people say, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." – Genesis 22:14 (CEV)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God Who Makes and Keeps Promises, you asked nothing of Abraham that you were not willing to offer yourself. You ask nothing of me that you are not willing to offer yourself. You did not demand Isaac's blood and you do not demand mine. When your Son's blood was poured out, you worked life and hope. When this world demands my blood, promise to work life and hope within me. And keep that promise. Amen. (Genesis 22)

A BLESSING TO SHARE

Mark each other's foreheads with the sign of the cross:

Blessed child of God, live in the promises God has made to you in baptism, in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are provided to help you reflect on today's reading (Monday – Wednesday) and look forward to next Sunday's reading (Thursday – Saturday). Try to take time each day to read the assigned verses: *What connections do you notice? What words or images stand out? What seems important to remember?*

If your household includes younger children, try using a child-friendly Bible like *Spark! Picture Bible* (Augsburg Fortress) or *The Jesus Storybook Bible* (Zondervan; available from the Vibrant Faith Ministries online store, www.vibrantfaith.org).

Today	Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14	God makes good on promises
Monday	Genesis 12:1-9	Who is Abraham?
Tuesday	Genesis 13:1-18	Abraham and Lot
Wednesday	Genesis 15:1-21	God makes a promise to Abraham
Thursday	Genesis 18:1-15	Abraham's wife Sarah laughs at God's promise
Friday	Genesis 24:1-27	Abraham's son, Isaac, and the promise
Saturday	Genesis 25:19-34	Isaac and Rebekah's sons, Esau and Jacob
Sunday	Genesis 27:1-4, 15-33; 28:10-17	God's grace is even for scoundrels like Jacob

CARING CONVERSATIONS

For eons, the story in Genesis 22:1-14 has troubled and perplexed God's people. Read it again and ponder these questions: *What bothers you most about this story?* When Isaac asked Abraham about the lamb for the sacrifice, Abraham simply said, "God will provide the lamb" (22:8). *What do you imagine was going through Abraham's mind?*

Many artists have tried to capture the drama of this text. Check out this Web site with links to dozens of works of art focused on this story: http://www.textweek.com/art/abraham_and_isaac.htm. Pick one and take a quiet moment to study it. *What does this work of art add to your understanding of the biblical text?*

DEVOTIONS

Try shaping a time of devotion around the following basic pattern:

- **Gathering Prayer.** Light a candle to help you focus on the presence of Christ in your midst. Pray the "Prayer for the Week."
- **Caring Conversations.** Take a moment to discuss the ideas and questions in "Caring Conversations."
- **Daily Bible Reading.** Read aloud the Bible passage suggested for the day. *What questions do you have about this reading? What do you want to remember from this reading?*
- **Blessing to Share.** Bless another person, using "A Blessing to Share."

SERVICE

It can be a challenge to know what to say or do when someone you know is experiencing a time of deep suffering. One approach is to provide what is needed—as Abraham hoped God would do and as God truly did. Plan to deliver a simple meal (bowl of fruit, hot dish, and loaf of bread) to an individual or family in the midst of suffering. Write a short note of support and encouragement to go with the meal.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

God provided the place of worship for Abraham. An important part of home ritual and tradition can be identifying a place for it—the table where the family eats together; a corner of the living room; under a tree in the yard; at bedside. Where in your home do you experience God's presence most clearly? What would help you make this a worshipful space: A Bible? A candle? This bulletin insert?



Go to www.vibrantfaithathome.org for more faith-forming activities.



Scrap/Craft/Quilt Retreat

Countdown to
Christmas

Oct 31 - Nov 2, 2013

Thurs - Doors open at 5:30pm

Fri - 8AM to 10pm (or later)

Sat - 8AM to 7:30PM

What to bring:

- Personal Crafting Supplies
- Task light, extension cord (recommended)
- Comfortable task chair (optional)
- Snacks to share—participants will contribute to the coffee shop snacks supply (munchies, sweets, fruit, etc.)

- Come and Go atmosphere (*according to your needs*)
- Breakfast & Lunch on Fri & Sat (*Suppers are on your own*)
- "Solid Ground Coffee Shop" - coffee, tea, soda, water (*sweets and snacks shared among participants*)
- Prayer and Praise time

Just like last year...



Breakfast and Lunch will be catered in, and each participant will be assigned a meal time to serve and clean up. Be sure to indicate when you will be here for meals.

Location: Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
1103 W Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN
Contact: Laurie Schultze—church office
Phone: 320-523-1574
Email: crossofcalvary@gmail.com
Website: crossofcalvary.net

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:12-13).

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Type of craft _____

Est. arrival _____ dep. _____

Preferred soft drink _____

I will help set up at 4:00 on Thurs

Please check the meals for which you will be joining us:

Friday _____ 9:30 Breakfast _____ 1:30 Lunch

Saturday _____ 9:30 Breakfast _____ 1:30 Lunch

Note: Even if you think you may be here at meal time, check it.

What to do if you didn't check a meal, and you will be around at mealtime...eat with us! There's plenty! Really!!!

Registration and payment of **\$30**
are due by **October 15**

Please make checks to "Cross of Calvary." Registration can be dropped off or mailed to the address above. Registration confirmation and follow-up information will be sent to you after your form and fees are received.