



Cross of Calvary
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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August

August 8 – August 15

Sunday 08.08

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Monday 08.09

Library in use in the evening

Tuesday 08.10

Men's Bible Study at 6:30 AM

Organ will be tuned at 9:00 AM

Wednesday 08.11

Thursday 08.12

Friday 08.13

Saturday 08.14

Bishop Jon Anderson gathering 1-4 PM

Sunday 08.15

Worship Service at 9:00AM

Baptism for Axel Malvin

We are having an OUTDOOR Family MOVIE NIGHT, on Sunday, August 22nd at Cross of Calvary next to the new Garage on the lawn. Bring blankets or chairs, and your own snacks and beverages. Sunset will be at 8:10pm - so start arriving at 8pm to get set up and we will start the movie by 8:30pm. Movie: TBA. (PG Rated)

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. This gives you free access to Faithlife TV, a platform like Hulu that includes our worship services and Christian programs for kids and adults. 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 set up will not interfere with any church activities and services. We are so grateful to have this opportunity to improve the ability to reach our faith community with better quality livestream and much, much more!

Faith @ Home Bible Stories 2021

Sunday July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Reading:

John 6:35, 41-51

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

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

Vi Johnston – Family and Friends
Trevor Solem – Friends and Family
Justin Meyer – Mike Benson’s uncle
David Lindquist – Family & Friends
Chet Boen – Family & Friends
Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole
Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family



ALL persons working tirelessly to help with
the Covid-19 pandemic
Military personal and their families

Council & Committee Meeting Dates

Administration: TBD

Care Team: Wednesday, August 18th at 6:00 PM

Children, Youth & Family: TBD

Equipping: Sunday, August 8th at 10:00 AM

Missions: Wednesday, September 15th at 5:30 PM

Outreach: Wednesday, August 11th at 8:30 PM

Parish Life: Tuesday, August 17th at 7:30 PM (Max’s Grill)

Technology: TBD

Worship & Music: Monday, August 2nd at 6:00 PM

Church Council: Wednesday, August 18th at 7:30 PM

All committees are looking for members; if anyone is interested please contact the church
office at crossofcalvary@gmail.com or 320-523-1574

AUGUST 8, 2021

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Eternal life begins now through faith in Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven
Monday	1 Kings 19:4-8	Elijah flees from Jezebel
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:25–5:2	Rules for the new life
Wednesday	Colossians 1:9-14	Paul thanks God
Thursday	Proverbs 8:32-36	Listen to what you are taught
Friday	1 Timothy 6:11-16	The good fight of faith
Saturday	Psalms 34:1-8	Taste and see
Sunday	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us faith to see in Jesus the bread of life that feeds us and cares for us now and always. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear Bread of Life, we thank you that with this gift of food, we taste and see that you are good. Amen. (Psalm 34:8 and John 6:35)

A Blessing to Give:

May God come to you and bless you with faith and hope through Christ our Lord.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☐ What is something that you look forward to?
- ☐ How do your hopes for the future affect your life today?
- ☐ How does faith in Jesus impact your life today and in the future?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 6:35, 41-51.

Twice in this text Jesus says "I am the bread of life" (vv. 35 and 48). He also says "I am the living bread" (v. 51). These words create tension with those who object to Jesus making such claims about himself. This text acknowledges that the uniqueness of Jesus causes a divide between those who accept Jesus' identity and those who do not. This passage does not try to explain why some believe while others do not, except to note that those who believe in Jesus do so by God's power. Jesus also states that believing in him as the one who is the bread of life gives not just life but eternal life. The eternal life that Jesus gives begins now, not just at some future time. It is not for us to understand how one comes to believe in Jesus as the bread of life, except to know that it is a gift from God. Jesus is the source of life that begins now and knows no end. It is a life entered through faith in Jesus, the one whose life feeds the world in hope. How is it helpful for you to know that eternal life with God has already begun?

Pray: Living God, give us Jesus, the bread of life, that we may live each day in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SERVICE

Ephesians 4:26 says: "do not let the sun go down on your anger." Anger that festers against others destroys relationships and entire communities. Take time this week to reflect on those with whom you may have experienced conflict. Pray for a clean heart that forgives this person and that you can receive forgiveness from this person.