

Cross church office at 242-3333. Advance orders only. Limited funds applied through Thrivent Financial. Proceeds to benefit the Fayette and Lee County Relay for Life and a new playscape at the Picnic Grounds. Deadline to order is Monday, May 8th.

*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

Sunday:	PALM SUNDAY / YOUTH CONFIRMATION
	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)..... 8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Children’s Church ..... 9:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time (Education Building) ..... 10:15 a.m.
	No Sunday School or Bible Class.....
Monday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at AMEN..... 10:00 a.m.
	Preschool Chapel..... 9:00 a.m.
	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance..... 10:00 a.m.
	Board of Preschool (Fellowship House)..... 5:30 p.m.
	Board of Elders (Multipurpose Room) ..... 6:30 p.m.
	SUNDAY WORSHIP TV BROADCAST (Cable Channel 16) ..... 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Communion at Jefferson Place..... 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	No Bible Class.....
	Games Day (Fellowship House) ..... 1:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline ..... 9:00 a.m.
	Mt. Calvary volunteers at AMEN..... 1:00 p.m.
	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)..... 6:00 p.m.
	<b>Maundy Thursday Service ..... 7:00 p.m.</b>
Friday:	Newsletter Deadline ..... 10:00 a.m.
	<b>Good Friday Service ..... 11:00 a.m.</b>
	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) ..... 12:15 p.m.
	<b>Tenebrae Service ..... 7:00 p.m.</b>
Saturday:	Altar Guild decorates for Easter ..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday:	<b>Sunrise Worship Service with Communion ..... 6:00 a.m.</b>
	LYF Easter Breakfast immediately following worship.....
	Easter Egg Hunt ..... 8:30 a.m.
	<b>Easter Worship Service ..... 9:00 a.m.</b>
	No Sunday School or Bible Classes Today

**ABOUT THE COVER:** Like Jewish kings of old, Jesus rode into Jerusalem amid fanfare and majesty. Henry Milman, author of the well-known hymn we often sing on this day, wrote, “Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.” Yes, Jesus rides into Jerusalem to suffer and die for God’s creation, to redeem it from sin. “Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow’r and reign.” (LSB 441:5). God’s Son willingly died to save us from sin.

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







Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

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.

**C** Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Bode wrote the words for his daughter's and two sons' confirmation service. At the time, Bode was a pastor in Castle Camps parish, Cambridgeshire, England. It was published in the appendix of Psalms and Hymns of the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge, 1869. Angel's Story Arthur H. Mann, in The Methodist Sunday School Hymnbook (London: 1881)*

### 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 with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

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.

**Care Inn:** Olga Buchhorn, Lillie Diller, Rogers Findeisen, Edna Kessel, and Fritzie Zuhn.

**Jefferson Place:** Hugo Matthijetz and Elvas Roensch.

**Monument Hill:** Rose Marie Kilian, Carolyn Mersiovsky.

**Kruse Village in Brenham:** Marge Harting

**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.**

**READING OF THE ESSAYS**

**CONFIRMATION HYMN:** *“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”* ..... # 710

**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

**Brodie McKay Filla**

Parents: Joey and Kim Filla

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 46:1

**August James Herbrich**

Parents: James and Shannon Herbrich

Confirmation Verse: John 3:16

**Travis Ryan Stokes**

Parents: Michele Stokes and Rodney Stokes

Confirmation Verse: Revelation 2:10

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT:** ..... *“O Jesus I Have Promised”* ... by John E. Bode (1868)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, my master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

Sit

+ READINGS +

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** ..... Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** .....Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**..... Clayton Wolf

*(After the children’s message, the children will leave for Children’s Church in the Education Building.)*

Stand

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

**THE GOSPEL OF THE PASSION:** ..... John 12:12-19

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

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

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

(after the reading)

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

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

(The Creed is not said on this solemn day.)

Sit

**SERMON HYMN:**..... "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain" ..... # 865

**SERMON:** ..... "Be Faithful!" ..... Revelation 2:10

**OFFERTORY:**..... "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" .....arr. by Robert J. Hughes  
(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** .....  
*Deuteronomy 8:18 - Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Stand

**REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Undergoing Cancer Treatment:** Clifton Becker; Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik's friend); Michelle Kiesling Henson (friend of Tami Pietsch and Lisa Caridi); 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); Joe Westall (Lillie McGuire's son-in-law); and Leroy Wittmann.

**Health and Other Concerns:** Gladys Ahlschlager; Rebekka Aleman (great-granddaughter of Victor & Elva Bohot); Glenn Behrens; Velma Behrens; Carol Bigott (friend of Elsie Michalk); Robert Boening; Calvin Bohot; Elva Bohot; Victor Bohot; Olga Buchhorn; Heather Butler (Joyce Newman's granddaughter); Jane Cotheran (family friend of Beverly Newell); 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); David Newman; 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 Fritzie Zuhn.

**Prayer of Christian Sympathy** to the family and friends of E.C. Zuhn, who passed away on Monday, April 3, 2017.

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