



Cross of Calvary

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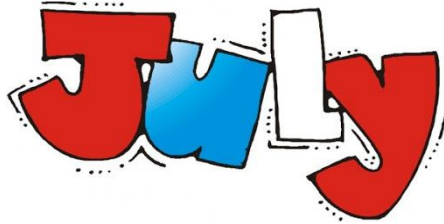
Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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July 25 – August 1

Sunday 07.25

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Monday 07.26

Library in use in the evening

Tuesday 07.27

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Wednesday 07.28

Thursday 07.29

Women's Bible study at 8:15

Friday 07.30

Saturday 07.31

Sunday 08.01

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.



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!



2021 Confirmation Retreats

9th Grade – August 5th (1:00 – 9:00)

Faith @ Home Bible Stories 2021

Sunday July 25, 2021
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Reading:
John 6:1-21

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

Prayer Request

Vi Johnston – Friends & Family
Trevor Solem – Family & Friends
Autum Stryker – Family & Friends
Nancy Hague - Friends
Mallory Klaes – Teeny Kadelbach
Rachel Kadelbach – Teeny Kadelbach
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

Military personal and their families

ALL persons working tirelessly to help with the
Covid-19 pandemic

July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus has a power people long to follow.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:1-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand
Monday	2 Kings 4:42-44	Elisha feeds one hundred
Tuesday	Ephesians 3:14-21	Christ's love for us
Wednesday	Titus 3:1-11	Maintain good deeds
Thursday	1 Peter 1:8-17	Suffering for doing right
Friday	Ephesians 2:1-10	From death to life
Saturday	Psalm 145:10-18	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	John 6:24-35	Christ, the bread of life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. John 6:2 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, we thank you for the way you feed us, heal us, and care for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Mealtime Prayer:

Just as you fed the five thousand on a hillside, we thank you for feeding us and caring for us today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of abundance bless you with more than you can imagine. (Ephesians 3:20)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Tell or think about a time you have been glad to be part of a crowd.
- Have you ever been afraid when you were part of a large crowd? Explain.
- What are some reasons you like being part of the crowd that follows Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 6:1-21.

By the beginning of John 6, Jesus had taught, turned water into wine, healed, and challenged Jewish authorities. The throngs are growing and five thousand have followed him to a hillside. Jesus looks at them, sits them down on a large grassy area, and feeds them like a shepherd tending his flock. His actions remind people of what Elisha (2 Kings 4:42-44) did when he fed large crowds. Jesus being on a mountain side and having powers over the waters of the Sea of Galilee (v.19) reminds others of a role like Moses. It is clear that people are attracted to Jesus and he cares for them with a power that people long to see, long to touch, long to be with. That is the power that has been given to the church to speak and work for people today in Christ's name. Christ's power continues to be present today so that others may follow in the footsteps of the one who brings us healing, hope, and salvation. What have you experienced that makes you want to be a follower of Jesus?

Pray: Dear Jesus, we thank you for coming into our world and our lives to care for us and to feed us with your love. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus fed the five thousand from just five small loaves and two fish. We know that today in the world many people live with limited food and constant hunger. Give money or volunteer time at your local food bank or other organizations that help those in need of food. Make a list of ways you can support people who do not have enough food.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Paul prays for the people, "I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name" (Ephesians 3:14-15). Prayer is a way to practice our faith. Think or talk about different ways to pray (standing, sitting, folded hands, kneeling). This week practice kneeling for prayer. Pray: Dear God, I ask to be filled with your presence and to know the love of Christ that he may dwell in my heart forever and ever. Amen.

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.