



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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July 5 – July 12

All Worship services will continue to be broadcast on the website and Facebook – thru end of July.

Sunday 7-5

Monday 7-6

Tuesday 7-7

Wednesday 7-8

Thursday 7-9

Friday 7-10

Saturday 7-11

Sunday 7-12

Worship - online

Financial Peace University 8:30 PM

Financial Statements placed in mailed (1st half of the year)

Theology on Tap at 8:00 PM

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Christ in Our Home: (July, August & September) is now available at the church, stop by and pick up a copy.

Women's Bible Study – contact Jeni Skeie if interested in joining. We meet Thursday mornings at 8:15 AM, either in person or via Zoom.

Looking for a God sighting, where God has been at work in your life!

Pastor Matt is looking for persons that have felt God's presence in their life. It could be when you are walking, listening to music, etc. He would like you to video your experience and send a short video to him to share at Sunday services. (It can anonymous or you can appear in the video)



Offering

A huge Thank You for giving so generously!



During this time of uncertainty giving is even more important. We are asking our members to consider giving their offering through our website. crossofcalvary.net
Online giving is fast, safe, and secure.

GIVING ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS

at Cross of Calvary

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at crossofcalvary.net
- 2) Click on the GIVE button,
- 3) Click on HERE TO GIVE, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Cross of Calvary Youth



DAY CAMP with Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

"We are the church" Matthew 18:20

Day Camp will be free this year for everyone! Since you'll be using online resources, anyone can do this whenever you want, no matter where you live! Invite all your friends!

Each day has a different theme and Bible focus with Opening Worship, crafts, outdoor activities, treat ideas, story time, "randomness" and Closing Worship! All activities and a list of supplies are on the website. They use common items you have at home.

Some ideas on how to participate:

- watch the whole day of videos (about 1 hour) then decide what activities to do.
- spread out the activities for a whole week and make each "day" last a week.
- do the whole thing in a week.
- use it on the weekends.

However you want to do it, just enjoy it! Your kids will love it!!! I have been watching the videos and they are so FUN!!

Message me if you need help or have questions, Jeni Skeie at (320) 579-0406 or jeniskeie@gmail.com

How do I find Day Camp?

Go to gllm.org to the bars at the top right corner to Summer Camp, to Day Camp at Home. Scroll down to "Day Camp Videos" and slide to playlists, choosing the playlist for day 1 or whatever day you are on. Day camp is going to look different this year, but it will still be a wonderful time to explore God's love through stories, songs and activities.

Please send me pictures so we can celebrate this time of fun and learning together as a congregation.

DAILY ACTIVITY MATERIALS

DAY CAMP AT HOME · WE ARE THE CHURCH



DAY ONE MATERIALS

Devotion:

- Markers
- Scissors
- Paper

Arts and Crafts:

- Plain white paper
- Pencil
- Markers
- Scissors

Nature Project:

- Paper
- Markers
- List of outdoor items (pdf link available)

Snack Idea:

- Apples
- Yogurt
- Favorite yogurt topping (granola, fruit, etc.)
- Knife
- Cutting board

Afternoon Activity:

- Construction paper/paper
- Markers

DAY TWO MATERIALS

Devotion:

- Paper
- Markers/crayons
- Plates
- Bread
- Construction paper cut into strips

Arts and Crafts:

- Wax paper
- Glue (and a small cup to mix glue and water in)
- Paint brush
- Tissue paper
- Scissors
- Construction paper

Nature Project:

- 4 sticks about the same length
- 10 rocks
- Paint and paintbrush

Snack Idea:

- Sandwich making supplies
- Toothpicks
- Knife and cutting board

Afternoon Activity:

- Sidewalk chalk

DAY THREE MATERIALS

Devotion:

- Writing utensils
- Scissors
- Paper

Arts and Crafts:

- Coffee filters
- Paper plates
- Squir bottle with water
- Markers

Nature Project:

- Recycled containers (juice/milk jug, etc.)
- Paint
- Box cutter/scissors
- Bird Seed
- Rope/yarn to hang finished project

Snack Idea:

- Pretzels
- Chocolate chips
- Milk
- Pot to melt chocolate in
- Wax paper and pan

Afternoon Activity:

- A singing voice (doesn't have to be good!)
- Flower pots
- Paint
- Plants/seeds and soil

DAY FOUR MATERIALS

Devotion:

- Paper
- Markers

Arts and Crafts:

- Paper plate
- Hole puncher
- Yarn
- Scissors

Nature Project:

- 2 pieces of plain paper
- Markers
- Stapler

Snack Idea:

- Tube of cinnamon roll dough
- Pan

Afternoon Activity:

- Trash bags
- Gloves

Camp at Home with Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is also online. They post morning worship every day as well as activities. Each worship features a guest speaker for the message. Elsa Skeie shares on Wednesday, June 24. Sister Sarah Hausken shares on Friday, June 26. You can find these on their YouTube page. Start at gllm.org, to Camp at home. Have fun and send us pics!

Youth and Adults - If you are looking for something devotional, short and sweet, check out this one!!! It is refreshing and current. It includes an opening, scripture, message, prayer and benediction and you could read the whole thing in about 1-2 minutes. When you subscribe, it is emailed to you every morning. I love it. <https://d365.org>. It's a joint effort by the Presbyterian Church and a few other denominations.



Cross of Calvary Labyrinth is located on the southwest corner of the church property. This piece of property that holds the Labyrinth has been refinished. Please **do not** walk on the brick until next summer; you can walk alongside the brick for now.

Q: What is a Labyrinth?

A: Labyrinths are geometrical patterns used for walking or tracing, as a tool to assist the consciousness.

Q: Why walk a Labyrinth?

A: Walking the labyrinth can release patterned behavior, thoughts, and feelings of various sorts. It can "untorque" or unwind you. As you release old patterned energy, the alignment of your body may shift or straighten into a greater spiritual alignment.

Some walk a labyrinth as a kind of moving meditation.

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.

Connor Blad – son of Jen & Ryan Blad

Tony Lentz – Danielle Larson father

Avery and Sawyer Kopel – children of Courtney and Zach Kopel

Ardith Glockzin – Carol Senkyr sister

Carol Horrmann – family

Charlene Norris – Family

Kraig Christoffer – Kathy Aumer brother

Donna Greenwell

Sam Hennen –Betsy Hennen grandson

ALL persons working tirelessly to help with the Covid-19 pandemic



Phil Bahl – Nate Bahl father

Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole

Kathy Brown – Family and Friends

Kathy Johnson – Scott Johnson

Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family

Briar Lippert – Friends & Family

Evelyn & Greg Rosenow – Teeny Kadelbach brother and sister –in-law

Camden Serbus– Taylor & Tanya Serbus's son

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole's mother

Military personal and their families

Mark Grasmon

Darwin – Sonia Grasmon's brother

July 5, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus gives rest to the weary.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 | Rest for the weary |
| Monday | Zechariah 9:9-12 | Coming ruler of God's people |
| Tuesday | Romans 7:15-25a | The conflict in us |
| Wednesday | Genesis 24:34-67 | Marriage of Isaac and Rebecca |
| Thursday | Psalms 45:10-17 | A royal wedding |
| Friday | Song of Solomon 2:8-13 | Springtime love rhapsody |
| Saturday | Psalms 145:8-14 | The Lord is kind and merciful |
| Sunday | Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 | Parable of the sower |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, we thank you for giving us rest when we are weary and the invitation to lean on you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, we thank you for this gift of food that strengthens our bodies and your presence in our lives that gives rest for our souls. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you with grace, mercy, and steadfast love. (Psalm 145:8)

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ When you are weary and tired, where do you find rest?
- ☑ What is something that weighs you down and can feel like a burden?
- ☑ Think of or tell about a time you felt Jesus lifted burdens off your shoulders.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

In this text Jesus speaks with two very different emotional tones. Jesus' naming "this generation" is naming us, we as a people bent on rejecting God, preserving alienation from God, and pursuing idols of any sort. We as a people pursuing our own glory will never be satisfied with God. We reject the austerity of John the Baptist and the life of abundant pleasure of Jesus (vv. 18-19). God's message offered music that we refuse to dance to and grief for which we refuse to express sadness (v. 17). But the tone changes dramatically at verse 25. God reveals Jesus to infants, to the weary, and to those carrying heavy burdens (11:28). In the moment of need and awareness of our great need, we are open to Jesus giving us rest, taking our burdens, and giving us an easy yoke to guide us. The Gospel of Matthew is filled with judgment for those who are content in their own judgments and merciful to those wanting and needing something they cannot give themselves: the peace and joy of the reign of God. Jesus speaks with words of judgment and of comfort. Why do you think we need to hear both? Pray: Merciful God, cleanse us of our self-assurance that is blind to you, and help us to hear your invitation to find rest for our souls through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Going through hard times alone makes us feel weighed down and exhausted. Jesus cares for our hurts and grief through the hands and voices of others. Take time to reach out to someone with the love of Jesus by praying with them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 145 is a song of praise to God. Read verse 8 aloud several times, "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." After each time, pause for a moment of silence. Think or tell about a time when God's steadfast love was a comfort to you. Read the verse one more time and close with, "Amen."