



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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*Worship
with us
from*
HOME

We will continue to have online service through August. Cross of Calvary is having an Outdoor Worship service on August 2nd. Please watch for further information.

July 26 – August 2

All Worship services will continue to be broadcast on the website and Facebook – In person outdoor service will be August 2nd at 5:30 PM

Sunday 7-26
Monday 7-27
Tuesday 7-28
Wednesday 7-29
Thursday 7-30
Friday 7-31
Saturday 8-01
Sunday 8-02

Worship - online

Financial Peace University 8:PM
Theology on Tap at 8:00 PM

Worship - online

Worship – online and Outdoor service at 5:30 PM, east parking lot



Please stop at the church and pick up your Mid-year Financial statements, they have been placed in your mailbox!!! Thank you!

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!



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
- Squirr 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.

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

Sonia Grasmon

Darwin – Sonia Grasmon's brother

July 26, 2020
EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Hymn of the Week

For by Grace You Have Been Saved.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Parables of the kingdom
Monday	1 Kings 3:5-12	Solomon's prayer for wisdom
Tuesday	Romans 8:26-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Wednesday	Genesis 29:15-28	Jacob marries
Thursday	Psalms 128	Happiness in daily life
Friday	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	God's grace is sufficient
Saturday	Psalms 119:129-136	The glories of God's law
Sunday	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. Romans 8:26 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Come Holy Spirit, help us in our weakness and sustain us with faith that trusts your never-failing care through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for daily food; as you restore our bodies with this meal, restore our souls with joy in your presence. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you trust that nothing will separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:39)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☐ When was there a time you felt too weak to work through a problem on your own?
- ☐ Do you find prayer easy or difficult? Explain.
- ☐ What makes it difficult to know God is with you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

Jesus tells five short parables: two about growth, two about valuing something very highly, and one about separating good from bad. There are details of these parables that have challenged Christians throughout the ages. However, Jesus asks the disciples if they “understood all this,” and without any sense of hesitation they simply say, “Yes” (v. 51). Perhaps there is a cautionary tale here. Solomon simply wants wisdom and is praised by God for such a humble request (1 Kings 3:5-12), yet the larger story in 1 Kings reveals that Solomon ended up wanting and claiming much more than a humble quest for wisdom. Instead of preserving the kingdom of Israel, the twelve tribes become split into two realms because of Solomon’s failures. The Apostle Paul acknowledges our human frailty by noting that we do not know how to pray and that the Spirit helps us in our weakness. In the midst of seeking a life of faithfulness and wisdom, it is good to be reminded with much humility that our wisdom has its limits. Finally, what we need is a God who intercedes for us “with sighs too deep for words” (Romans 8:26). Recall when God has been with you during a time of personal weakness or difficulty. How did God help you then?

Pray: The Lord’s Prayer.

SERVICE

“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). Sometimes when a person is going through difficult times, they can easily lose sight of God. Do you know of someone who is struggling? Reach out to that person in their time of need through an act of kindness by taking time to listen.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Many congregations are smaller today than years ago and may feel insignificant. The parable of the mustard seed teaches us that big things can happen from the smallest of things. Growing the church is reliant on being intentional about sharing our own faith story and passing on the rituals and traditions we know and love onto the next generation. Pray daily that you may sow seeds of faith that grow into something great.