



# Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**September 18 – September 25**

## **Worship Times**

Sunday: 9:00 AM

## **Coffee Hour**

Sunday: 10:00 AM

## **Sunday school**

Sunday: 10:00AM

## **Building Hours**

Mon-Thurs

8:30 – 7:00

Fri-Sun 8:30-2:00

## **Office Hours**

Mon, Tues, & Thurs

8:30 -3:00

Wednesday 8:30-4:00

Friday 8:30 – 2:00

## **Pastor**

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## **Custodian**

Craig Boen

Sunday 09.18

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Communion

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

Monday 09.19

Tuesday 09.20

Men's Bible Study 6:30 & 7:00 AM

Wednesday 09.21

Women's Bible at 9:00 AM

WOW 3-5 PM

Confirmation Banquet at 6:30 PM

Church Council at 7:30 PM

Thursday 09.22

Breakfast Club at 7:07 PM

Jesus Justice League 3-5 PM

Sunday School teachers

orientation at 6:30 PM

Friday 09.23

Saturday 09.24

Sunday 09.25

Worship Services: 9:00

Bible gifts to 3rd & 7th Grade

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

Confirmation Sunday – service at 11:00 AM

### **September Worship Assistants**

Ushers: Daren Sagedahl, Brian Kingery & Dan Gross

Acolytes: Charlie Morse & Connor Blad

Clicker: Sadie Gross

Camera: Jack Gross

Communion Helper: Scott Johnson

Altar Guild: Stacey Larson



**3rd and 7th grade bibles** will be handed out on Sunday, September 25 at the 9am worship service. Parents will come forward with their confirmand and the Bible will be handed to parents, to put in the students hands. It is symbolic of the promises made in Baptism.

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### **Confirmation Information**

**September 21**, 6:30-7:30, 10th grade confirmation banquet, with rehearsal and pictures after dinner. 8-9th graders and their parents will set up, serve and clean up. This is always such a nice event!

**September 28**, 6:30-7:30pm The first class for 7th grade.

**October 5, 6:30-7:30pm.** 8th-9th graders will begin class

Class will continue every other week. A Schedule will be handed out at orientation.

**Church members: Please sign up on "The Door" for food donations for the banquet! Thank You!**

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### **Elementary Youth Programs**

We have made some changes this year. Our groups have gotten too big and so we are creating a new group.

Wow will now be 5-6 grade and meet 2x per month on Wednesdays. (9/21)

Jesus Justice League will be 1-2nd grade meeting 1x per month on Thursdays (9/22)

We will add a new group for 3-4th grade also meeting 1x per month on Thursdays- and they are excited to come up with a new name for their group. (9/29)

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Sunday school begins on Rally day, October 2 with worship at 9am and Sunday school at 10am. We will have teacher installation during the worship time with teachers standing in place for a blessing.







## Let us do the cooking for you!

Support HealthPartners Cancer Care services at Olivia Hospital & Clinic while sampling delicious Mediterranean flavors. Meals for Good is a drive-thru event that will feature three memorable dishes. Pick up and enjoy a delicious meal while doing good in your community.

Pick up your meals on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Deadline to order is Friday, September 16, 2022.**

[Register and pay online for meals and schedule your pick-up time.](#)

**Not able to pick-up a meal, no worries we can help.**

Please call to register and schedule your delivery.

Note: We are offering to deliveries to those not able to get to pick their meals up.

Jackie Edwards 320-523-8374 or [Jackie.A.Edwards@HealthPartners.com](mailto:Jackie.A.Edwards@HealthPartners.com)

**Purchase a meal for family, your neighbors, your staff, your farmers, and others.**



**Frozen meals:** Do you know someone who could use a meal? There are frozen meals at church for those in need. Come talk to Jeni or Sue or Pastor Matt if you would like to deliver a meal to someone. 320-523-1574 church office



Coffee hour: We would like to assign this year- with the hopes that all families will serve once with 2 other families. It's like "supper" at home - it's a time to visit with our church family members and if we each take a turn to serve, we create a time of fellowship for everyone where no one person does all the work. If you would like to choose your time to serve, sign up on the church board or call the church office. 320-523-1574

Youth Band - let's get this going again. We will practice some Wednesday nights from 7:45-8:30pm. Any youth in grades 7-12 are welcome. Sign up on the youth board. Do you want to learn how to play guitar? Jeni has 3 guitars that are available for loan and she is willing to help get you started. Please call if you are interested!





*Many Hands Lighten The Load...Where Could You Help?*

**Church committees:** We are looking for people to use their gifts and talents on committees at church. During the next couple months, there will be descriptions of each committee and a place to sign up or a contact person you can call for more information. All committees are looking for members; if anyone is interested please contact the church office at [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com) or 320-523-1574

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## During September we pray for.....

1. We pray for our church staff as they prepare for fall activities. Guide us to share our time and talents as needed.
2. We pray for all athletes as they begin a new season.....that they will honor You by their sportsmanship and hard work. Please keep them safe.
3. As families enjoy this last summer weekend, please bless their time together.
4. Bless those who gather to worship you whether in the church, in nature or in their places of residence.
5. Today we thank you for Labor----we honor those whose Labor enriches the lives of others and we thank you for those who show their love for you through their careers.
6. We pray for those who need Your healing hand and for their caregivers. We especially hold up those who are on our weekly prayer list
7. Be with our Confirmation students, their parents and their leaders as they gather for Confirmation orientation.
8. We pray for those facing food insecurity. Help us help them through the Food Self, LSS or any other means.
9. We pray for those who labor with harvest or other seasonal jobs. Please keep them safe.
10. We thank you for shelter. Please inspire us to assist those without secure shelter.
11. Today we bless backpacks and give Bibles to 3rd & 7th Graders. Please watch over our students and their families.
12. As our young people are settling into their college routine, we pray you'll be with them as they face new decisions about things large and small.
13. We pray for unity...for our country, for our community and in our relationships.
14. Dear Lord, help me to find happiness in forgetting myself and trying to bring help to others.
15. We pray for those struggling with Addiction.
16. Father, I am thankful that your love is steadfast.
17. We pray for those who suffer abuse.
18. Lord I give thanks for Your presence in my life and in the lives of the people I hold dear.
19. Thank you for new life and for the babies in our church, our families and our community.
20. We pray for those struggling with their mental health and we pray for their families, friends and caregivers. Help us to love and understand each other.
21. Today our 5th & 6th graders begin their WOW season. Be with them and the adults involved in this ministry that they have grow not only their faith, but their relationships with each other.
22. Help our 1st graders who join with 2nd graders today in the first day of Jesus Justice League. Help our leaders and the older students make those attending for the first time feel your love.
23. Lord help me to show kindness and love when feeling frustration and impatience.
24. We pray that we may be able to listen and hear Your voice. Help us to listen to those around us and hear them.
25. Today our 10th graders confirm their faith. We pray that their faith journey will continue and that the members of the church will be available to help them on that journey.
26. We pray for those who have experienced betrayal in their lives. Help them to trust again.
27. Lord help us to love what is right and hate what is wrong.
28. We pray for those in assisted living, LTC and group homes.
29. As our 3rd & 4th graders meet for their first after school event. Help them find an identity for their group and help them to love and support each other throughout the year.
30. Thank you Lord, for the change in seasons. For the crisp fall mornings and the sunny afternoons. We celebrate Your beautiful creation.

# September 18, 2022

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**God cares for the poor and the needy.**

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager
Monday	Amos 8:4-7	Judgment on Israel
Tuesday	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Instructions concerning prayer
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Thursday	James 2:1-13	Warning against having favorites
Friday	Isaiah 58:6-9	True religion
Saturday	Psalms 113	The Lord helps people in need
Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*He [God] raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.*

*Psalms 113:7-8 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory and might, we thank you for your justice that is like no other and your mercy that reaches to the ends of the earth through Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundance, help us to receive this food with a thankful heart and a living faith that prays for food for those who don't have enough to eat. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the God who cares for the poor bless you with a compassionate heart.



## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

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

- ☐ What are some of the things you thank God for?
- ☐ How is God's care for the poor and needy shown through your actions?

## **DEVOTIONS**

**Read: Psalm 113.**

The psalm begins with an exhortation to praise God everywhere and for all time. The glory, the fame and preeminence of the LORD, extends beyond the heavens, beyond what anyone can imagine. There is clearly a sense of an all-encompassing grandeur here. The God of the Bible is like no other. Why: Because God created all things? Because of God's power that can conquer the gods of the enemies of Israel? No. At least, that is not the answer given in Psalm 113. God is great and to be praised because our God "raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap" (v. 7). God cares for a man in his poverty and a woman in her barrenness. God creates new realities for them and for those around them, like princes who now must welcome the poor as an equal. That is a God worth praising, says Psalm 113. And, in Christ, that is the God who changes all social equations to bring honor to those not honored and eternal hope for those who seem without hope.

**Discuss:** God is to be praised for caring for everyone in need. What does this mean to you?

**Pray:** God, you who use your power and justice to shine on those in need, we praise you now and always for your glory that shines on us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## **SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you support and honor the poor in your community and the world?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Paul encourages us to offer "supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings" for all those in positions of authority and leadership (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Think or talk about leaders in the world, the country, and your community. This week take time to pray for them: Lord God, we thank you for those in leadership positions and ask that you bless them in their work. May they use their positions to care for the poor and show honor to you. Amen.