



# Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Olivia, MN

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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

### Pastor

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## April Worship Assistants

Ushers: Nate Cole & Dave Altmann

Acolytes: Bailee McLagan & Aaron McLagan

Clicker: Eric Wussow - Camera: Aidan Grund or Derrick Bahl

Communion Helper: Stacey Larson

Altar Guild: Stacey Larson, Sarah Iverson & Tara Amberg

Sunday 04.02

**9:00 AM Worship Service/Communion**

### ***Palm Sunday***

Sunday school & Coffee Hour

Monday 04.03

7:00 AM - Morning Matins service

12:30 -2 PM Mtg. in Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting

Tuesday 04.04

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

7:00 AM - Morning Matins service

11:00 AM Library in use

Wednesday 04.05

7:00 AM - Morning Matins service

9:00 AM Women's Bible

3-5 PM WOW

6:30 PM Confirmation (Gr. 7/8/9)

Thursday 04.06

7:00 AM Morning Matins service

7:07 AM Breakfast Club

Quilters 9:30 AM

Noon – Maundy Thursday service

7:00 PM – Seder Meal service &

1<sup>st</sup> Communion service

Friday 04.07

7:00 AM – Morning Matins service

7:00 PM – Good Friday service

Saturday 04.08

### ***Easter Sunday***

Sunday 04.09

6:30 AM & 9:00 AM **Worship Services**

### **Communion**

No Sunday school

## 2023 SPRING FLOWER SALES



all ordering will be done ONLINE!!

To ORDER log on to:  
[www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com)  
STORE ID: 338

Please remember to note the youth you are buying from in order for them to receive the profits

**ALL ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>**  
The online store will be shut down on this date at 10pm.

**FLOWER PICKUP**  
Thursday MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
4:00pm– 6:00pm  
Friday MAY 12<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am-12:00pm

*We encourage sellers to pick up all of their orders to distribute*

**All flowers must be pre-ordered ONLINE**  
**No more filling out forms, collecting money or turning anything in!!!!**  
*There will not be any extra flowers available for purchase*

Committee Members Contact Information:

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| Amanda Malvin  | (320) 579-1515 | <a href="mailto:bamalvin@msn.com">bamalvin@msn.com</a>               |
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| Kelsey Wertish | (320) 522-2404 | <a href="mailto:wertish2011@hotmail.com">wertish2011@hotmail.com</a> |

*All proceeds from their individual sales will go into your family youth account.  
This is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for things like ski trips, bible camp,  
youth gatherings.*

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## Holy Week Worship Services for 2023

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| Palm Sunday                | April 2nd at 9:00 AM                               |
| Morning Matins             | April 3rd - 7th (7:00 AM)                          |
| Maundy Thursday/Seder Meal | April 6th at Noon & 7:00 PM                        |
| Good Friday/Stations       | April 7th at 7:00 PM                               |
| Easter Sunday              | April 9th at 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM<br>No Sunday School |



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### Quilters

Quilting has begun at Cross of Calvary!  
Please join us on Thursday morning: starting at 9:30 AM

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### Women's Bible Study

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



**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** April 9th - Easter Sunday.

**Game night** for 7-9 grade will be April 12, 7:30-8:30pm

#### **Confirmation Information**

7-8-9 grade will be every week through April starting at 6:30 in the sanctuary.  
April 5th was added to our calendar.

#### **Elementary Youth Programs**

Jesus Justice League for 1-2nd grade will meet April 13, and May 4.  
G.L.U.E. for 3-4th grade will meet April 20 and May 18.  
Wow for 5-6 grade will meet April 5 and 19 and May 3 and 17.

#### **1st Communion Classes (5th Graders)**

Worship Services: Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 PM or Sunday, April 16th at 9:00 AM

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**DAY CAMP** will be at Cross of Calvary June 26-29. This is for children who have finished K-6th grade. Registration will be online beginning in May. Cost is \$50.00. Family cap is \$150.00. You do not need to be a member of Cross of Calvary to attend. Invite your friends!

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#### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club invites 9th graders to attend starting April 13!!!  
So, for 9-12 graders every Thursday, 7:07am

## Sunday school service Project for Cross of Calvary

This year will be to Family Promise in Willmar. We will be making activity kits for the kids that they serve.

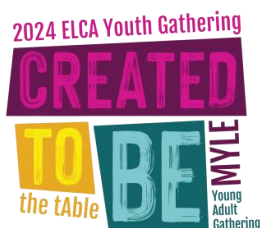
Below is an idea of what could be included in the kits.

Donations can be dropped off by the grocery cart in the back of church before Sunday, April 30. small package of crayons (16 or 24), washable markers (8 pack), stickers sheets, small notebook, glue stick, glitter glue, pom poms, small activity book and colored pencils



### Sr. High Survivor Lock – April 21-22 at Peace Lutheran in New

London. Cost is \$25.00. Are you a Survivor fan? Or do you just love playing games and competing with your peers? This is for you! Our group has been invited to participate with another group and it should be a great time playing, eating, praying and competing! There will be buffs, Exile Island, hidden immunity necklaces, challenges and more! Sign up on the Youth Board. Get registration forms from Jeni.



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.  
[https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering?\\_ga=2.44891746.777536322.166640275-499798659.1666640275](https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering?_ga=2.44891746.777536322.166640275-499798659.1666640275)

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 [https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering?\\_ga=2.44891746.777536322.1666640275-499798659.1666640275](https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering?_ga=2.44891746.777536322.1666640275-499798659.1666640275)

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



## **Cross of Calvary**

### **Ham Dinner**

Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am -12:30 pm  
(Drive up) Serving: Baked Ham w/ Raisin & Cherry sauce –  
Cheesy Potatoes- Glazed Carrots- Cole Slow – Bun – Dessert  
Cost \$15.00



Jamie Lothert – Family & Friends  
Dennis Barta – Family & Friends  
Maureen Hanson – Family & Friends  
Jeff Keltgen – Family & Friends  
Chrissy Boen – Family & Friends  
Cindi Thiesse – Family & Friends

George Garcia Family & Reiten family – Elisha's father  
Sandy & Dale Robideau – Family & Friends

Prayer concerns will now be listed for one month only. If you need to extend or add prayers for an individual or family, please call the church office. 320-523-1574

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**Come and go baby shower honoring  
Brea Athmann.**

Sunday, April 16th from 11:30-1:30  
at Cross of Calvary  
Registered at Target and Amazon

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**This month the Mission Committee has donated to two local projects that are assisting families by providing basic needs at no cost to the family. If you would like to donate to either one, please send directly to the organization or donate to Cross of Calvary and write the name of program in memo line of your check.**

#### **The Closet**

Jill Schwedirski runs The Closet at St. Paul's in Hector. Many of their Sunday school classrooms have been turned into a closet of sorts where people who need clothes, shoes, etc. can come to find some. Jill meets people and families usually by appointment, to go through and find what they need for free.

She, also, meets people's needs of various sorts. They don't have the space to store lots of items, but she will often just post on Facebook that she needs a microwave, or a bed or size 2X women's clothes or 3T boys clothes.

She is connected with the County Health and Human services & helps supply for kids who have been pulled by Child Protection Services, is connected with Olivia's House of Hope to help the women there get what they need. She meets needs in the moment in that way. Donations are used for needs that aren't met by donation of items. Jill might buy a pair of work boots for a certain person or something for foster kids. It is a ministry of the Church and not its own 501 c (3), so financial donations need to be sent to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 500 Cedar Ave E, Hector, MN 55342, with "The Closet" in the memo line.

#### **Renville County Back-the-Pack Program**

This program is a 501c(3) non-profit and has been providing weekend meals to school-age children in school districts in Renville County for the past 13 years. The meals are provided free of charge to parents. The donation from Cross of Calvary through the Mission Committee will be used to partially purchase cereal for the month of May. The cost of cereal for a month is around \$700. If you would like to assist the Backpack Program, send donations to RCBPP, 1103 Viking Drive, Olivia, MN 56277 or write RCBPP in memo line of your donation to Cross of Calvary.

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#### **Olivia Hospital & Clinic Hospice Annual Grief Support Group Opportunity**

The Adult Grief Group is sponsored by Olivia Hospital & Clinic Hospice. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays from March 22, 2023, through May 10, 2023 at the Olivia Hospital & Clinic from 2:00 to 4. All are welcome and invited. Please call Amy Boettger at 320-523-3451 to register or email: [Amy.C.Boettger@Healthpartners.com](mailto:Amy.C.Boettger@Healthpartners.com)



## *Taking Faith Home*

APRIL 2, 2023

PALM/PASSION

SUNDAY

**From cheers to rejection to triumph.**

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

|           |                    |                               |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Matthew 21:1-11    | Jesus enters Jerusalem        |
| Monday    | Mathew 26:14–27:66 | Jesus' trial and crucifixion  |
| Tuesday   | Isaiah 50:4-9a     | The servant's humiliation     |
| Wednesday | Philippians 2:5-11 | Christ shows us true humility |
| Thursday  | John 13:1-35       | Jesus washes disciples' feet  |
| Friday    | John 18:1–19:42    | Jesus suffers and dies        |
| Saturday  | Psalms 31:9-16     | Prayer for protection         |
| Sunday    | John 20:1-18       | Christ's resurrection         |

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.  
Philippians 2:5-8 (NRSV)*

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

*Eternal God, from the cross you triumph over all the forces that lead us away from you; give us faith to follow the way of the cross through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Suffering God, in a world where many lack the food they need, help us to care for others as you care for us with this meal today. In Jesus' name, amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God's face shine on you with the steadfast love of the cross of Christ.  
(Psalm 31:16)

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

☒ When was a time you were part of a crowd that was cheering loudly?

☒ If you were part of the crowd cheering for Barabbas to be set free instead of Jesus, why do you think you would do that?

## DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 26:14–27:66.

What we experience in life can help us see things in the Bible we might otherwise miss. For example, in the age of social divisions we witness today, we can understand how very fragile a democracy can be. Pilate gave the crowds a moment to be a democracy by asking them who to free, Jesus or Barabbas. The crowds chose Barabbas. The week before, crowds were cheering on Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. Within a week the crowds saw things differently. Jesus takes our fickleness, our lack of insight, our willingness to follow the crowd with him to the cross. It is all part of our brokenness that fails to see the truth of Jesus. However, our failures do not stop God's plan. God's plan—God's will—according to Philippians 2:10-11 is that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." From the cross we learn that our foolish ways as individuals and as a society will not conquer God's will.

**Discuss:** How do you tell the difference between the will of God and the will of a crowd?

**Pray:** Suffering God, you know how we fail you and yet you love us all the way to the cross; give us faith and wisdom to follow you all the days of our lives through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you care for people whom others look on with disrespect?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This coming week is Holy Week. We remember the journey of Jesus from his entry into Jerusalem to his last meal, trial, crucifixion, death, and resurrection. These stories are central to our faith. Choose a space in your home to observe Holy Week. Each day, add an item (listed below), think or talk about its' role in the Passion story, and close with the prayer. Sunday: Palm branch, Monday: Bottle of perfume, Tuesday: Coins, Wednesday: Bowl of water, Thursday: Bread, Friday: Nails, Saturday: Stone. After placing an item each day, pray: Eternal God, help us to grow in our faith so that we may be faithful witnesses to the power of Jesus' resurrection. Amen.

# Confirmation

## April Confirmation Schedule Lenten Season

**April 5th** 7/8/9 Confirmation at 6:30 PM  
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.

April 7th 7:00 PM Good Friday  
April 7th Stations of the Cross  
April 9th 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM Easter

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