

March 15th, March 22nd, March 29th, April 5th
Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 9th at 9 AM
Maundy Thursday Service, April 13th at 7 PM
 (Stripping of the altar, Holy Communion)

Good Friday Service, April 14th at 11 AM & 7 PM (Tenebrae service)
EASTER SUNDAY, April 16th at 6:00 a.m. (with communion) and 9:00 a.m.

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

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| Sunday: | Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)..... | 8:15 a.m. |
| | Worship Service with Children’s Message | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Sunday School | 10:15 a.m. |
| | No Bible Class..... | |
| | Pork Steak Dinner | 11:00 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: | Communion at Jefferson Place..... | 2:00 p.m. |
| | Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship House)..... | 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday: | Newsletter Deadline..... | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Lenten Worship Service | 11:00 a.m. |
| | Lenten Lunch (Fellowship House) | 11:45 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. |
| Sunday: | Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)..... | 8:15 a.m. |
| | Worship Service with Communion..... | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Sunday School | 10:15 a.m. |
| | Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) | 10:15 a.m. |

ABOUT THE COVER: Nicodemus was a Pharisee who believed in God’s promise of a Messiah. When Jesus told him he needed to be “born of water and the Spirit,” Nicodemus was confused. Physically born again? No, but “born of water and the Spirit,” Jesus says. We, too, need to be born again of “water and the Spirit.” Jesus seeks to bring us to faith by the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives.

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



CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Paul and Diana Mikulin in honor of their grandchildren's birthdays – Holly who turned 1 on March 2) and Holden who will be 4 on March 13.

TODAY'S BROADCAST OF THE LUTHERAN HOUR over Radio Station KBUK (FM 104.9 on Sundays at 7:00 a.m.) is sponsored by Lorena Mueller in memory of her husband Vastine Mueller's birthday, March 11.

THIS WEEK'S TV BROADCAST OF OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP on cable channel 16 has an anonymous sponsor.

TODAY is the Men's Club annual **PORK STEAK DINNER**, from 11 AM–12:30 PM. It is drive through only. Tickets are \$9 per plate. Tickets will be available at the drive through, and members' meals will be available immediately after the worship service. Also, the Sunday School is having a bake sale at the drive through. Please support them and get a dessert to go with your dinner!

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

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| ATTENDANCE: | OFFERINGS: Our weekly needs: \$5,616.61 |
| Sunday Worship: 119 | Home Purposes: \$4,487.00 |
| Wednesday Lenten Service: 69 | Additional Online Giving: \$2,565.00 |
| Wednesday Bible Study: 9 | Missions: \$278.00 Building Fund: \$275.00 |

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Michael Newman
Acolyte: Mara Weikel
Lector: Lee Herbrich
Elders: Karen Fitch, Joslyn Hensley
Head Ushers: Ricky Dunk, Dennis Schnell
Ushers: Charles Hebert, Brenda Rainosek
Greeters: Charles Hebert, Sylvia Hebert
Video: Cheryl Roitsch
Sound: Linda Streicher
Altar Guild: Shery Dunk
Chancel Flowers: Rick & Lee Herbrich

What is your vision for Mt. Calvary? The Ministry Vision Committee needs to know goals and priorities of the congregation. Please return your surveys to any member of the committee, or to the church office. Additional surveys are available in the Narthex.

We are in need of one or more persons who would be interested in becoming **SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT(S)**. If you are interested, please contact Joslyn Hensley or Lori Hollek.

YOUR THRIVENT FINANCIAL 2016 CHOICE DOLLARS must be directed by March 31, 2017. Remember, use it or you will lose it. You can direct your Choice Dollars online or by calling 1-800-847-4836 and ask for **fraternal**.

sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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: “From Deepest Woe”arr. by Mahlon Balderston, Jr.

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:..... “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” # 918

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 +

INTROITPsalm 105

He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

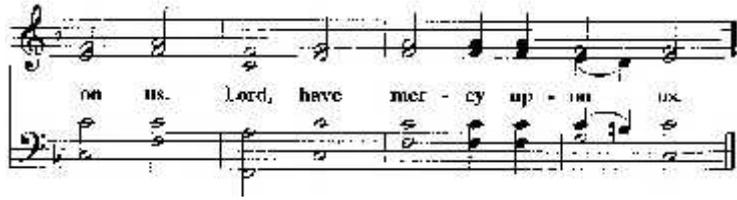
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

KYRIE (Lord Have Mercy)

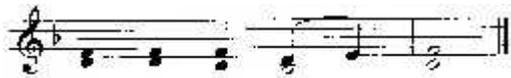




(During Lent, the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted.)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



R And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT READING:Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you

P Bless we the Lord.



R Thanks be to God.



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:..... "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" # 722

POSTLUDE:..... "Andantino"..... arr. by Adolph Friedrich Hesse

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- PASTOR:**..... Rev. Bill Qualman
- GUEST PREACHER:** Rev. Dr. La Verne J. Fitch
- DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:**.....Laura Gillette
- STUDENT PIANIST:**..... Miles Gillette-Bockhorn
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Randy Albers
- ACOLYTE:**..... Brodie Filla
- LECTOR:**..... Gus Herbrich
- ELDERS:**..... Karen Fitch, Joslyn Hensley
- HEAD USHERS:**..... Robert Boening, Dennis Winkler
- USHERS:**..... Gary Diers, Judy Zuhn
- GREETERS:**..... Annie Cook, Joyce Dippel
- VIDEO:**..... Clayton Wolf
- SOUND:** Ralph Streicher
- ALTAR GUILD:**.....Lee Herbrich

Health and Other Concerns: Gladys Ahlschlager; Rebekka Aleman (great-granddaughter of Victor & Elva Bohot); Judy Bayless (Joan Miertschin’s friend); Glenn Behrens; Velma Behrens; Robert Boening; Calvin Bohot; Elva Bohot; Victor Bohot; Olga Buchhorn; Heather Butler (Joyce Newman’s granddaughter); Deb Conway; Lanny Conway; 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; Doug Hlavaty (Cheryl Roitsch’s friend); Nikki Hurry (Andrea Davis’ sister); Irene Koopmann; Wayne Koopmann; Junell Ladewig; Calvin Lange; JoAnn Lange (Joan’s Miertschin’s cousin); Edna Leschper (Dorothy Witt’s sister); Gladys Mach; Lillie McGuire; Carolyn Mersiovsky; Victor Moerbe (Joan Miertschin’s friend); Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Lillian Pietsch (Randy Pietsch’s mother); 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); William Trlica; Larry Urban; Kim Vanek; Robert Vanek; Mary Walker; Ruby Weatherton (Lisa Caridi’s cousin); and E.C. Zuhn.

Prayer of Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Laura Simonato (Pastor Fitch’s nephew Bob Sharpsteens wife, Ermenia’s, mother) who passed away on Sunday March 5th in Lerino, Italy. A faithful Christian who was called to her heavenly home at the age of 94.

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, E.C. Zuhn, and Frieda Zuhn.

Jefferson Place: Hugo Matthijetz and Elvas Roensch.

Kruse Village in Brenham: Marge Harting.

Monument Hill: Rose Marie Kilian.

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.



and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING:Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

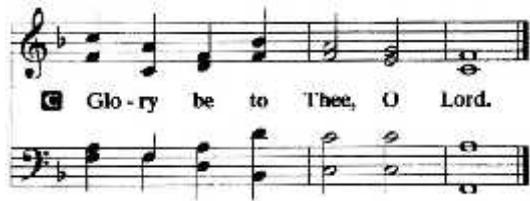
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE..... Randy Albers

Stand

(During Lent, the ALLELUIA AND VERSE is omitted.)

GOSPEL:.....John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

(after the reading)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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:..... “God Loved the World So That He Gave” # 571 vs. 1-4

SERMON:..... “Jesus’ Testimony and Office” John 3:1-15

OFFERTORY:..... “Variations on Dona Nobis Pacem” arr. by Philip William Jones (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 1 Chronicles 29:13-14 – (David prayed to God) “God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Hospitalized: Fritzie Zuhn.

Undergoing Cancer Treatment: Clifton Becker; Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik’s friend); Jerry Hentschel (Ruby Fehrle’s brother); Ben Huerta (Marissa Lehmann’s father); Casey Hyman (Betty Pecora’s nephew); 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 Vinklarek (Susie Polasek’s and Rick Herbrich’s sister); and Leroy Wittmann.