



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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August 30 – September 6



Cross of Calvary is having Outdoor Worship service on Sunday, August 30th 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.

Worship will now be broadcast church service on FM 88.7 at 5:30 PM Sundays.



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. You can tune in to 88.7 FM to hear the service better.

2. No entry into the church will be allowed. No bathrooms will be available.

3. Communion will be served September 13, 20 and 27.

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! **If you feel comfortable attending please come worship. Remember any age is more than welcome. We just want you to be comfortable and safe.**

- 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 with 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, Facebook and
FM 88.7 (radio is only on Sunday at 5:30 PM)**

Sunday 8/30	Worship – online and Outdoor service at 5:30 PM, east parking lot
Monday 8/31	
Tuesday 9/01	Men's Bible Study (6:30 AM only)
Wednesday 9/02	Theology on Tap at 8:00 PM
Thursday 9/03	Women's Bible Study 8:15 AM Outreach meeting at 6:30 PM
Friday 9/04	
Saturday 9/05	
Sunday 9/06	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

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 Youth

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.

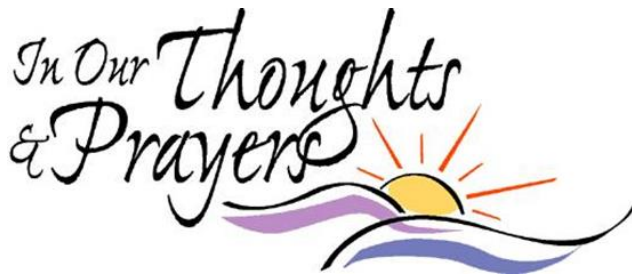
The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis, with the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble, scheduled for July 21-24, 2022.

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

Dean Revier – Family and Friends

Ralph Taylor – Becky Nelson's father

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 30, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST



Hymn of the Week

What Wondrous Love Is This

To follow Jesus isto be open to suffering.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 16:21-28	Take up your cross and follow
Monday	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Jeremiah is reassured
Tuesday	Romans 12:9-21	Rules for Christian living
Wednesday	Exodus 3:1-15	Moses at the burning bush
Thursday	Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	God's faithfulness
Friday	2 Timothy 2:1-13	A good soldier of Christ Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 26:1-8	Prayer of an innocent person
Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to pick up our cross as a way to love others through Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for the toil and efforts of others that we may have and enjoy this meal today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the cross of Christ give you good courage, hope, and love now and always.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ Tell or think about a time when you or someone you know was in pain.
- ☑ Reflect on a time you felt someone's pain. What makes you take on someone else's pain?
- ☑ How does your faith in Christ help you when you are in pain?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 16:21-28

In an era where we can do so many things to avoid or stop the pain, it can be surprising that suffering is still part of life. It is part of the Christian life because Jesus shows us that the way of the cross—an excruciatingly painful way to die—gets at the heart of the Christian faith. Peter didn't get it, even if he knew Jesus was the Messiah. Peter had to be humbled and corrected. And we do, too. God shows the depth of love from the cross of Christ. We are invited to join the great movement of divine love by caring, suffering, and celebrating Christ's victory over sin, death, and evil. Part of that celebration is our openness to the pain of the world, the pain of others for the sake of love. It is also the path that allows us to see the kingdom of God at work. Why do you think suffering is an important aspect of the Christian faith?

Pray: Compassionate God, help us to see in suffering and death the very path of life and love through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Most people have someone in their life who is ill, declining in health, or in hospice care. It can be painful to experience the suffering of a loved one. Those serving in the role of caregiver can often times be exhausted and in need of a break. Do you know of someone for whom a visit, meal, or call may give them the break they need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Jesus' time, the cross was about death. It is not easy to understand or talk about Jesus' death on the cross. The cross is a Christian symbol. It reminds us that Jesus is with us through easy and hard times. We see crosses in many places in our lives. As a follower of Jesus, notice the number of crosses you see in your home and in the community this week. Each time you see one, take a moment to pray: Thank you Jesus for dying on the cross to save us.