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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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***Cross of Calvary***  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**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

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Sunday 07.02

**9:00 AM Worship Service**

Communion

Monday 07.03

Tuesday 07.04

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

Wednesday 07.05

9:00 AM Women's Bible

Thursday 07.06

Friday 07.07

Saturday 07.08

Sunday 07.09

**9:00 AM Worship Services**

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

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**Thank you to all of Cross of Calvary members  
and staff for making my time working at church  
wonderful and fun, you truly are the best!!**

**God's Blessing to everyone!**

**Sue**

**(On to a new adventure)**

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

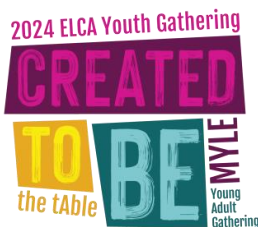
Please order your own book (available on Amazon)

**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>.



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.*



Don & Karen Revier – Family & Friends

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**  
**July 2, 2023**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Freed by God's undeserved kindness.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Sunday	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others
Monday	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Hananiah opposes Jeremiah
Tuesday	Romans 6:12-23	Slaves of righteousness
Wednesday	2 Timothy 1:8-14	Relying on the power of God
Thursday	Ephesians 2:1-10	From death to life
Friday	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Paul's visions
Saturday	Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18	God's covenant with David
Sunday	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Rest for the weary

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:14 (NRSV)*

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Gracious God, your loving commitment to us goes far beyond what we can imagine; give us faith to trust your never-failing love through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, help us to give thanks for this food so that we can receive this meal with a humble heart through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of love and faithfulness give you joy.

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

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

- ❑ When is a time you received something that you felt you did not deserve?
- ❑ When is a time you recognized God's unconditional love in your life?

## **DEVOTIONS**

**Read: Romans 6:12-23.**

In this reading, God's grace—God's undeserved kindness—is under attack. Paul is responding to those who think his message encourages us to sin. He knows God's goodness does not lead us to sin and writes, "Sin will have no dominion" (v. 14) meaning sin will not be your master. For those who think God's grace leads to sinfulness, Paul's response is simple: "No way!" Earlier in chapter 6 he uses the image of life and death to reject such thinking. We have died to sin so we cannot continue to live in sin. Paul then uses the imagery of slavery, either a slave of sin or of God's righteousness. We are freed from being slaves of sin. Our lives are controlled by all that is right and good through Christ, our true Lord (v. 23). Paul acknowledges the difficulty to grasp all this and moves on to the real point for our lives in Christ. It is to be set free by a relationship to God for sanctification, that is, a holy life set apart for God that leads to eternal life.

**Discuss:** How does God's undeserved kindness set you free to love God and others?

**Pray:** Dear God, your constant love is more than we can imagine. Set us free to enjoy your goodness with love for you and for all you have created through Christ Jesus 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 serve others with hospitality?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Hospitality is the practice of treating guests in a friendly and generous way. It includes the spirit in which it is given. Jesus said that anyone who welcomed one of his followers and gave them something even small, such as cup of cool water, would be rewarded (Matthew 10:42). Put an empty water jug or pitcher on the table. Think or talk about ways you can serve and help others. For each way you name, pour a cup of water into the jug. Finish with this prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for serving us. Make us ready to serve others, in big and small ways. Amen.