



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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September 13 – September 20



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.



**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 9/13	Worship – online and Outdoor service at 5:30 PM – Communion Confirmation Sunday Rally Sunday Equipping Meeting at 11:30 AM Gift Bibles to 3rd Graders
Monday 9/14	Boy Scouts at 6:00 PM
Tuesday 9/15	Men's Bible Study (6:30 AM only)
Wednesday 9/16	Theology on Tap at 8:00 PM – starting September 23 rd Church Council Meeting at 7:30 PM (Zoom)
Thursday 9/17	
Friday 9/18	
Saturday 9/19	Baptism
Sunday 9/20	Worship – online and Outdoor service at 5:30 PM – Communion Confirmation Sunday Gift Bibles to the 7th Graders



2020 Confirmation Class

Gage Matthew Amberg

Parents: Pete & Tara Amberg

Godparents:

Favorite Bible Verse:

Baptismal Date: 06/19/2005

Confirmation Date: 9/11/20

Haylie Binnebose

Parents: Breanna (Howe) McNelly

Godparents:

Favorite Bible Verse:

Baptismal Date:

Confirmation Date: 10/4/20

Zane Robert Boen Confirmation Date: 10/11/20
Parents: Brian & Dana Boen
Godparents: Tony & Cami Boen – Craig & Chrissy Boen
Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:26
Baptismal Date: 05/01/2005

Nellie Idella-Victoria Borer Confirmation Date: 9/20/20
Parents: Leah Peterson
Godparents:
Favorite Bible Verse:
Baptismal Date: 12/09/2007

Dominique Alexander Claseman Confirmation Date: 10/11/20
Parents: Mark & Wendy Jurgensen
Godparents: Randy Claseman & Sharleen Donabauer
Favorite Bible Verse: Exodus 19: 19, Chapter 20 & Verse 17
Baptismal Date: August 2005

Kyle Thomas Frank Confirmation Date: 9/13/20
Parents: Dale & Lowanda Frank
Godparents: Todd Frank, Carmin Lochner, Marcia Lochner
Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 73: 26
Baptismal Date: 08/08/2004

Kole Matthew Holland Confirmation Date: 10/4/20
Parents: Katy Holland & Matt Holland
Godparents:
Favorite Bible Verse:
Baptismal Date: 07/03/2005

Hunter John Ridler Confirmation Date: 9/13/20
Parents: Roger & Tonia Ridler
Godparents: Katie Johnson
Favorite Bible Verse: Matthew 22:37
Baptismal Date: 11/01/2004

Madeline Marie Ridler Confirmation Date: 9/20/20
Parents: Freddie & Monica Ridler
Godparents: Cam & Kari Bailey, Jerry & Danielle Abbas
Favorite Bible Verse: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2
Baptismal Date: 12/05/2004

Samuel Johannes Sigurdson

Confirmation Date: 9/27/20

Parents: Richard Sigurdson & Teri Larson-Johnson

Godparents:

Favorite Bible Verse:

Baptismal Date: 02/13/2005

Abby Grace Stovern

Confirmation Date: 9/20/20

Parents: Derek & Tami Stovern

Godparents:

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:8

Baptismal Date: 06/25/2005

Daylea Stryker

Confirmation Date: 10/4/20

Parents: Dalen & Jamie Stryker

Godparents:

Favorite Bible Verse:

Baptismal Date:

Neil Young

Confirmation Date: 9/27/20

Parents: Dennis & Mandi Young

Godparents:

Favorite Bible Verse:

Baptismal Date:

Dear friends of Lutheran Social Services

We are neighbors helping neighbors. This year, For Such A Time As This, we remember that commitment and invite you to deepen your partnership in this shared mission.

For 155 years, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) has expressed the love of Christ for all people through service that inspires hope, changes lives and builds community. We invite you to support LSS in our virtual gala, the 2020 Celebration for Changing Lives, on Saturday, September 19.

Between now and the virtual gala, new gifts to LSS in any amount will automatically be increased by \$250 thanks to a generous matching gift from Lutherans across Minnesota's six ELCA synods.

Please invite your congregation to respond generously. Share this video in your church's communications, such as email, during a Bible study, worship or on social media.

To take advantage of this incredible opportunity or to RSVP for the Celebration, please visit

<http://lssmn.org/forsuchatime>

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.

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

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.

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



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.

Prayer Request

Virginia Draheim – Family
Samantha Cully – Pat Aalderks
Austin Harrell – Pat Aalderks 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

September 13, 2020
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Hymn of the Week

Healer of Our Every Ill

The People of God forgive.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness
Monday	Genesis 50:15-21	Joseph forgives his brothers
Tuesday	Romans 14:1-12	Do not judge another
Wednesday	Exodus 14:19-31	Crossing the Red Sea
Thursday	Psalms 114	The Lord works wonders
Friday	John 8:1-11	Jesus intercedes for a woman
Saturday	Psalms 103:1-13	Thanksgiving for God's goodness
Sunday	Matthew 20:1-16	Parable of the vineyard workers

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases. Psalm 103:2-3 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, we praise you for your desire to forgive; help us to love and forgive as we are loved and forgiven through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest; let these gifts to us be blessed. Let there be a goodly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the forgiveness of God bless you with steadfast love and mercy. (Psalm 103:4)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☒ What does forgiveness mean to you? Give an example.
- ☒ Was there ever a time when you could not forgive someone? Explain.
- ☒ How is God's forgiveness a gift to you? to the church? to the world?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 18:21-35.

Jesus presents a very unreal story to make a very real point. In Jesus' day, each talent was worth more than 15 years of work. Therefore, one slave owed over 150,000 years of income while the other owed one hundred days of wages (a denarius was one day's wage). The differences are extreme to make the point that God's forgiveness of us is wildly out-of-this-world and wonderful. It leads the follower of Jesus Christ to sing or pray Psalm 103 that begins, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (v. 1). A concrete way to praise God is to "forgive your brother or sister from your heart" (Matthew 18:35) and do so again and again and again (v. 22). Or, as Jesus suggests, do you want to consider the consequences of not showing a little forgiveness to others? That lack of forgiveness Jesus says, would destroy your life (vv. 34-35). How can you praise God today by forgiving someone who has offended or hurt you? How does this parable help bring joy to your soul?

Pray: Merciful God, give me faith to remember how kind and generous you are to me and to praise you by being kind and forgiving to others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Genesis 50:15-21 is the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers for throwing him in a pit and selling him into slavery. Forgiving someone who has hurt you is not easy. Think of someone who needs your forgiveness. Pray for that person. Reflect on God's love and mercy shown through people like Joseph and write a note of forgiveness to that person.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Forgiveness is the theme this week in Bible readings, caring conversations, devotions, and service. Breaking a plate, saying something mean, and telling a lie are things we may not mean to do, but they happen. Think of a time when you needed to be forgiven. God forgives us again and again. Think about what this means to you. Pray the Lord's Prayer, pause as you pray, "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us", then finish the prayer.