



## Are God and Allah the Same?

Dr. Emir Caner

*Our summer Adult Bible Class on "Understanding Islam" included a fascinating video featuring Drs. Ergun and Emir Caner. They came to the United States in 1978 as committed Muslims, with their father under instructions from the Ayatollah Khomeini to build mosques here. However, as teenagers they converted to Christianity and are now both prominent Christian theologians with doctorates in theology. Dr. Ergun Caner is president of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and Dr. Emir Caner is president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. This article on the question of whether Christians and Muslims worship the same God is adapted from Dr. Emir Caner ([www.emircaner.com/wordpress](http://www.emircaner.com/wordpress)).*

In some far-flung field around the world a Christian missionary enters a territory which has remained hostile to the Gospel for some time. Upon entering the mountainous village, he is able to speak to some of the villagers about eternal matters. They are uninhibited to

speak about their faith, although reticent to accept any other opinion, and this missionary quickly gains a cursory understanding of their god. He is an all-powerful being who blesses both the just and the unjust. He reveals himself through miracles. Additionally, these villagers believe that there is no forgiveness of sin without the shedding of blood. In fact, these villagers believe that their god has a son and that this son was once dead and now has come to life! Now, can this missionary then assume that the god the villagers are describing, due to so many similar characteristics, is the same God the Scripture reveals?

If your answer is yes, you have fallen prey to a tactic the devil has used since the Fall in the Garden of Eden. The devil, the best counterfeiter in history, plays upon the attributes of God and places them upon another, even himself. Ironically, the situation above is not foreign to the Scripture, for Elijah is that missionary who found himself in a strikingly similar situation in 1 Kings 18:20-40. The Jewish people had fallen into idolatry, specifically Baal worship. Although Baal worship differed regionally, Elijah came across the form of Baal worship which believed that Baal is the son of El, the most high god. Baal was once dead, but like the fall harvest,

has come back to life. Baal required a blood sacrifice for appeasement to El, albeit the sacrifice is not of Baal himself but of a first-born son of each family. Baal was all-powerful and could be seen in miracles such as raining down fire. Yet, Baal was not mistaken as Jehovah. Elijah rhetorically asks the Israelites who are worshipping a false god, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God follow him; but if Baal, follow him" (1 Kings 18:21).

Today, similar debate has revolved around the two largest faiths in the world, Islam and Christianity, and whether the god of the Koran is the God of the Bible. Simply put, the god of Muhammad is not the Father of Jesus. The subject in its essence is not a linguistic issue, but a theological matter with eternal ramifications. To say that since Allah is Arabic for God and YHWH is Hebrew for God, Christians and Muslims worship the same God is beyond naïve—it is blasphemous.

When Elijah challenged his fellow Jews to follow the one



**The Holy Trinity is beautifully depicted in this woodcut from 1511 by renowned Lutheran artist Albrecht Dürer. God the Father receives the sacrifice of God the Son (Ephesians 5:2), while God the Holy Spirit hovers over the scene as He did at creation (Genesis 1:2).**

true God, he did so without regard to linguistics. Indeed, the etymology of Baal is derived from the root word for Lord or Master. If the matter at hand were merely about words and similar nomenclature, Elijah's statement would make absolutely no sense. Would the Israelites not be worshipping the same God as their forefathers since they have a title similar to that of their forefathers? Would Elijah not owe an unqualified apology to the prophets of Baal for assuming their worship was a façade and their god nonexistent? How could there even be such a theological animal as a "false god" if the word "god" is used in conversation? And for those who argue linguistically, would they be comfortable praying to Baal today since it is only another word for Lord?

As someone who came out of a Sunni Muslim background, I can personally attest that I rejected God as Father (Surah 5:18), Jesus Christ as the Son of God (Surah 5:116; 19:88), and the very person of the Holy Spirit (Surah 70:4). What part of the Triune God did I understand? I was an idolater, plain and simple, and the vacuity in my prayers only proved that point. Like the Israelites who worshipped Baal, I know too well the great pain of praying to a non-existent god. As 1 Kings 18:29 describes, "There was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention." To argue, then, that I was worshipping the true God, just

inadequately or incompletely, would have been to place false light upon my total darkness. My Muslim mind would have interpreted such folly as insisting that Muhammad did receive at least some of his revelation from the one, true God—that in some ways he was a true prophet.

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This is not an argument which denies that God is sovereign over Muhammad and all followers of Islam. But as Timothy George noted in a recent *Christianity Today* article, "No devout Muslim can call the God of Muhammad 'Father,' for this, to their mind, would compromise divine transcendence. But no faithful Christian can refuse to confess, with joy and confidence, 'I believe in God the Father ... Almighty!' Apart from the Incarnation and the Trinity, it is possible to know that God is, but not who God is." Even modern Muslim apologists recognize the difficulty in arguing that Christians worship the same god as Muslims. In a recent editorial in the *PakTribune* (Pakistan News Service), Ahmer Muzammil asserted, "I believe that whoever believes in one Allah (God) without any partners, sons, daughters or incarnations, whether they are Christians, Jews, Muslims, or whoever they might be, they all believe in the same Allah (GOD) that we do and that Jesus, Moses, Adam, Noah, and Mohammad called masses to the same GOD."

The latter part of the quote, attributing Islamic devotion to Old Testament prophets, is key to understanding why the Koran states, "We believe in the revelation which has come down to us and in that which came down to you; Our God and your God is

one; and it is to Him we bow (in Islam)" (Surah 29:46). Muslims do not believe the God of the Old Testament, especially as seen in the Major and Minor Prophets, is their god since the Old Testament is a corrupted collection (Surah 3:78) which fails to clarify that Abraham, Moses, and the other prophets were actually Muslims. Islam, in denying the revelation, denies the Revelator.

The Koran further substantiates the claim that Christians do not worship the same god as Muslims. Surah 5:72 denounces partnering "other gods with Allah," and warns those who do so, "Allah will forbid him the Garden, and the Fire will be his abode." Surah 112:3, perhaps the central passage in the entire discussion, explicitly divorces Allah from the Christian God, explaining, "He begets not, nor is He begotten; and there is none like unto Him." Ultimately, Allah "forgives not (the sin of) joining other gods with Him" (Surah 4:116).

It is clear, then, that according to Islam Peter committed this heinous sin when he publicly proclaimed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). The church itself is built upon this confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, indeed, in the very character of Jesus Christ as the Son of God. To remove Him from the Godhead would be the death knell of the church, the end of Christianity. "There is no other foundation that anyone can lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11). Rejecting each person of the Trinity, the God of the Old Testament and New Testament is replaced by a figment of Muhammad's imagination, a god that beyond the somewhat similar characteristics of monotheism and transcendence resembles only remotely the God of the Scriptures.

It behooves us as Christians to stand unwaveringly against the ecumenists and syncretists who try to convince us that Muslims and Christians worship the same God. When errant teachers like Charles Kimball state, "The name for God in Islam, in Arabic, is Allah. This is not another god. This is the God. It's the same God that Jews and Christians are talking about," we must ardently stand against such theological heresy. For the

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sake of ensuring that the Gospel is preached faithfully and biblically, it is imperative that Christians stand united on this crucial and non-negotiable issue. While Kimball and others are creating confusion with a corrupt notion of the One True God, we must draw a line of separation from them by boldly affirming that He is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and rejecting the grave theological error that others are promoting.

Since an assent of the god of Islam is ultimately a rejection of the Triune God, any such person who holds to such aberrant views should have the integrity to resign from any position of leadership held within the Church. To equate the god of Islam with the God of the Bible is to reject the God of the Scriptures.

Evidence strongly suggests that the vast majority of Christians uphold the distinction between the god of Islam and the God of the Scripture. In a recent survey, it was stated that 79% of evangelicals do not believe Muslims and Christians worship the same God.

Let's reassure the faithful that what they believe is not in vain, that without Christ, religions and their gods are false. Our voices must be heard on the issue or else our zeal for the lost will diminish and the clarity of the Gospel will be muddled. I pray our response to the situation will be vastly different from that of the Israelites who, when confronted with this issue, "answered [Elijah] not a word" (1 Kings 18:21b). This hour must be one of courage and not cowardice, for if the doctrine of God is compromised, other crucial doctrines will soon fall to the ecumenists as well. Truth is immortal.



## **Midweek Vespers Begins in September**

The Voters Assembly at the Quarterly Business Meeting on July 27 approved a proposal by the Board of Elders to begin a regular weekly Midweek Vespers service, starting on September 3.

Midweek Vespers will follow the customary schedule of Advent and Lent services and be held on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-7:30pm. Midweek School classes for the 5th-8th Grades will be held before the service, from 6:15pm-7:00pm, and our new Midweek Bible Study will be held after the service, from 7:30pm-8:30pm.

Adding an additional weekly service is a step forward in the development of our congregation and has been requested by a number of members. We previously had Wednesday evening services about 25% of the year, during Advent and Lent. Expanding this worship opportunity to every week will give members the option of an additional weekly worship time, both for those who want an extra spiritual lift during the week, and for those who may not be able to attend on Sunday.

Midweek Vespers will be about a half-hour long and will not include Holy Communion. We will use various orders of service from *Lutheran Service Book*, including Vespers (Page 229ff), Compline (Page 253ff), and the Service of Prayer and Preaching (Page 260ff). During Advent and Lent, Midweek Vespers will have special themes related to those seasons.



## **Midweek Study on "How to Study the Bible" Begins September 3**

Several members have requested a Bible study opportunity in addition to Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings. In September we will begin a new Midweek Bible Study on Wednesday evenings.

This is part of our new Wednesday evening schedule, with *Midweek School* classes for the 5th-8th Grades from 6:15pm-7:00pm, *Midweek Vespers* from 7:00pm-7:30pm, and *Midweek Bible Study* from 7:30pm-8:30pm.

Our first topic will be *How to Study the Bible*. This study from Northwestern Publishing House introduces a basic method for meditating on Scripture used by Martin Luther—a combination of Bible readings and prayer.

The study includes the following topics:

*Why Should I Study the Bible?*

*What It Means to  
Meditate on Scripture*

*How to Create Your Own  
Daily Bible Reading Plan*

Following this initial study future topics will be suggested by the study participants. Join in Wednesdays at 7:30pm for Midweek Bible Study!



## **Sunday School Rally Day September 7**

Sunday School will resume on Sunday School Rally Day, September 7. During the service our Sunday School teachers will be installed and children will be awarded Bibles and Catechisms.

This year we will begin Sunday School each week with a brief opening. Following snack time in the Gathering Room the adults will go to the Fellowship Hall to begin their class immediately. The children will go to the Sanctuary first for the opening and then go to their classes.

There is always a need for additional Sunday School teachers. We like to have two or more teachers per class so that they can alternate the Sundays they teach. If you would be able to help with our Sunday School program please contact Larissa Kommes (255-6523).

*"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).*



## Midweek School Begins September 3

Midweek School classes for 2008-2009 will begin on Wednesday, September 3 and continue each Wednesday from 6:15pm-7:00pm. The Pre-Confirmation class for 5th-6th Grades focuses on key Bible stories and memorization of the Catechism, to prepare for Confirmation class in 7th-8th Grades.

Following the 45-minute class time, the children will also stay each week for our new Midweek Vespers service from 7:00pm-7:30pm. Though these services are for all members, they will focus on various parts of the Catechism and staying for the service is part of the Confirmation program.

If you have questions about Confirmation class please contact Pastor Vogts for more information.



## BUDGET UPDATE

**As of August 24, 2008**

Total Offerings Budgeted	
Year-to-Date .....	\$95,260
Total Offerings Received	
Year-to-Date .....	\$93,204
Total Budget Deficit	
Year-to-Date .....	(\$2,056)



Worship Assistants

### Elders for September

Rob Finkral & Carroll Gustman

### September Elders Meeting

September 2, 7:00pm

### Usher for September

Greg Huibregtse

### Junior Ushers for September

September 7 .....	Jacob Vogts
September 14 .....	Zahn Bose
September 21 .....	Quinton Bose
September 28 .....	Tyler Fletcher

### Crucifers for September

September 3 (Vespers) .....	Dylan Sawyer
September 7 .....	Myron Bose
September 10 (Vespers) .....	Kylie Martin
September 14 .....	Sarah Vogts
September 17 (Vespers) .....	Dylan Sawyer
September 21 .....	Kylie Martin
September 24 (Vespers) .....	Myron Bose
September 28 .....	Sarah Vogts

### Acolytes for September

September 3 (Vespers) .....	Megan Winborn
September 7 .....	Ashley Bargstadt
September 10 (Vespers) .....	Kasey Michels
September 14 .....	Emily Steemken
September 17 (Vespers) .....	Jace Waybright
September 21 .....	Megan Winborn
September 24 (Vespers) .....	Clarie Johnson
September 28 .....	Tiara Selby



Women in Mission, the women's group of Holy Cross, will have its first meeting of the fall on Wednesday, September 10 at 9:00am in the Gathering Room. All women are welcome!



## Hog Roast Fundraiser October 19

The Board of Elders is sponsoring our second annual Hog Roast Fundraiser on Sunday, October 19, from 11:30am-1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Our thanks to Jon and Gail Dorr for donating the hog, to Rev. Donald Meyer of Trinity Lutheran Church, Marcus, Iowa for roasting it for us, and to Betty Gunderson and Ginny Peterson for coordinating this event. The meal will also include beef brisket, coleslaw, beans and dessert. Members are asked to help with this event by signing up in the Gathering Room to help set up, serve, or clean up, and donating desserts.

A freewill offering will be taken. Both members of the congregation and the entire community are invited!



Our congregation has designated a tithe of 10% of our general offerings to support the work of our District and Synod. Each month we remember in prayer in our worship services specific missionaries around the world who are supported in this way by our congregation.

September 7

*Rev. David and Beth Hoepfner  
India*

September 14

*Jim and Marianne Halsted  
Panama*

September 21

*Rev. Jacob and Michelle Gillard  
Uganda*

September 28

*Ashley Angerman  
Czech Republic*



Angela Dial, September 3

Tammy Steemken, September 3

Sarah Vogts, September 4

Matthew Baker, September 14

Olivia Bargstadt, September 19

Kylie Martin, September 19

Brian Rehnelt, September 23

Rylee Rehnelt, September 24

Kendall Martin, September 25

Pat Winborn, September 27

Bryce Schroeder, September 28

Marcy Schroeder, September 30

Joey & Marcy Schroeder

September 7, 1996

Doug & Sue Jansen

September 10, 1971

Brian & Melissa Rehnelt

September 10, 2005

Mindy & Mark Krause

September 26, 1981

Helen & Kevin Hamilton

September 27

Dennis & Jeri Melstad

September 28, 1985

We list members' birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter each month and the bulletin each week. If your information is missing or inaccurate, please accept our apologies and notify the church office at 232-9117 or email [holycross@longlines.com](mailto:holycross@longlines.com).



In the Gathering Room is a sign-up sheet to bring snacks for fellowship time after worship. You are welcome to bring whatever snacks you wish. Or, you may indicate when you sign up that you wish to use snacks provided by the congregation.

Those serving snacks are also asked to please prepare the coffee and juice, which along with coffee, cups, napkins, plates, etc. are available in the Coffee Bar. Thank you to all those providing and serving snacks!

The following Sundays in September had been signed up for as of the printing of this newsletter, with other Sundays in September still needing volunteers.

September 7

Board of Education

September 21

Pat Winborn



The flower calendar is located on the table in the Gathering Room. Occasions to remember include anniversaries, birthdays, in memory of loved ones, etc. Flowers may be obtained anywhere and you may provide your own vase or use one of the assortment in the church kitchen.

August 17

Marcy, Bryce & Brady Schroeder

Joey's Birthday

August 24

Rev. Kevin & Terese Vogts

Anna's Birthday

August 31

Rev. Kevin & Terese Vogts

Sarah's Birthday



Craftsmen from Bovard Studios, Fairfield, Iowa install the stained-glass window above our altar on August 25. It is actually four windows in one, surrounding the large cross, with panels featuring detailed scenes of the nativity, ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection of our Lord. Bovard Studios reports that they have a large sketch of this window in their reception area, and visitors often comment how striking it is. They said they consider it a signature piece for their firm and one of the finest, most unique windows they have ever produced. A design concept for the remaining windows in the sanctuary has already been approved by the Voters Assembly. If you are interested in donating a window contact head elder Carroll Gustman (258-1124; [cjgustman@cableone.net](mailto:cjgustman@cableone.net)) or Pastor Vogts.

September 7  
Joey & Marcy Schroeder  
12th Wedding Anniversary

September 14  
Ron & Jeannette Yockey  
Jeannette's Birthday

September 21  
Doug & Janet Martin  
Kendall's & Kylie's Birthdays

September 28  
Joey & Marcy Schroeder  
Bryce's & Marcy's Birthday

October 5  
Doug & Janet Martin  
Wedding Anniversary



September 3 (Midweek Vespers)  
*"The First Commandment"*

September 7  
*"These Little Ones  
Who Believe in Me"*  
Matthew 18:6

September 10 (Midweek Vespers)  
*"The Second Commandment"*

September 14  
*"How Many Times  
Shall I Forgive?"*  
Matthew 18:21-35

September 17 (Midweek Vespers)  
*"The Third Commandment"*

September 21  
*"The War Within"*  
Romans 7:18-25

September 24 (Midweek Vespers)  
*"The 4th Commandment"*

September 28  
*"Nothing Will Separate  
Us from God's Love"*  
Romans 8:38-39

## Habitat for Humanity Service Project



Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Habitat for Humanity work day on July 26. We had a great day filled with Christian fellowship, good food, and an opportunity to serve the Lord. Thanks also to Jackie Baker for serving as our congregational coordinator for this service project.

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## CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS AGAIN

You are invited to help sing praises to the Lord in the Holy Cross Choir! This year choir practice will again be on Sunday mornings at 8:15am, beginning September 21.

We hope to have our former choir members back and need new members too! All are invited to participate. It is a real joy to sing in the choir loft of our new sanctuary, with its excellent acoustics.

For more information about the choir contact Pastor Vogts.

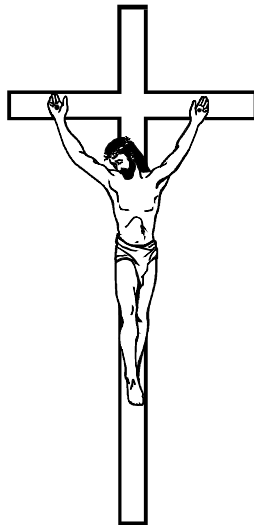


### **Memorial Book Being Compiled**

We have begun compiling a Memorial Book to commemorate memorials and other special gifts that have been given to Holy Cross over the years. It is displayed in the Gathering Room. Eventually it will be prominently displayed in the Hearth Room when that room is completed.

The Memorial Book is still a work in progress as we collect photos and information. If you know of a memorial or other special gift that is missing please contact Pastor Vogts with the information so that it can be included.

It is quite amazing the number of special gifts we have received in just the past few years, such as stained glass windows, altar paraments, and our organ. Thank you to all who have given memorials and other special gifts to Holy Cross over the years.



### **Meditations on Divine Mercy**

In our newsletter as space allows we include selections from Johann Gerhard's *Meditations on Divine Mercy*. Gerhard was a leading Lutheran pastor and theologian in Germany during the 16th and 17th centuries. He suffered extraordinary afflictions in his life, and his experiences are reflected in this inspiring devotional book.

The devotions are in the form of extended prayers. The entire book is available from Concordia Publishing House, 1-800-325-3040, [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org), stock#12-4183.

### **Thanksgiving for Conversion**

O GRACIOUS GOD, I give thanks to You that You converted my hardened heart, which did not know how to repent, and that You removed my heart of stone and gave me a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26). I had the power to fall into sin and guilt. I did not have the power to rise to repentance. By my own power, I was able to go astray. I was able to return to the right path only by Your power. Just as one who is born crippled cannot be restored with natural remedies but only by divine power, so my soul was born spiritually curved toward sin and earthly

things. No human power could correct it. Only Your grace was able to restore my soul so it loved You and desired Your heavenly blessings. I had the power to deform myself by various sins. You alone were able to reform me. Just as an Ethiopian cannot change his skin or the leopard its spots (Jeremiah 13:23), so I was not able to do good because I was fully devoted to doing evil.

You, my God, converted me, and I am converted (Jeremiah 31:18). After I was converted by You, I repented. After I came to understand, I struck my breast (Jeremiah 31:19). I was dead in sin, and You made me alive. I was able to contribute as much to my conversion as a dead person is able to contribute to his resurrection (John 6:44; John 11:43). If You had not drawn me, I would never have come to You. If You had not awakened me, I would never have watched for You. If You had not enlightened me, I would never have seen You. Sins were sweeter to me than honey and honeycomb. That they are now pungent and bitter, I owe to You, the one who gave me my spiritual taste. Virtuous works were more bitter to me than gall and aloe. That they are now pleasing and delightful, I owe only to You, the one who changed my corrupt fleshly judgment by the Spirit. I went astray as a sheep that was lost (Isaiah 53:6); I turned to the way of iniquity. But You, Good Shepherd, sought me and led me back to the flock of the saints.

Only recently have I recognized You, the true light, because there were great, dark clouds before my vain eyes that prevented me from seeing the light of truth. Recently, I have recognized You, the true light, because I was blind and loved blindness and walked through the darkness of sin toward the darkness of hell. But You, my illuminator, sought the one who was not seeking You. You called the one who was not calling to You. You converted the one who was not converted to You. With a voice full of power, You said, "Let there be light in the inner parts of this heart," and there was light. I saw Your light and recognized my blindness. For that immeasurable kindness, I will praise Your name forever.

AMEN.

# Vocation Your Calling from God

## New Bible Class on Vocation Beginning September 7

On September 7 we will begin a new study in Sunday morning Adult Bible Class on the topic of *vocation*.

Related to the words “vocal” and “voice,” vocation literally means your “calling” from God in life. While we tend to think of vocation mostly in terms of our work, each of us actually has many different vocations, in our work, family, and society. Next to the doctrine of forgiveness through faith in Christ, vocation is perhaps the key doctrine to help you have a happy and satisfying life.

Join in Sundays at 10:30am as we look at, “*Vocation: Your Calling from God.*”

# Building for the Future

## Thanks to Holy Cross Building Committee

As the Building Committee for our Sanctuary Addition begins winding down their work, we give them thanks for a job “well done” and the spectacular new sanctuary which has resulted from their labors.

A recent article in the *Sioux City Journal* noted the following about the recently constructed new sanctuary of another church in our area: “When ground was broken four years ago . . . its

Julie Larson welcomes students to the Pre-Kindergarten class and Pastor Kevin Vogts conducts the first chapel of the new school year for Holy Cross Preschool. We rejoice that both Holy Cross Preschool and After School Care once again began the new school year with strong enrollment. Preschool Chapel is held on Wednesdays at 9:00am.



estimated value was \$6 million. ‘I think phase one is probably closer to \$10 million, but I haven’t looked at the numbers recently,’ [the pastor] said. ‘With change orders, I’m not sure where we’ve landed.’”

That astonishing statement—their building took four years to construct, went 65% over budget, and they’re still not sure how much it cost!—highlights what a wonderful job our own Building Committee did for our congregation. Also, this other church’s new sanctuary is very banal and of a flimsy type of construction, which makes our top-quality facility with its interesting and inspiring design seem like a miracle for \$1.5 million!

The standing members of the Building Committee were: Douglas Martin (Chairman), Gary Gunderson, John Isley, Janet Martin, Dennis Melstad, Ron Yockey, and Pastor Vogts (Ex Officio).

## Issues, Etc. on the Web

Get a conservative Lutheran perspective on the issues of the day from the Lutheran radio program *Issues, Etc.* Listen live daily from 3:05pm-5:00pm Central Time at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org), or download past programs under the “On Demand” tab.












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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>Church Office Hours</b>            Tuesday-Friday            9:00am-11:00am</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>  <p><b>LABOR DAY</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6:15pm Midweek School            7:00pm Midweek Vespers            7:30pm Midweek Bible Study            7:30pm Board of Education</p> <p><i>Angela Dial            Tammy Steemken</i></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p><u>Preschool Schedule</u>            Monday-Friday, 8:30am-11:15am            Chapel Wednesdays 9:00am</p> <p><u>After School Care</u>            Monday-Friday, 3:15pm-6:00pm</p> <p><i>Both Follow Dakota Valley Calendar</i></p> </div> <p><i>Sarah Vogts</i></p>
<p><b>7</b> 17th Sunday after Pentecost            Sunday School Rally Day</p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion            10:30am Bible Class</p> <p><i>Joey &amp; Marcy Schroeder</i></p> 	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:00am Women in Mission            6:15pm Midweek School            7:00pm Midweek Vespers            7:30pm Midweek Bible Study</p> <p><i>Doug &amp; Sue Jansen            Brian &amp; Melissa Rehnelt</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> 18th Sunday after Pentecost            Holy Cross Day</p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion            10:30am Bible Class</p> <p><i>Matthew Baker</i></p> 	<p><b>15</b></p>  <p><b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:15pm Midweek School            7:00pm Midweek Vespers            7:30pm Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><i>Olivia Bargstadt            Kylie Martin</i></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> 19th Sunday after Pentecost            St. Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion            10:30am Bible Class</p> 	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><i>Brian Rehnelt</i></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>6:15pm Midweek School            7:00pm Midweek Vespers            7:30pm Midweek Bible Study</p> <p><i>Rylee Rehnelt</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><i>Kendall Martin</i></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><i>Mindy &amp; Mark Krause</i></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><i>Pat Winborn            Helen &amp; Kevin Hamilton</i></p>
<p><b>28</b> 20th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion            10:30am Bible Class</p> <p><i>Bryce Schroeder            Dennis &amp; Jeri Melstad</i></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>  <p><i>St. Michael and All Angels</i></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><i>Marcy Schroeder</i></p>	<p><i>Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i></p> <p><i>Collect for the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels</i></p>			

**Deadline for Calendar Submissions or Changes is the 15th of the Prior Month**  
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**New!**



## ***Midweek Vespers***

A New Weekly Worship  
Opportunity at Holy Cross!

Every Wednesday at 7:00pm  
Beginning September 3

*All Invited — Everyone Welcome!*



## ***Sunday School Rally Day***

Sunday, September 7  
Worship—9:15am  
Sunday School Resumes—10:30am



## ***New Midweek Bible Study on "How to Study the Bible"***

Wednesdays, 7:30pm  
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