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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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***Cross of Calvary***  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

### **June Worship Assistants**

Ushers:

Acolytes: Maddy Cole & Elliot Lang

Clicker: Gavin Johnson, Camera: Eric Wussow

Communion Helper: Bob Erickson

Altar Guild: Sue Erickson & Kelsie Aeikens

Sunday 06.25	<b>9:00 AM Worship Service</b>
Monday 06.26	1-5 PM Day camp
Tuesday 06.27	6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 1-5 PM Day Camp
Wednesday 06.28	9:00 AM Women's Bible 1-5 PM Day Camp
Thursday 06.29	1-5 PM Day Camp
Friday 06.30	
Saturday 07.01	
Sunday 07.02	<b>9:00 AM Worship Services</b>

### **Job Openings at Cross of Calvary**

#### **Office Manager**

30 hours per week – starting date July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Contact church office for more information/application

320-523-1574 or email [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com)

#### **Janitor position**

Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Please contact the office for more information.

Cross of Calvary Financial Information

General Offering

Needed each month to make budget: \$23,750.00

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**Theology on Tap**

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM (meet at Max's Grill)

\*Talk to Pastor Matt on which Wednesdays

Book – “Gift of Imperfection” by Brene Brown

Please order your own book (available on Amazon)

**Confirmation**

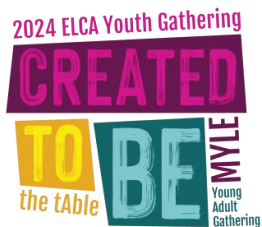
\*Affirmation of Faith retreat will be August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-9 PM for those going into 10th grade. During this retreat we will plan your confirmation service.

Watch for details.

Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Please pick your cake pans or dishes  
ASAP!!!!**

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

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*Our thoughts  
And prayers  
Are with you.*



Briar Lippert – Family & Friends  
Charlie Baumgartner – Family & Friends  
Jon Hackmann Family  
Clayton Erickson – Family & Friends  
Joyce Damhof – Sara Benson's mother  
Dale Robideau – Heidi Morse family  
Karletta Merwede – Cole family  
Bruce Freberg – Shirley Beckler's brother  
Jamie Lothert – Family & Friends  
Chrissy Boen – 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



# Taking faith home

## June 25, 2023

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Freed from fear, we live in newness of life.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 10:24-39	The call and cost of discipleship
Monday	Jeremiah 20:7-13	Jeremiah denounces his persecutors
Tuesday	Romans 6:1b-11	Dying and rising with Christ
Wednesday	Ephesians 4:17-24	The old life and the new
Thursday	Isaiah 12:1-6	Thanksgiving and praise
Friday	Romans 8:9-17	Life in the Spirit
Saturday	Psalm 69:7-18	God can be trusted
Sunday	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others

#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4 (NRSV)*

#### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

##### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for the power and gift of baptism and our new life in Christ that frees us from fear so that we can be Christ's faithful followers in the world. Amen.

##### Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, with this gift of food give us strength to overcome our fears and to serve others through the power of Christ's love. Amen.

##### A Blessing to Give:

May the God of steadfast love, bless you with mercy all the days of your life. (Psalm 69:16)

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

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

- ❑ How do you describe your own life's goals, values and beliefs?
- ❑ If someone were to ask you about your faith and what you believe, how would you respond?

## **DEVOTIONS**

**Read: Romans 6:1b-11.**

Just before this reading, Paul writes: "where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (Romans 5:20b). Paul responds to this statement in Romans 6:1b with an understandable question, "Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?" Then he answers, "By no means!" (v. 2a). Paul is emphatic that seeking a life of sin is out of the question. He describes this conviction by using the language of baptism. We are joined with Christ through baptism. In baptism, we die with Christ and are raised with Christ "so we too might walk in newness of life" (v. 4b). We are joined to Christ's life. His story of death and resurrection is now our story. We die to a way of living and thinking that finds pleasure in sin and separation from God. The power of sin over our lives dies with Christ through baptism. Our lives are then freed from the power of sin and death to live a new life filled with love and grace for our neighbor and world.

**Discuss:** What questions do you have about baptism?

**Pray:** God of abundant love, we thank you for the gift of baptism that binds us to Christ and gives us new life filled with hope, joy, and love for all. Amen.

## **SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you be freed from fear to joyfully serve those in need?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

"Do not fear" is a recurring theme in Matthew 10:24-39. Think or talk about things that you are afraid of. Naming and talking about your fears can be helpful. Draw a cross on a sheet of paper. Write the fears you named around the cross. Take a moment to look at your list of fears and say them out loud.

**Pray:** Dear God, may our life in Christ draw us nearer to you and free us from our fears. Amen.