



# Cross of Calvary

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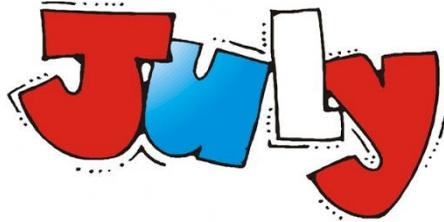
## Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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### July 18- July 25

**Sunday 07.18**

**Worship Service at 9:00 AM**

**Memorial of Sherry Wold at 1:00 PM**

**Monday 07.19**

**Library in use in the evening**

**Tuesday 07.20**

**Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM**

**Wednesday 07.21**

**No Church Council meeting**

**Thursday 07.22**

**Women's Bible study at 8:15**

**Friday 07.23**

**Saturday 07.24**

**Sunday 07.25**

**Worship Service at 9:00AM**

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!***

#### Faithlife

<https://faithlife.com/crossofcalvary/people>

ALL members of Cross of Calvary! Please go to this link and fill out/update your personal information. (All family members) We are using Faithlife to better stay in contact with all our members and will be using this for our new directory. If you have any questions, please call 320-523-1574.

Thank you Cross of Calvary staff.



## Olivia Lions Fly in Breakfast

Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM – 12:00 noon at the Olivia Airport

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, and Prairie Meats sausage

\$10 per Adult, \$5 kids 6-12 yrs., and under 6 Free

Classic cars, Bouncy Castle, Medivac Helicopter

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## Update on Livestream Project for the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

The materials have been ordered! The company is waiting on a few backordered items. Once the items are all in, they will be scheduling a time that works for the church to set everything up. The church is looking at the beginning of August. The set up will not interfere with any church activities and services.

We are so grateful to have this opportunity is improve the ability to reach our faith community with better quality livestream and much, much more!

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## 2021 Confirmation Retreats

9<sup>th</sup> Grade – August 5<sup>th</sup> (1:00 – 9:00)

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## Faith @ Home Bible Stories 2021

Sunday July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Reading:

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

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## Cross of Calvary Prayer Garden



The Prayer Garden is being renewed to include a space for table and chairs. The cost for concrete work/labor is roughly \$3000.00. The money in the Prayer Garden fund will be used for mulch, (front & back gardens), 2 small tables and 4 chairs.

We are seeking donations for the concrete work. Thank You

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## Prayer Request

Vi Johnston – Friends and Family  
Family of Larry Baumgartner  
Family of Sandy Kubesh  
Family of Marlin Hanson  
Family of Sandee Laffen  
Trevor Solem – Family & Friends  
Autum Stryker – Family and Friends  
Nancy Hague - Friends  
Mallory Klaes – Teeny Kadelbach  
Rachel Kadelbach – Teeny Kadelbach  
Sandy Kubesh – Family and Friends

Kirk Toltzmann – Cheryl Mallak & family  
Merlene Bratsch – Family & Friends  
Justin Meyer – Mike Benson's Uncle  
David Lindquist – Family & Friends  
Jean Maresch – Family & Friends  
Susie Meyer – Family & Friends  
Chet Boen – Family & Friends  
Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family  
ALL persons working tirelessly to help with the  
Covid-19 pandemic  
Military personal and their families

# July 18, 2021

## EIGHTH Sunday after Pentecost



In deepest darkness, God provides safety and comfort.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Jesus teaches and heals
Monday	Jeremiah 23:1-6	God promises a righteous king
Tuesday	Ephesians 2:11-22	United by Christ
Wednesday	Psalms 139:7-18	The Lord knows us well
Thursday	Romans 13:11-14	The day when Christ returns
Friday	Colossians 1:9-14	The work of Christ
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 6:1-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

God of compassion and protection, give us peace and faith in knowing you are our shepherd who pursues us with your goodness through Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Mealtimes Prayer:

Shepherding God, we thank you that you have provided this meal for us and promised us green pastures and still waters through Christ. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with peace and comfort all the days of your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- When have you felt the need for protection or safety?
- When you feel you are in danger, who do you turn to?
- How do you experience God's care during difficult times?

## **DEVOTIONS**

### **Read: Psalm 23.**

It is good to read this beloved psalm, one that many people have known by heart. This intricately woven poem and prayer has only 58 words in the Hebrew language and very few words are repeated. At the very center are the words “for you are with me” (v. 4b). In the beginning, middle, and end of this psalm, the Lord’s presence and care is beautifully announced as part of our journey through life. This is true even—and especially—in our deepest darkness that can sometimes feel like being at the bottom of a valley. God is our shepherd who provides safety and comfort. In an ancient world that accentuated social honor and shame—experiences still very much with us today—our divine shepherd even leads us to a place of honor at a banquet before those who would shame us. Nothing but safety, comfort, and honor pursue God’s people. God is our shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We, as ambassadors of Jesus, shepherd one another each and every day to offer safety, comfort, and honor all the days of our lives. When have you felt the presence of the Lord as your shepherd? Pray: Shepherding God, give us peace, safety, and good courage to go out with compassion to shepherd others through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### **SERVICE**

Many people looked to Jesus for teaching, healing and guidance. His ministry was very busy and demanding. Those in helping professions (teachers, doctors, counselors, social workers, pastors, nurses, firefighters, police officers, and others) have many demands placed on them. Their work can be very tiring and sometimes stressful. How can you can show your appreciation and support to someone in such a profession?

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Jesus took his disciples to a quiet place to rest (Mark 6:31-32). Spend some time in a quiet place for your devotional time this week. Light a candle to represent the presence of Jesus with you. Focus on the candle in your silence. Finish your quiet time by saying the Lord’s Prayer.

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