



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

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February Worship Assistants

Ushers: Brian Boen, Todd Gay, Daren Sagedahl

Acolytes: Jessica Altmann & Sadie Gross

Clicker: Preston Stuhl

Camera: Aidan Grund

Communion Helper: Alex Gay

Altar Guild: Lynnette Blem, Lowanda Frank

Sunday 02.19

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Communion

Sunday school & Coffee Hour

Ski Trip – leave at noon

Monday 02.20

Library in use

Tuesday 02.21

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

Wednesday 02.22

Women's Bible at 9:00 AM

Dorcas Bible Study at 9:30 AM



Noon and 7:00 PM

7/8/9 Grade Confirmation

Thursday 02.23

Breakfast Club 7:07 AM

Quilters 9:30 AM

Friday 02.24

Saturday 02.25

Sunday 02.26

Worship Services: 9:00 AM

Sunday School & Coffee Hour

Lenten Worship Services for 2023

Ash Wednesday	February 22nd at Noon and 7:00 PM
Lenten Services	Wednesdays: starting March 1 st at 7:00
Palm Sunday	April 2nd at 9:00 AM
Morning Matins	April 3rd – 7th (7:00 AM)
Maundy Thursday	April 6th at Noon & 7:00 PM
Good Friday	April 7th at 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday	April 9th at 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM



Soup Supper

Sign up is on the "Door".

Youth will serve on Ash Wednesday.

Dates: February 22nd – March 29th

Families please sign up on the Youth Board to bring food and work a shift.

We Love Soup Supper!!

Serving will be from 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Quilters

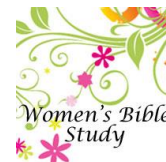
Quilting has begun at Cross of Calvary!

Please join us on Thursday morning: starting at 9:30 AM

Thrivent dollars need to be taken care of by the end of March

Women's Bible Study

1 King 1-11, Proverbs & Ecclesiastes- Wednesday mornings at 9:00



Youth activities

Confirmation Information

February 22nd – All grades (Ash Wednesday)
March Wednesdays - 6:20 PM and the Lenten services

Elementary Youth Programs

WOW – March 1st and 15th
JJL – March 2nd
GLUE – March 9th



1st Communion Classes (5th Graders)

March 15, 22 and 29, 2023 – after school from 3-5 Pm
Worship Services: Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 PM or Sunday, April 16th at 9:00

All Area youth grades 7-12 Ski nights will be February 19. BOLD and RCW will have no School the following day. We will leave from Cross of Calvary at 12 noon and return at 9:30ish. Cost is \$60. This includes the bus ride. Youth under age 21 may NOT drive themselves. Money must be paid and permission form turned in when signing up. Family account money can be used.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club for 10-12 graders continues every week if there is school. (7:07 AM)

Senior High Youth Gathering is March 10 -11, 2023 at Luther Crest in Alexandria, MN. This is for 9-12 graders.



Cost is \$75.00 for members, \$100.00 for friends. We will leave from church at 5:00 PM. Deadline to sign up is by February 22nd (Ash Wednesday)

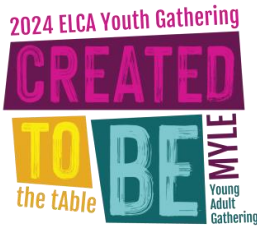


Sr. High Survivor Lock – in at Peace Lutheran in New London, on April 21-22, 2023. Cost is \$25.00 – Youth 9-12 Graders.
Sign up on the Youth board.



Mark your calendar - 2024 National Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans, July 16-20. Registration will open September 15, 2023 and down payment is \$150. Total cost will be around \$1500 depending on how we travel. If you graduate in 2024-2027 you are welcome to attend. Click here for more information.

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There will also be a Young Adult National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20, 2024 for ages 18-35. Cost will be similar. If you are interested in more info, please talk to Jeni or search

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7-9 graders are invited to attend Camp House in northern MN thru GLLM the week of June 11-15.

Check it out online!

Day Camp is June 26-29 this year. This includes kids who have completed K-6 grade. Cost is \$50.00

Prayers for...

Sandy Robideau – Family & friends
Jamie Lothert – Family & Friends
Donald Zarbock – Family
Brian Metteer – Family
Kristin Carpenter – Family
Marlene Wallert - Friends
Dennis Barta – Family & Friends
Mary Pratt – Family & Friends
Maureen Hanson – Family & Friends
Rhonda Haney – Family & Friends
David Lanning – Cole family
Mavis Maurice – Family & Friends
Carol Horrmann – Friends & Family
Jeff Keltgen – Family & Friends
Michelle Hanson – Friend of the Greg & Kathy Helin

Paul Buhr – Family & Firiends
Karletta Merwede - Friends
Joan Rosenow – Family & Friends
Bob Wittman – Family & Friends
Ava Koep – Friends & Family
Chrissy Boen – Family & Friends
Liz Elfering – Family & Friends
Clifford Metteer - Family
Jon Hackman Family
Lyn Tesch – Family & Friends
Pat Aalderks – Family & Friends
Ric Aalderks – Friends & Family
Brandon Ochs – Family & Friends
Candy Kath – Pam Olson’s sister
Laurie Hogberg – Family & Friends
Jesse Tongen – Family & Friends



Taking Faith Home

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Jesus gives comfort and strength.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 17:1-19	Transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	Exodus 24:12-18	Moses goes up to Mt. Sinai
Tuesday	2 Peter 1:16-21	Eye witnesses of Christ's glory
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 31:1-8	Joshua becomes Moses' successor
Thursday	Matthew 17:10-21	Jesus cures a boy with a demon
Friday	Psalm 99	Celebrating the rule of God
Saturday	Psalm 2	The Lord's chosen king
Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."
And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.
Matthew 17:7-8 (NRSV)*

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory, just as you shined brightly on Jesus in his transfiguration, may your presence in our lives give us comfort and strength for each day. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you fed your people in the wilderness and revealed your glory from a mountain; we thank you for feeding us and guiding us in your ways. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of glory give you comfort and strength.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ What gets in the way of taking action and trying something new?
- ☑ Jesus tells his followers to “get up and do not be afraid.” What gives you courage to be bold and live your faith in daily life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 17:1-9.

In the midst of the challenges and fears of everyday life, it can be a gift and a source of comfort and strength to have a “God moment” experience. It happened to Peter, James, and John. It can also happen to us, that sense that God is near and all is well. Our comfort is not in any god or spiritual experience, but one that is grounded in Jesus, the Son of God, the one who came to die for our sins on another mountain, Golgotha. The Mount of Transfiguration brings together Jesus, Moses, Elijah, and unprepared disciples. What makes this moment a valued God moment is that the disciples are comforted and encouraged “Get up and do not be afraid” (v. 7). Their focus becomes exclusively on Jesus alone. What a gift and what a moment to see Jesus and have the assurance of God’s presence! At Jesus’ transfiguration we see the Savior we want in comfort and strength. On Golgotha we see the Savior we need through the forgiveness of sins. In Jesus we get both.

Discuss: What are concerns in your life that need God’s comfort and strength?

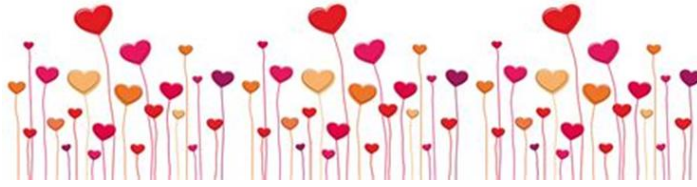
Pray: Dear God, help us to see Jesus in our mountaintop highs and in our valley lows, and may that vision give us comfort and strength to be his faithful followers. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help those who live in fear?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Transfiguration means to be changed. The transfiguration brings together both the human and divine nature of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ “face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light” (Matthew 17:2). It must have been an amazing experience for Peter, James, and John to see Jesus in that way! Draw or write a list of ways you experience God’s presence in your life. Take time to think or talk about what you have drawn or written. Then light two candles to represent the totally human and totally divine nature of Jesus and pray: Dear God, thank you for shining your light through Jesus. We ask to receive that light and share it with others. In Jesus’ name, amen.



This February we pray.....

1. That as we look forward to the extra minutes of light you give us this month, help us to be your light in our community and in the world.
2. For those who suffer loneliness. Help us to reach out to them and show your love.
3. Lord, please help me to be conscious of the words I speak. Help me to be slow to speak and quick to hear.
4. Thank you, Lord, for the beauty of our Earth.
5. We pray for those who are struggling with their mental health.
6. Forgive me, God, for being so immersed in my own life that I neglect to give others a helping hand.
7. I thank You for all those who are a positive influence in my life.
8. On this Wednesday, we pray for our WOW and confirmation students and their teachers.
9. Today we pray for our youngest students who are attending Jesus Justice League. Help them to grow in their faith and in their relationships with their church family
10. Oh Lord, I ask for your wisdom and courage.
11. We pray for those who are ill, especially those on our Cross of Calvary weekly Prayer list.
12. Today as we unite in watching the Super Bowl game, help us to remember that we are one nation, united by more than what divides us.
13. We pray for those in group homes, assisted living or long-term care and we thank you for their caregivers.
14. We celebrate those we love today and we mourn with those who have lost a partner this past year.
15. We pray for those struggling with their faith
16. Today we pray for our 3rd & 4th Graders and their leaders as they meet after school for GLUE (God Loves US Everyday)
17. We pray for the members of our church as they go about their daily lives.
18. Today I pray for fresh motivation to follow your will and your ways
19. As we gather for worship, we thank you for our church staff and all of those involved in making our worship meaningful.
20. On this President's Day, we pray for all our elected leaders. Please instill in them the wisdom and courage to lead during difficult times.
21. We pray for parents as they raise children in uncertain times.
22. On this Ash Wednesday, Help us prepare for our Lenten journey.
23. We pray for those struggling financially and especially for those facing homelessness or food insecurity.
24. We pray for safety for all those who travel in the winter months.
25. Help us to take the time to be quiet and listen for your voice
26. For those who are searching whether for jobs, relationships or guidance.
27. For those who struggle with addiction. We know the long cold winter can be difficult. Help us to give those around us encouragement.
28. Lord, we thank you, for in you we have found forgiveness of our sins.

Confirmation

February, March and April Confirmation Schedule Lenten Season

February 22nd 7:00 PM- Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of our Lenten schedule. There will be no class on Ash Wednesday, but confirmation students are required to attend, weekly class and Lenten service are follows...

March 8th 6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)

March 15th 6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)

March 22nd 6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)

March 29th 6:20 PM Class & 7:00 PM Lenten Service (all attend)

April 5th No Confirmation

April 6th 7:00 PM Seder Meal/First Communion

April 3rd—9th This is Holy Week you are required to go to three of the nine services between Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Morning Matins at 7:00 AM (5), and Easter Sunday.

No Classes during Holy Week

April 7th 7:00 PM Good Friday

April 7th Stations of the Cross

April 9th 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM Easter

Holy Week Worship Services

Ash Wednesday February 22nd at Noon and 7:00 PM

Palm Sunday April 2nd at 9:00 AM

Morning Matins April 3rd – 7th (7:00 AM)

Maundy Thursday April 6th at Noon & 7:00 PM

Good Friday April 7th at 7:00 PM

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