



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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September 6 – September 13

Join Us
IN Worship

Cross of Calvary is having Outdoor Worship service on Sunday, September 6th 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 9/6

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

Monday 9/7

Office Closed – Labor Day

Tuesday 9/8

Men's Bible Study (6:30 AM only)

Wednesday 9/9

Theology on Tap at 8:00 PM

Thursday 9/10

Friday 9/11

Saturday 9/12

Sunday 9/13

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

RALLY Sunday

Basketball backboard: Thank you Jeff Keltgen, Eric Skeie and Jon Hawkinson for replacing the backboard. Your kindness is really appreciated!

The church is asking for help: we have the old backboard and an old piano that needs disposing. If anyone is able to help, please contact the church office at 320-523-1574.



Offering

A huge Thank You for giving so generously!

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 Facebook Page](#)

[ELCA Youth Gathering Resources](#)
[Gathering Website](#)

[ELCA Youth Gathering Twitter](#)

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



Prayer Request

Samantha Cully – Pat Alderks

Austin Harrell – Pat Alderks grandson

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

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.

September 6, 2020
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Hymn of the Week

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Christians seek reconciliation with other Christians.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation
Monday	Ezekiel 33:7-11	God's judgment seeks repentance
Tuesday	Romans 13:8-14	Love for one another
Wednesday	Exodus 12:1-14	The first Passover
Thursday	Psalm 149	A new song of praise
Friday	Galatians 5:13-15	Love fulfills the law
Saturday	Psalm 119:33-40	A prayer for understanding
Sunday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:21-35
(NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, teach us your ways that we may live together in peace and see Jesus in the face of others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, in the midst of violent storms and droughts we encounter in the world, we thank you for this gift of food and for those who have brought it to us. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus strengthen you to love your neighbor and be at peace with all.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ Think or tell about a time you felt badly treated by another individual or a group.
- ☑ What makes it hard to openly face conflict with someone?
- ☑ For Jesus and the church, we are to pursue others with love and grace. Does knowing this help you to resolve differences with others? Why or why not?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 18:15-20.

All relationships experience conflict, even in the church. Jesus is aware of this and lays out a plan of action: out of love, be direct. It is the way of life of the people of God announced by Paul in Romans 13:10: "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." Being right is not good enough. Having your own way is not good enough. Be loving, be merciful, and pursue what is right; face conflict through a personal conversation to resolve the issue. But if the person who has hurt you does not repent, this is not an excuse to treat them badly. Treat them as Jesus would treat a Gentile or tax collector. He pursued them with his love. Jesus is present in all our relationships, even the stressful ones (v. 20). We are to seek them out with love and mercy. When have you been wronged by the harsh treatment of another? Did you face it directly with the other person to resolve it? Did you treat them as Jesus would? Explain.

Pray: Lord Jesus, when I am with others, remind me that you are present strengthening us to love one another anew each day. Amen.

SERVICE

"Love your neighbor as yourself" (Romans 13:9b) sums up the commandments. Who is your neighbor? It may be the person next door or someone in the community. Loving others, even when they are different from you, fulfills the law and motivates us to action. How does knowing this motivate you to show love to a neighbor?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Next Sunday is the beginning of a new Christian education year for many congregations. Psalm 119 is a lovely text that promotes learning God's will and word. Pray for all teachers and students involved in Christian education and mention those you can by name. Conclude with:

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Amen.