

THE MEN'S CLUB OF HOLY CROSS, WARDA, will have their annual BBQ Chicken Dinner (to go) on Sunday, February 12th. All plates are \$9. Pick up at the church picnic grounds from 10:30 - 12:00. Advance orders only by calling the church office at (979) 242-3333 by February 5th.

Thrivent Financial will be giving a **FREE ONE-HOUR PRESENTATION** on “Preparing for Long Term Care” on Wednesday, February 15th from 12 – 1 PM at Mt. Calvary’s Fellowship House. Space is limited, so please RSVP by contacting Lauren at 979-338-9998.

Mt. Calvary will be doing a **2017 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**. We are looking for volunteers to help during the 4 day photography sessions. Please contact the church office if you are interested!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: 1 Corinthians 1:18: “Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” God’s ways are certainly not the world’s ways – including the way God tells us to manage the resources He’s given to us. The world says “hold on, hold back, and gather up.” Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser: the wisdom of the financial gurus or the foolishness of God?

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church).....	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School (Education Building)	10:15 a.m.
	Bible Classes (Multipurpose Room).....	10:15 a.m.
Monday:	Preschool Chapel.....	9:30 a.m.
	Happy Scrappers (Fellowship House).....	2:00 p.m.
	Sunday Worship TV Broadcast (Cable Channel 16)	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship House).....	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Confirmation Class (Fellowship House)	4:15 p.m.
	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church).....	6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline	9:00 a.m.
	Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship House).....	10:00 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room)	12:15 p.m.
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	Sunday School (Education Building)	10:15 a.m.
	Bible Classes (Multipurpose Room)	10:15 a.m.

ABOUT THE COVER: *Jesus’ disciples had just finished listening to His Sermon on the Mount. Afterward, they came to Him, asking for an explanation. What Jesus then says makes His disciples and all who believe in Him overjoyed. “Rejoice and be glad.” Why? “For your reward is great in heaven” (Matthew 5:12). No matter what happens here on earth, our real and eternal reward is in heaven with Jesus? Come, Lord Jesus, come?*



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Our Mission: “Committed to reaching out with the love of Jesus.”

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther. All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray ...
C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

Sit, but stand when the cross passes by.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" # 842 vs. 1, 2, 4

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which you daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sit

PRELUDE: "Hymn Fragment" arr. by Alexander Reinagle

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Come Thou Almighty King" # 905

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 1

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,

and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.


Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

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.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE: (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O solt - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.

P Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD


P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

- "Lord of Glory, You have Bought Us" # 851
- "I Come, O Savior to Thy Table" # 618

Stand

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

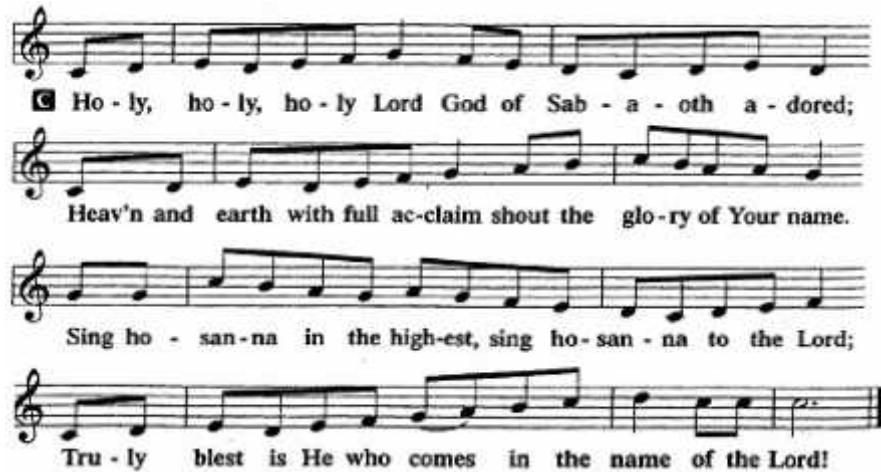
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life...

The prayer concludes:

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

C **Amen.**

Sit

+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. John 20:31

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

(after the reading)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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: “Jesus Sat with His Disciples”# 932

SERMON:.....“The God of Surprises” 1 Corinthians 1:28-30b

OFFERTORY:..... “Lo, God is here”.....by Stewart Landon
(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, and hand it to an usher.)

OFFERING
Deuteronomy 16:17 - Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hospitalized: Fritzie Zuhn (St. Mark’s).

Undergoing Cancer Treatment: Clifton Becker; Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik’s friend); James Fordyce (Linda Streicher’s brother); Jerry Hentschel (Ruby Fehrle’s brother); Ben Huerta (Marissa Lehmann’s father); Amanda (Zoch) Knox; Brice Kuhlmann (Leah Wolf’s father); 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); Bill Sagebiel; Mary Lou Scoggins (Betty Pecora’s friend); A. F. Seifert; Penny Sengler (BJ Ullrich’s daughter); 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.

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