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**Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church**

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**September 27 – October 4**

**Cross of Calvary is having Outdoor Worship service on Sunday, September 27th at 5:30 PM. Please read the guidelines 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 9/27 **Worship – online and Outdoor service at 5:30 PM – Communion**

 **Confirmation Sunday (Neil Young, Sam Sigurdson)**

Monday 9/28

Tuesday 9/29 Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday 9/30 Theology on Tap at 8:00 PM

Thursday 10/01 Breakfast Club

Friday 10/02

Saturday 10/03

Sunday 10/04 **Worship – online and outdoor service at 5:30 PM – Communion**

 **Baptism – Fischer at 10:00 AM**

 **Confirmation Sunday (Daylea Stryker, Haylie Binnebose & Kole Holland)**

**2020 Confirmation Class**

**Gage Matthew Amberg Confirmation Date: 9/11/20**

 **Parents: Pete & Tara Amberg**

 **Godparents: Pam & Henry Leach**

 **Favorite Bible Verse: John 15:13**

 **Baptismal Date: 06/19/2005**

**Haylie Binnebose Confirmation Date: 10/4/20**

 **Parents: Breanna (Howe) McNelly**

 **Godparents:**

 **Favorite Bible Verse:**

 **Baptismal Date:**

**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: Karie Salfer and Myrie Peterson**

 **Favorite Bible Verse: Luke 1: 37**

 **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: Janelle Sigurdson, Doug Sigurdson**

 **Favorite Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9**

 **Baptismal Date: 02/13/2005**

**Abby Grace Stovern Confirmation Date: 9/20/20**

 **Parents: Derek & Tami Stovern**

 **Godparents: Gregg & Leslie Fishbein, Jen and Steve Kloos**

 **Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13**

 **Baptismal Date: 06/25/2005**

**Daylea Stryker Confirmation Date: 10/4/20**

 **Parents: Dalen & Jamie Stryker**

 **Godparents:**

 **Favorite Bible Verse:**

 **Baptismal Date:**

**Neil Julian Young Confirmation Date: 9/27/20**

 **Parents: Dennis & Mandi Young**

 **Godparents: Tyler Einerson & Melissa Karst**

 **Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13**

 **Baptismal Date: 02/27/2005**

**Cross of Calvary Yard Signs are here!**

Show your Cross of Calvary pride with a beautiful green and white yard sign!

Request yours by contacting the church office or take a sign that has been placed in the church yard.

320-523-1574

**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 Faith @ Home/Sunday School**

**Faith @ Home Weekly Bible Story**

Bible Story for September 23-29

The Prodigal Son

Matthew 21: 28-32

Spark Story Bible – page 378

Jesus Calling Storybook Bible – page 173

**Faith @ Home Toolbox**

We have had a wonderful time sharing Faith @ Home Toolboxes all over town. Thank you to everyone who came out! For those of you who missed it, we’ll be sharing them after Sunday 5:30 pm worship throughout September. If we don’t see you before the end of September, we’ll contact you to schedule a time to give you your Faith @ Home Toolbox and teach you how to use it. Weekly Faith 5 Bible stories will be posted at on our website.

sarah.hausken@gmail.com or Jeniskeie@gmail.com

**Faith 5**

This simple faith practice deeply connects people to God and one another, and connects faith to daily life.

FAITH 5 carries the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding, and promote mental, and spiritual health.

The five steps are:

STEP 1: SHARE your highs and lows

STEP 2: READ a Bible verse or story

STEP 3: TALK about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows or notice what stands out to you in the Bible reading

STEP 4: PRAY for one another’s highs and lows

STEP 5: BLESS one another. One examples of a blessing is “I love you and God loves you too”

**Care Partners**

Coming Soon! We’ll be inviting congregation members to participate in mentoring or mutual care-taking relationships with households of different generations.

If there are any questions contact Sister Sarah Hausken 320-522-0838 or Jeni Skeie

**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**

Sandy Kubesh – Family/Friends

Family of Veronica Triplett

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

Darwin – Sonia Grasmon’s brother

Teri Vogt – Stacey Larson

**September 27, 2020**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY**

**AFTER PENTECOST**

***God directs our ways.***

 DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| **Sunday**  | **Matthew 21:23-32**  | **Parable of the two sons**  |
| **Monday**  | **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**  | **God’s ways are fair**  |
| **Tuesday**  | **Philippians 2:1-13**  | **Christ shows us humility**  |
| **Wednesday**  | **Exodus 17:1-17**  | **Water from the rock**  |
| **Thursday**  | **Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**  | **What God has done**  |
| **Friday**  | **James 1:19-27**  | **Hearing and doing God’s word**  |
| **Saturday**  | **Psalm 25:1-9**  | **Prayer for guidance and help**  |
| **Sunday**  | **Matthew 21:33-46**  | **Parable of the vineyard tenants**  |

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

“[W]ork out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” Philippians 2:12b-13 (NRSV)

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, teach us to know your ways and to do them with humility and compassion for all that you have created through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 25:4)

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Good and gracious God, we thank you for providing for our every need, including the gift of this food; we pray through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God guide you in the way of truth and guard your life with steadfast love and faithfulness. (Psalm 25)

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

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

 Do you ask for help sometimes when making decisions? Why or why not?

 Is there a time when you asked for God’s help in making a decision? If so, tell about it.

 How does reading the Bible and having conversations with other believers help guide your life?

**DEVOTIONS**

**Read: Philippians 2:1-13.**

The Apostle Paul speaks to the church at Philippi and encourages the people to live with others with humility (vv. 3-4). He uses Christ as our model for this way of life as Christ Jesus took on our human existence and “humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death” (v. 8). With this as a guide, Paul exhorts believers to pursue the Christian life because it matters to others, to the world, and to God. Knowing how hard it is to live this life faithfully, he states, “work out our salvation in fear and trembling” (v. 12b). But this is not a fear that prevents us from acting. It is actually a sense of awe and reverence that frees us to live and act because God is with us, behind and in front of us in both our actions and our very desire to do the will of God (v. 13). It can be overwhelming to wonder how to live as a Christian. Paul encourages us to go forth with humility to love others and trust God. Think of a situation that is hard for you to know what you should do. When this happens, pray to God for wisdom and faith to act with love and humility.

Pray: God of justice and mercy, guide our days and our deeds in the peace of Christ. Amen.

**SERVICE**

In Philippians 2, Paul is asking us to imitate Jesus by being of the same mind and showing compassion, love, and humility to others. Showing interest in others by listening and praying for them is one way to be compassionate. Be mindful of listening closely to the conversations you have with others.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Lifting our hands is one way to show praise to God. In the Old Testament there are people (like Leah and Moses) who lift their hands in praise to God. This is an ancient pose of prayer and a motion used to open a person to receiving God’s blessing. Lift your hands and pray daily this week: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust. Amen. (Psalm 25:1-2a)