

**Neighbor to Neighbor: A Texas Village** is a neighborhood nonprofit volunteer/ membership organization which provides services and social activities to help community members live independently in their own homes for as long as possible. Membership is open to Fayette County residents, age 55 years and over. For more information, see the flyer on the church bulletin board or visit [www.vtvnetwork.org](http://www.vtvnetwork.org).

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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Matthew 3:15** But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. So here Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His baptism, so that in our baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.

*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

Sunday:	Worship Service with Children's Message .....	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School .....	10:15 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) .....	10:15 a.m.
Monday:	Preschool Chapel .....	9:30 a.m.
	Happy Scrappers (Fellowship House).....	2:00 p.m.
	Board of Preschool (Fellowship House).....	5:30 p.m.
	Sunday Worship TV Broadcast (Cable Channel 16) .....	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Communion at Jefferson Place.....	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) .....	10:00 a.m.
	Games Day (Fellowship House) .....	1:00 p.m.
	Confirmation Class (Fellowship House) .....	4:15 p.m.
	Board of Missions (Multipurpose Room) .....	5:30 p.m.
	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church).....	6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline .....	9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) .....	12:15 p.m.
Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church).....	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Communion .....	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School (Education Building) .....	10:15 a.m.
	No Bible Classes .....	
	Spaghetti Dinner .....	11:00 a.m.

**ABOUT THE COVER:** *Jesus came to be our Savior. To do so, He had to obey God's Law perfectly. So, He went to be baptized by John in the Jordan River in order "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). At that, the Father said, "This is My beloved Son" (v. 17). When we obey God's Law, the heavenly Father is pleased also with us. He is pleased with us always through His beloved Son, Jesus.*

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*Our Mission: "Committed to reaching out with the love of Jesus."*







**P** Bless we the Lord.



**BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



*Sit, but stand when the cross passes by.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** ..... *“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”* ..... # 405

**POSTLUDE:**..... *“Recessional”* ..... by Gordon Young

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- PASTOR:** ..... Rev. Bill Qualman
- DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:**..... Laura Gillette
- STUDENT PIANIST:** ..... Miles Gillette-Bockhorn
- CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** ..... Randy Albers
- ACOLYTE:**..... Gus Herbrich
- LECTOR:** ..... Susie Polasek
- ELDERS:** ..... Charles Hebert, Lee Teinert
- HEAD USHERS:**..... Willie Ahlschlager, Larry Faldyn

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**PRELUDE:**..... *“Chant in A Minor”* ..... by Gordon Young

*Stand as the cross passes by.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** ..... *“The Star Proclaims the King is Here”* ..... # 399

**GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

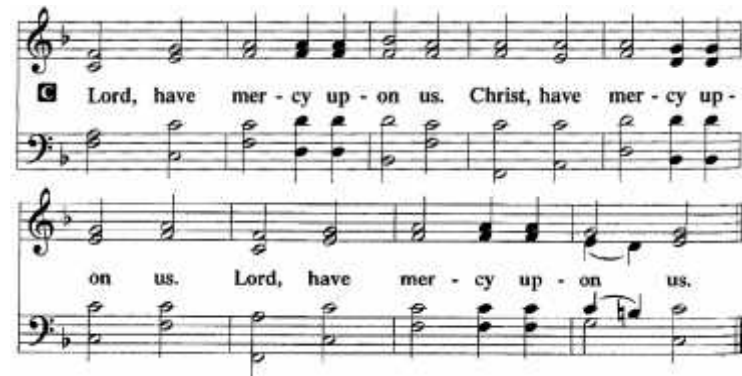
**INTROIT** ..... Psalm 2

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.  
I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.  
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.  
You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel."  
Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**KYRIE (Lord Have Mercy)**



## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good-will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

**Undergoing Cancer Treatment:** Clifton Becker; Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik's friend); James Fordyce (Linda Streicher's brother); Luise Hansch (the Fitches' friend); Jerry Hentschel (Ruby Fehrle's brother); Ben Huerta (Marissa Lehmann's father); Amanda (Zoch) Knox; Brice Kuhlmann (Leah Wolf's father); Lucas Lowe (Rev. & Karen Fitch's nephew); Vivian Matthews (Dorothy Witt's friend); Carolyn Mersiovsky; David Mueller (Lorena Mueller's son); Mike Roberts (Lorri Sanchez's cousin); Ed Scarborough (Lorri Sanchez's friend); Bubba Schneider; Kathleen Tintner (Sylvia Hebert's friend); Dionie Tolman (Gladys Teinert's friend); Pam Vinklerek (Susie Polasek's and Rick Herbrich's sister); and Leroy Wittmann.

**Health and Other Concerns:** Gladys Ahlschlager; Rebekka Aleman (great-granddaughter of Victor & Elva Bohot); Glenn Behrens; Velma Behrens; Robert Boening; Calvin Bohot; Elva Bohot; Victor Bohot; Olga Buchhorn; Heather Butler (Joyce Newman's granddaughter); Deb Conway; Lanny Conway; Mary Louise Dausel (Edna Ebner's sister); Lillie Diller; Joyce Dippel; Edna Ebner; Lorine Fischer; Jennifer Freeman (Judy Zuhn's daughter); Ron Fritsch (Joan Miertschin's friend); Jennifer Harris (Lisa Qualman's co-worker); Kim Haskins; Sylvia Hebert; Bernice Heinrich; Doug Hlavaty (Cheryl Roitsch's friend); Nikki Hurry (Andrea Davis' sister); Irene Koopmann; Karen Koopmann; Wayne Koopmann; Junell Ladewig; Calvin Lange; Edna Leschper (Dorothy Witt's sister); Keith Lund; Gladys Mach; Lillie McGuire; Beryl Moreland (Betty Pecora's friend); Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Pastor Qualman; Christine Rasche (Lisa Qualman's sister); Brett Rogers (Marilyn Spillane's son-in-law); Bill Sagebiel; Mary Lou Scoggins (Betty Pecora's friend); A. F. Seifert; Penny Sengler (BJ Ullrich's daughter); David Stancik (Eva Roitsch's son-in-law); Ray Streger; Harold Streicher; Lorine Sunderhuse (Mary Walker's friend); Dee Tegtmeier (Pastor Dennis Tegtmeier's wife - Holy Cross, Warda) John Tofel (Joan Miertschin's friend); William Trlica; Larry Urban; Kim Vanek; Robert Vanek; Mary Walker; Ruby Weatherton (Lisa Caridi's cousin); and E.C. Zuhn.

**Also in Our Prayers Today** are the members and friends of our church who receive care in nursing homes, care centers, and at home:

**Care Inn:** Olga Buchhorn, Lillie Diller, Rogers Findeisen and E.C. Zuhn.

**Jefferson Place:** Rose Marie Kilian, Hugo Matthijetz and Elvas Roensch.

**Kruse Village in Brenham:** Marge Harting.

**Monument Hill:** Lillian Teinert.

**Colonial Care (Schulenburg):** Irene Koopmann.

**Regency (Schulenburg):** Gladys Mach.

**Oakmont Care Center (Katy):** Alfred Drescher.

**At Home:** Lillie McGuire, A. F. Seifert.

**Silent prayer for situations and people not listed in the bulletin.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

**SERMON HYMN:** ..... "Beautiful Savior" ..... # 537

**SERMON:**..... "Star Searches and Stable Lives" ..... Luke 2:1-11

**OFFERTORY:**..... "Modal Sequence" ..... by Gordon Young  
(Members and visitors are invited to record their attendance in the red folders at this time. If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a "Welcome" card from the front of the red attendance folder or in the pews, behind the Communion Registration tablet, and hand it to an usher.)

**OFFERING** .....  
Genesis 28:20-22 – Jacob made a vow (to God), "If God will be with me and will watch over me...all that You give me I will give You a tenth."

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2017:**  
President: Beverly Albers; Vice-President: Keith Lund; Secretary: Karen Fitch; Treasurer: Steven Smith; Board of Elders: Randy Albers, Karen Fitch, Joslyn Hensley, James Lehmann; Board of Education: Kristi Buscha, Lori Hollek; Board of Missions: Brenda Fischer, Janice Teinert; Board of Preschool: Shery Dunk, Nancy Lehmann; Board of Stewardship: Eugene Winkler; Board of Finance: Sherry Winkler; Board of Trustees: Heath Hunger, August Pietsch, Ray Pietsch; Board of Youth: Jennifer Huelsebusch. **Mary Martha Guild** – President: Nancy Vasut, Vice President of Organizational Resources: Judy Zuhn, Vice President of Christian Life: Janice Teinert, Secretary: Brenda Fischer, Treasurer: Beverly Albers, Historian/Reporter: Jeanette Huelsebusch. **Men's Club** – President: Willie Ahlschlager; Vice-President: Larry Faldyn; Secretary: Justin Hollek; Treasurer: Randy Albers; **LYF** – President: Amy Wyant; Vice-President: Jacey Olenick; Secretary: Cristina Sanchez; Treasurer: Luke Huelsebusch; Historian: Jamey Olenick.

Stand

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir-it.

**P** Let us pray.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

+ READINGS +

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** ..... Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING:** .....Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died

has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** .....Randy Albers

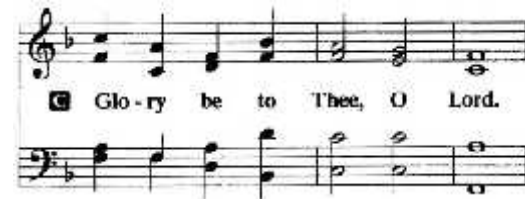
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**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



**GOSPEL:** .....Matthew 3:13-17

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

(after the reading)

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

