



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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August 16 – August 23



Cross of Calvary is having Outdoor Worship service with on Sunday, August 23rd at 5:30 PM. Please read the guidelines on the next page before attending the service. We will continue to offer online services throughout the fall.

CIRCLE is once again distributing school supplies to students in Renville County who can benefit from the assistance. We want ALL students to be prepared to go back to school ready and excited for the school year. Because of CoVid 19 this request has been delayed while we waited for word from the Governor and schools for in-person learning plans. We are intending to have supplies to all students in need before they go back to school. We are collecting all essential supplies and financial donations to accomplish this goal. As you have noticed the price of everything has gone up including school supplies. Please put supplies in the box provided or drop off to CIRCLE in Renville. Contact Lori Clasemann at 320-808-5697 for availability. Financial contributions can be mailed to: CIRCLE, P.O. Box 225, Renville, MN 56284. THANK YOU!

Cross of Calvary Outdoor Service Guidelines

Cross of Calvary evening outdoor worship service. We will follow guidelines to keep your health and safety in mind. Please note the following information below that we will be asking.

- 1. Parking vehicles:** please either park on the street or enter on the west side of the church parking lot. Park on the south side of the building and walk up with chairs. If you are going to stay in your vehicle, please park on the very east side of the parking lot.
- 2. No enter into the church will be allowed. No bathrooms will be available.**
- 3. Communion will be served this week, please pick up your Fellowship cup. It will be in baskets, remember to keep physical distance. Either dispose the cup in the garbage can provided or take home and discard.**

Please SELF SCREEN prior to coming to the service. If you have any of the following symptoms which are new or worse than your usual, or you are just no feeling well, please stay home.

- Fever (100.4 F or higher), or feeling feverish?
- Chills?
- Cough?
- Shortness of breath?
- Sore throat?
- Muscle aches?
- Headache?
- Loss of smell or taste?

- **If you are over 65 or have underlying health conditions** we would encourage you not to attend – we care about your health and safety first!
- Bring your own chairs or blankets and we will ask that you sit with your family members and practice physical distancing, **golf carts are a great suggestion!**
- **We require a mask.** If you do not have a mask and need assistance in obtaining one please contact the church office or they will be available at the service.
- We will **not** have singing due to the high rate of virus spread from singing. **We will have music.**
- We would like people to sign up prior to the service, so we can plan accordingly (this is not a requirement but highly recommended). We will be taking attendance at the service in the event that someone would become ill following as it would help with case tracing.

Email or call to the church office for questions:

320-523-1574 or email crossofcalvary@gmail.com

- 1. Offering will be taken but no plate will be passed.** Please place your offering in the secure drop box located on the handicapped sign pole on the East side of the church. Remember to maintain physical distance from others when giving your offering.
- 2. No paper bulletins will be provided.** The order of service will be emailed to you if you are on the list, and you may follow along off your phone or tablet.

All Worship services will continue to be broadcast on the website and Facebook

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| Sunday 8/16 | Worship – online and Outdoor service at 5:30 PM, east parking lot Equipping Meeting at 10:30 AM (Zoom) |
| Monday 8/17 | |
| Tuesday 8/18 | |
| Wednesday 8/19 | Theology on Tap at 8:00 PM Church Council meeting at 7:00 PM (Zoom) |
| Thursday 8/20 | |
| Friday 8/21 | |
| Saturday 8/22 | Worship - online |
| Sunday 8/23 | Worship – online and Outdoor service at 5:30 PM, east parking lot |

Garden on the southwest side of church – if anyone is interested in plants located on the southwest side of the church (along the Fellowship Hall wall only) you are free to take them. Please **don't** take the Peonies or long grass.

Basketball backboard: We have received a new basketball backboard. We are looking for someone to install the backboard. Please contact the church office for more details. 320-523-1574



Offering

A huge Thank You for giving so generously!

Stephen Ministers are available to visit in person or over the phone if you are in need of someone to talk to about decisions, or you are feeling lonely. During this time when we are physically apart, we want to walk along beside you and want you to know we are here for you. Please call the church office and Sue can pass on your request. 320-523-1574

CareTeam is available to offer meals to anyone or any families in need. We have a list of people who love to cook. If you have a need, or just need help once in a while, please contact Sue at the church office and she can direct your call to our CareTeam. 320-523-1574

Cross of Calvary Youth



Youth Families - Have you done Day Camp yet? Don't miss this fun opportunity. It's not too late. Here is the link!

<https://www.gllm.org/day-camp-at-home.html>

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

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

ELCA Youth Gathering...



Update regarding the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering (Posted July 22, 2020) After much prayer and consideration, we have decided to postpone next summer's ELCA Youth Gathering to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis, with the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble, scheduled for July 21-24, 2022.

We give thanks for your prayers and patience as we have worked through the details with our partners in Minneapolis and across the country. We hope that by postponing the Gathering for a year, individuals and congregations will feel more comfortable and prepared to attend the Gathering in 2022. We will be updating our website and social media as more details become available. We look forward to seeing you and experiencing the boundlessness of God in Minneapolis in 2022!

#ELCAYG2022

ELCA Youth Gathering Resources

Gathering Website

ELCA Youth Gathering Facebook Page

ELCA Youth Gathering Twitter



Prayer Request

Angie Boen – Family and friends

Sherry Wold – Courtney Kopel grandmother

Sonja Fostvedt – family

Paulette Svoboda – family

Ardith Glockzin – Carol Senkyr sister

Donna Greenwell

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

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole's mother

Military personal and their families

Sonia Grasmon

Darwin – Sonia Grasmon's brother

Teri Vogt – Stacey Larson

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

August 16, 2020
ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Hymn of the Week

All Are Welcome

God's saving work is for all people.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Matthew 15:1-28 | A woman's faith |
| Monday | Isaiah 56:1-8 | God's saving power is everywhere |
| Tuesday | Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 | God saves Jews and Gentiles |
| Wednesday | Genesis 45:1-15 | Joseph and his brothers |
| Thursday | Psalms 133 | Living together in peace |
| Friday | Matthew 28:16-20 | The Great Commission |
| Saturday | Psalms 67 | Tell the nations to praise God |
| Sunday | Matthew 16:13-20 | Peter's confession of Christ |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Psalm 67:12 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of the nations, we thank you for your mercy and grace that is meant not only for those we know and love but for all people through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Gracious God, we thank you for this food and for all those who have planted, harvested, transported, processed, and prepared it for us this day. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's face shine upon you, be gracious to you, and bless you. (Psalm 67:1)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ Think or tell about a time you went to or met someone from a foreign country.
- ☑ What do you learn by meeting people from different cultures?
- ☑ It is easy to overlook how God's grace and mercy is not just for ourselves but for all people. How can you extend kindness to someone of a culture that is foreign to you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 15:21-26.

The Canaanite woman is central to this story for many reasons. She is a woman and she is a foreigner, both good reasons for Jesus not to talk to her and especially not to address her plea before addressing the needs of the Jewish people, "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (v. 24). This woman is also a critical figure because her plea for help changes Jesus' response to her (v. 28). It is not easy to understand how this woman seems to teach and change Jesus, but she does. The result, however, is clear: Jesus' ministry, like that of the God of the Old Testament (see Psalm 67) is for all the nations, not just the sons and daughters of Abraham. This story lifts up the essential mission of Jesus and the church of all generations. It is the Great Commission of Matthew 28:16-20. Directed by Jesus, we are to make disciples of all nations, not just our ethnic group, not just "our people," and especially not just our nation. With whom might Jesus be calling you to share God's love and mercy?

Pray: Generous God, help us to see the breadth and depth of your love for all people in the world through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

The words we say to others can sometimes be hurtful. In Matthew 15:11, Jesus is warning us to be careful of what you say, "It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles". Is there someone you know who needs to hear kind, caring words, rather than hurtful ones? Take time to say loving and encouraging words to that person by writing a note, calling, or sending an email.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The theme this week is, "God's saving work is for all people." Psalm 67 is a song of praise to God and a reminder of God's continual blessings on us. Write the words from Psalm 67:3 on a piece of paper and place it near your bedside so that when you rise and when you lie down, you can recite: "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you."