



**Cross of Calvary
Lutheran Church**
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November 17, 2019

Cross of Calvary is the ELCA church in Olivia. We are an intergenerational (fancy word for young and old) community that follows Jesus out the building to where we live. We are all learners (disciples) here. This is a safe place to practice worship. And, believe us, it takes practice. Your questions, critical thinking, doubts and imperfect lives are welcome here.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is open to all who are baptized and trust that Christ is present in the meal, regardless of your tradition or affiliation. Wine (red)/grape juice (white).

Participation:

Bold type means all of us read or pray together. Out loud.

Children in Church

They belong here! They are hearing God's Word, music and prayers. We don't mind fidgeting and chatter! If you like, there are activity bags available in the entry.

Announcements

They are as printed or any new information please give to Pastor Matt prior to worship, please hand a note to Pastor with any announcements, including prayer requests

Restrooms they are located in the hallway to the left of the stairs.

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION:	8:30 – Gordy Blem 10:30 – DeeAnne Newville
USHERS	8:30 – Daren, Drew & Jordan Sagedahl & Randy Marguth 10:30 – DeeAnne Newville
ACOLYTES	8:30 – Alison Amsden & Tanner Amsden 10:30 – Carson Serbus & Kaden Fischer
CLICKER	8:30 AM – NEEDED 10:30 AM – Daniel Welchance
ALTAR GUILD:	Jill Hanson & Dawn Gluesing

*Thank
you*



November 17 – November 24

Sunday 11/17	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 AM
	Sunday school	9:30 AM
	Gideon Sunday	
	Sr. High Service Project	4-7 PM
Monday 11/18	Library reserved	6:00–8:00 PM
	Cantata Practice	6:00 – 7:30 PM
Tuesday 11/19	Men’s Bible Study	6:15/7:00 AM
Wednesday 11/20	WOW	3:15 – 5:00 PM
	Confirmation	5:30 – 7:30 PM
	Mission Meeting	5:30 PM
	Band Practice	7:30 PM
	Church Council Meeting	7:30 PM
	No Theology on Tap	8:00 PM
Thursday 11/21	Breakfast Club	7:07 AM
	Women’s Bible Study	8:15 AM
	Cantata Practice	6:00-7:30 PM
Friday 11/22	Jr. High Youth Gathering	
Saturday 11/23	Jr. High Youth Gathering	
	Worship	5:30 PM
Sunday 11/24	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 AM

2020 Offering Envelopes will be available December 8th. Please inform the office if you no longer need or want offering envelopes. (i.e. giving on line)

Confirmation Meals for November

November 20 – NEEDED!!!! Any church members can help out!!!!

November 27 – Thanksgiving – no Confirmation

Cross of Calvary Youth

Coffee Hour Servers for November

- November 17 Corey and Dawn Gluesing
Roger and Tonia Ridler
Ryan and Jen Blad
- November 24 Marc and Sarah Iverson
Justin and Carin Martinson
Brad and Heather McLagan
- December 1 No Coffee Hour
- December 8 No Coffee Hour – Snowflake Bazaar



Senior high (9-12 grade) service project and night games,

Sunday, November 17 from 4-7pm. We will be doing a couple projects for Santa's Closet, eating supper together and playing night games. Bring friends!

Thank you to those who have taken "God Pal" packets and committed to writing to our members away or at home attending college and contemplating their futures. There are 3 males still needing a "God Pal". See Jeni if you are interested.

34 youth from Cross of Calvary will be attending the junior high youth gathering on November 22-23. More chaperones are needed. Please keep these youth in your prayers as we head to the gathering and they experience God in this way.

Clickers needed for November and December

Please sign up on the Youth board – doesn't have to be Youth!!

Cross of Calvary Events for November/December

November 4-28 Cantata Practice will be on Monday & Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 pm

November 17th – Gideon Sunday

November 20th – Church Council meeting

November 22 & 23 – Jr. High Youth Gathering (Willmar)

November 27 – No Confirmation

December 1 – only 1 service at 9:00 AM

December 8th – Snowflake Bazaar



Snowflake Bazaar is on Sunday December 8th! If anyone would like to take part in lefse making at the parsonage, or cookie decorating for the cookie sale, we'd love your help! These are great opportunities for fellowship and laughter (and some sampling?).

Lefse night is Friday December 6th at 6 pm in the parsonage. Whether you have been making lefse for years or don't even know what it is, you're invited to join in! If you have lefse making equipment, please bring it. If you know how to make lefse dough, please bring two batches. Otherwise, just bring yourself!

Cookie decorating day is Friday, December 6th at 9 am. We will have the coffee on! Cookies, frosting, and sprinkles are provided; we just need hands to decorate them. The frosted cookies are always our best seller at the sale on Sunday, and we appreciate your help!

If you are interested in having any pots filled with Christmas greens, we are accepting pots until December 2nd. Please contact Dana Boen (320-894-7885) for ordering information. Forms can also be picked up in the narthex.

The Bazaar Committee thanks you in advance and looks forward to another successful year!

- **Quilters: reminder you will be starting Thursday, Jan. 2nd!!!!**

Prayer Request

Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed. Emergency/Pastoral Care: Please have a family member or friend notify the church. You may also request hospital staff to call on your behalf. Call day or night at 320- 523-1574. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole's mother

Shelby Gass – Family & friends

Lucas Fischer – Brayden & Cassie Fischer son

Cleve Fults – Friend of Bruce Metteer

Kathy Brown – Family and Friends

Clifford Metteer – Bruce & Sharon Metteer

Briar Lippert – son of Jay & Heidi Lippert



Marlin Hanson - friends

Jon Hackmann – son of Miriam Hackmann

Jon Tae Hackmann – grandson of Miriam Hackmann

Community News

CCOC Thanksgiving Dinner: The CCOC's Thanksgiving Dinner is just around the corner. Our community Thanksgiving Dinner is on Thanksgiving Day and is a free will offering meal that is open to everyone. We are currently asking for **donations** of 150 lbs of potatoes, 300-400 lbs of turkeys, squash, corn, cranberries, pumpkin pies, and 10 lbs of butter. Monetary donations are also welcome. Donations can be dropped off at the CCOC or Master's Cafe. Thank you for your generosity.

The CCOC is looking for volunteers to help with its Thanksgiving Dinner. We need volunteers on Wednesday, November 22nd at St. Aloysius starting at 2pm to help peel potatoes and debone turkeys (bring a peeler with you). We also need volunteers the day of the dinner to help serve meals, deliver meals, etc. If you are willing to help and or volunteer either of these days please call 320-523-6318 or email saraa@ccocmn.org

This year's CCOC Thanksgiving dinner is being hosted by St. Aloysius at 302 S. 10th St., Olivia, MN 56277

Birthday celebration: Larry Baumgartner is turning "80"!! Please join us in helping him celebrate on Saturday, November 30th from 1-4 PM, in the Fellowship Hall at Cross of Calvary. Stop by to have some cake and say hello!!

24th Annual Lutheran Men in Mission Lutefisk & Meatball Supper will be held on Thursday, November 21st from 4:30 – 6:30 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls.

2019 Renville County Christmas Contata: please see flyer in east entrance for practice times and performance dates.

Lutefisk/Swedish Meatball Supper at Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo Lake: Sunday, November 24th. Serving from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Family style Dining with take outs available. Cost: Adults: \$15.00, Ages 5-12 \$8.00 and 4 Years & Under free.

Renville County Hospice offers Annual Grief Support Opportunity: The Adult Grief Group is sponsored by Renville County Hospice. The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings October 15, 2019 – December 3, 2019 from 4 – 6 pm at Renville County Hospital (Willette Room), 100 Healthy Way in Olivia. All are welcome and invited. Please call Amy Boettger, MSW, LICSW at 320-523-3451 to register.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 – 3:00 PM

Wednesday

8:30 – 4:00 PM

Friday

8:30 – 2:00 PM

BUILDING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 AM – 7:00 PM

Wednesday

8:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday

8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

WORSHIP TIMES Saturday - 5:30 PM

Sunday – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM



Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 27th at 7:00 PM

GOOD GIFTS

coming in December!!!

(December 1-17) Envelopes will be placed in the Narthex at the beginning of December.



Kick Off

Papa Murphy's Pizza fundraiser

December 8th



November 17, 2019

23rd Sunday after Pentecost



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

The judgment of God brings joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 21:5-9	Suffering for Jesus' sake
Monday	Malachi 4:1-2a	The day of judgment
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Warning against idleness
Wednesday	Isaiah 26:7-15	The Lord can be trusted
Thursday	Romans 5:1-11	Christ died for the ungodly
Friday	Hosea 2:10-16	God courts Israel in the desert
Saturday	Psalms 98	Make a joyful noise
Sunday	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified king

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. Psalm 98:8-9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God of justice and mercy, free us from fear that we may speak of you with joy and gladness. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you, Lord for the food that we eat. Help us to serve others with our hands and our feet. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you faith in Christ to make a joyful noise to the Lord that you may break forth into joyous song and sing praises. (Psalm 98:4)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- ☑ Tell or think about a time when someone was judged unfairly. What happened?
- ☑ Has anyone ever judged you or misunderstood something you did? How did that make you feel?
- ☑ God's judgment leads to grace and mercy. How does that change our understanding of God as judge?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 98.

Psalm 98 is a psalm of praise, praising God for “coming to judge the earth” (v. 9). God’s judgment is an act of vindication, of forgiveness that puts an end to blame (v. 2). It represents an act of “steadfast love and faithfulness” (v. 3). We often fear the idea of God as judge, but without divine judgment, evil knows no end. God’s judgment puts limits on evil and destruction. Our lives are cleansed and so is the earth itself as it responds with joy. The psalmist sings, “Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth” (vv. 7-9a). When Jesus tells his followers to be a witness to the faith when they are persecuted (Luke 21:13), shouts of joy and “singing to the LORD a new song” (Psalm 98:1) would be surprising—yet fitting—ways to testify to the goodness and steadfast love of God. In difficult times, have you been able to sing praises for God’s goodness? Why or why not?

Pray: **Righteous God, through Christ you judge all things that you may have mercy on all that you have created. For your justice and mercy, we sing your praises. Amen.**

SERVICE

In Luke 21:5-6, Jesus and the disciples were in a beautiful temple. He told them that one day the temple would be destroyed as an analogy of what would happen in their own lives. It was a fearful time for the disciples, but Jesus told them that he would be with them always. Do you know someone who is going through a scary or fearful time? Think of something you can do to reflect the love of Jesus in your actions or words and reassure this person.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises” (Psalm 98:4). Use an instrument you play or make an instrument using basic supplies you have around the house. For instance, fold a paper plate in half, fill it with rice or dried beans and tape it shut. Or take a small, empty box and cut a round hole in the top. Wrap rubber bands around the box and over the hole to make a guitar. Think about God’s creation, family, and friends and list what “marvelous things God has done” (v. 1) for you. After reading each item on the list, make a joyful noise with your instrument.