



*Cross of Calvary*

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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### **December 6 – December 13**

**Sunday 12.06**

**Worship - Online only**

**Monday 12.07**

**Tuesday 12.08**

**Men's Bible Study – is on pause**

**Wednesday 12.09**

**Confirmation – On line**

**Thursday 12.10**

**Advent Devotional at 7:00 PM - online**

**Friday 12.11**

**Women's Bible Study at 8:15 AM - Zoom**

**Saturday 12.12**

**Sunday 12.13**

**Worship – Online only**



# Worship Times

All services will be on-line only  
through January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

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

**Our Worship needs Song Leaders:** If you would like to lead the hymns at in person worship, please call Jeni or Sue in the office. We would love to hear you and have you lead as we mediate on the words.

**You haven't heard your favorite hymn in a long time?** Please contact someone on the worship committee or call the office to request your favorite hymns. Songs are meaningful and lead us to worship. Help us to include your favorite hymns and worship songs.

**Breakfast Club** for 10-12 graders meets every Thursday via Zoom

**Confirmation lessons** (GREAT for ALL AGES) are taught online by Pastor Matt - they are excellent. We are studying the Gospel of Luke. Check them out on Matt Hausken YouTube channel, or our church website under youth/confirmation. Don't wait too long. We are starting week 3! Each video is 20-25 minutes long. Have your Bible and Highlighter handy. Only 7-9 graders need to send in the assignments. (Wink wink!)

## December Confirmation Schedule

December 2 - Online

December 9 - Online

December 16 - Online

December 23 – No Confirmation

December 30 – No Confirmation



## Church Cookbook Project



Dear Cross of Calvary Members,

In years past, Cross of Calvary has put together a cookbook of recipes from its members. Since 2020 has been a crazy year and we've been spending more time at home, I figure it's time to make an updated cookbook. In this new cookbook we would include old recipes from the past cookbooks and we would also like to include recipes from our new members. Feel free to send in recipes, old or new! All recipes will be included. If you'd like to submit recipes,

email your submissions to Olivia Hanson - [ojhanson0220@gmail.com](mailto:ojhanson0220@gmail.com) If you'd like to help put the cookbook together or have suggestions, text or call 320-400-9005. Thank you! - Olivia Hanson



**Women's study** will be on zoom. We will be using the book "Lazarus Awakening" by Joanna Weaver (author of Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World). We will be finding our place in the heart of God. There are 12 books available at church. Please pick up in the office or call to reserve one and we can deliver. Cost of the books is \$15.

## **Cross of Calvary Faith @ Home/Sunday School**

### **Faith @ Home Weekly Bible Story**

Bible Story for December 1-7

Luke 1:57-80

Jesus Calling Bible Storybook - A Baby Names John, page 142

Spark Story Bible - Zechariah, page 208

### **Faith @ Home Toolbox**

We have had a wonderful time sharing Faith @ Home Toolboxes. For those of you who missed it, we'll be sharing them after Sunday 9:00 AM worship throughout the year. If we don't see you before the end of year, 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.

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### **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"

**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

### **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



**Care Team** A goal of the Care Team at Cross of Calvary has been to develop a Prayer Ministry for our congregation. After reading from Establishing a Prayer Ministry by Bjorn Pedersen, we are including the entire congregation in this ministry rather than limiting it to a telephone chain, or email chain or text chain. A December Prayer Calendar for each of us to post or place in an area in our home, has been placed in the Follower. We can be reminded to pray for others every day and see how the power of prayer works in our lives. We welcome your feedback and hope that you will feel free to email Jeni with your ideas for future calendars.

### **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Class**

Our next class will begin right when you'll need it on January 5, 2021.  
Want to register? Have questions? Contact Sister Sarah Hausken sarah.hausken@gmail.com  
320-579-0838



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**

Bobbi Jo Abrahamson – Family  
Steve Olson – Family  
Larry Jacobs – Joanne Balgaard brother  
Denise Revier – Family  
Sandy Alton – daughter in law of Sharon & Richard Alton  
Ralph Taylor – Becky Nelson’s father  
Sherry Wold – Courtney Kopel grandmother  
Sonja Fostvedt – family  
Ardith Glockzin – Carol Senkyr sister  
Chet & Angie Boen – Friends & Family  
Donna Greenwell  
Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole  
Kathy Johnson – Scott Johnson

Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family  
Briar Lippert – Friends & Family  
Darwin – Sonia Grasmon’s brother  
Teri Vogt – Stacey Larson  
ALL persons working tirelessly to help with the Covid-19 pandemic  
Military personal and their families



Drive thru turkey meal benefit for the family of 4 year old John Booth (heart transplant recipient) from Renville. The benefit will be Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> 11-1 at Roseland Reformed church.  
Free will donation; please call 320-978-8911 with the number of meals you are requesting.

December 6, 2020  
Second Sunday of Advent



**God has good news for all people.**

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 1:1-8</b>	<b>The beginning of the good news</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 40:1-11</b>	<b>Comfort my people</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 Peter 3:8-15a</b>	<b>Promise of the Lord's coming</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Malachi 4:1-6</b>	<b>The great day of the Lord</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Matthew 3:1-10</b>	<b>The preaching of John the Baptist</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 Timothy 1:12-17</b>	<b>Gratitude for God's mercy</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13</b>	<b>A prayer for God's peace</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 1:6-8, 19-28</b>	<b>John's witness to the light</b>

## **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

"[T]he voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Mark 1:3 (NRSV)

## **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Eternal God, we thank you that through your Son, Jesus Christ, love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Amen. (Psalm 85:10)

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Generous God, may this gift of food strengthen us to walk in your way of comfort, hope, and peace through the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord God feed you like a shepherd and keep you safe. (Isaiah 40:11)

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** There's a Voice in the Wilderness

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

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

- 🗉 What is some good news you have heard recently?
- 🗉 What events in the news do people consider to be positive news or good news?
- 🗉 The word gospel means good news. How is the coming of Christ into our world good news for you?

## **DEVOTIONS**

Read: Mark 1:1-8.

The beginning of a book helps set up what the book is about and where the story is going. This is true of the Gospel of Mark as well. Mark 1:1-8 is part of Mark's prologue (vv. 1-13) and was used in ancient writings with this very purpose in mind: to give information that helps people follow the story as it unfolds. Mark's point is that good news ("good tidings" in Isaiah 40:9), the gospel, is beginning to happen through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This good news is linked to John the baptizer who is himself reminiscent of Elijah. When Elijah comes again, God's people will encounter God's promised deliverance (Malachi 4:5). That future time is now present through John and through Jesus. John's message of repentance (v. 4) will be continued by Jesus when he says, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news" (Mark 1:14). Where do you see the good news of Jesus happening today?

Pray: Merciful God, we thank you for fulfilling your promise of hope and peace through the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **SERVICE**

Good news has a positive effect on people. Isaiah 40 gives prophetic comfort to God's people. What word of comfort or encouragement can you give to someone this week?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Set up a Christmas nativity set in your home. Place the wise men further away from the set for now. Wait to place Jesus in the manger until Christmas Eve. On your Advent wreath, light the first candle of hope and the second one of peace. Pause for a moment to sit in silence and look upon the nativity set and think about the coming of Jesus. Say this Bible verse: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people. (Psalm 85:8a) Pray: Lord, help us to prepare the way of the Lord. Give us peace and hope. Amen.