

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: John 20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." Jesus is not only risen from the dead and the Victor over sin: He even calls us by name. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Today:	Sunrise Worship Service with Communion6:00 a.m. LYF Easter Breakfast immediately following worship..... Easter Egg Hunt 8:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service 9:00 a.m. No Sunday School or Bible Classes Today
Monday:	Preschool Chapel.....9:30 a.m. Communion at Monument Hill..... Sunday Worship TV Broadcast (Cable Channel 16).....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)10:00 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)6:30 p.m. Cemetery Committee Meeting (Cemetery).....6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline9:00 a.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)7:00 p.m.
Friday:	Sunday Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) 12:30 p.m.
Saturday:	Wedding (Church & Education Building).....4:30 p.m.
Sunday:	Worship Service with Children’s Church.....9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (Multipurpose Room)10:00 a.m. Bible Class I (Multipurpose Room)..... 9:30 a.m. LWML Zone Rally (Church & Education Building) 1:30 p.m.



MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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Worship Services: Sundays at 9:00 AM Bible Classes & Sunday School Sundays at 10:15 AM

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



appointment, you may submit your own photo to the church office.

DIRECTORY PHOTOS will be taken next week! Remember that the background is dark, so it is suggested that you choose clothing in 2-4 similar toned, solid colors, and have everyone dress within that same color palette. Each photo session shouldn't take more than 10 minutes, and then you will preview the photos, and choose your free 8x10 portrait. You will of course have the opportunity to purchase more photos.

Next Sunday is the **LWML ZONE RALLY**, which is being held at Mt. Calvary and hosted by the Mary Martha Guild. Registration is at 1:30 PM and the rally begins at 2:00 PM. Keith Lund is our guest speaker. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy the fellowship of Christian women desiring to serve the Lord.

There will be a meeting of the **CEMETERY COMMITTEE** at 6:30 PM at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

THE ANNUAL DECORATION DAY SERVICES at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, located on the Old Plum Highway west of La Grange, will be observed **next Sunday, April 30th** at 2:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend the devotional service and remain for a visit with friends and family. Please bring a lawn chair for your comfort.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC NEWS & INFORMATION

It's time for the 24th annual Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool **Picnic and Live Auction**, and this year, we will again be holding the picnic **on our Mt. Calvary church grounds!** Mark your calendars and tell all of your friends and family to join us on Sunday, May 21st. The worship service will be held in the church sanctuary, beginning at 9:00 AM. Attendees may dress in "picnic casual" attire. The BBQ meal will be served to dine-in customers at the Education Building, with overflow seating available in the Fellowship House. The drive-through will be at the BBQ pits. Children's games and activities are being planned. Live music and the auction will take place at the BBQ Pavilion.

The barbecue dinner and auction are the church's only fundraiser, and we need everyone's help to make it a success. You cannot imagine the fun you are missing if you aren't helping with all the day's activities! Take a look and see where you would like to help:

- Selling meal tickets (contact Brenda Fischer 979-249-3467 to get your tickets)
- Ordering and receiving/picking up supplies (contact August Pietsch)
- Asking local businesses to donate an auction item (contact the church office for the list)
- Donating an auction item yourself (contact the church office)
- Meal preparation on Saturday May 14th (contact Dennis Schnell 979-242-3790)
- Helping cut meat (contact Willie Ahlschlager)
- Helping in the drive through line (contact Gladys Teinert)
- Helping in the dine-in serving line (contact Rosalie Moerbe)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter 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:..... *“Interlude on Lauda Anima”* arr. by John Barr

Stand as the cross passes by.

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”* #457

(Please turn to face the narthex as the processional Cross enters)

***THE EASTER ACCLAMATION** *(read responsively)*

P The Lord is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

C **But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

P Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him that He may save us.

C **This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.**

P The Lord is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O God, You gave Your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF Franklin Ahlschlager, Sr., by Willie and Terri Ahlschlager; in memory of Harry Cook by Annie Cook; in memory of Onie Dippel, by Joyce Dippel; in memory of Rachel Marie Fischer, by Daniel & Brenda Fischer; in memory of Elfie Baacke, by Nick and Joslyn Hensley; in memory of Mike Hollek, by Justin and Lori Hollek and family; in memory of Werner and Louise Koopmann, by Martin and Karen Koopmann, Johnny and Irene Koopmann, and Judy Zuhn; in memory of Dorothy Lange, by Calvin Lange; in memory of Sheila Kappler and Rachel Midgett, by Garland and Stell Midgett; in memory of Ryan James Stokes, by James and Sharon Pietsch; in memory of Clarence “Tex” and Lee Roitsch, and of Sonny Barosh, by Cheryl Roitsch and Mick Barosh; in memory of our parents, Rev. Walter & Elisabeth Streicher, by Ralph Streicher and Harold and Linda Streicher; in memory of Tom Hardaway and Don Doctor, by Ralph Streicher and Harold and Linda Streicher; in memory of James Fordyce, by Harold and Linda Streicher; in memory of Paul Teinert and Susan Kana by Gladys Teinert and family; in memory of Katie Teinert by Lee and Janice Teinert; in memory of our parents, by Mary and Jim Walker; in memory of M. A. Midgett, by Glenda Midgett; in memory of M. A. Midgett, by Philip, Becky, Mara and Anthony Weikel; in memory of Kelsey Jean Pietsch by Eugene and Faye Winkler; in memory of Jim Zuhn, by Judy Zuhn.

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

Attendances:

Sunday Worship: 138

Offerings:

Our weekly needs: \$ 5,616.61

Home Purposes: \$5,815.00

Missions: \$295.00 Bldg Fund: \$295.00

Additional Online Donations: \$365.00

Special Offerings: In memory of E. C. Zuhn, \$220 to the Preschool and \$20 to the Cemetery Fund.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Guest Preacher:..... Rev. Dr. Philip Schielke

Acolyte: Brodie Filla

Lector: Bev Albers

Elders: Rev. La Verne Fitch, Justin Hollek

Head Ushers: Willie Ahlschlager, OPEN

Ushers: Linda Poncik, Ralph Streicher

Greeters: Stell Midgett, Sharon Pietsch

Video: Randy Albers

Sound: Frank Wolf

Altar Guild: Linda Streicher

Chancel Flowers: OPEN

If you haven't made your **DIRECTORY PHOTO APPOINTMENT**, there is still time. But there are only a few time slots left, so sign up today! If you are not able to schedule an

Verse 1 All
Verse 2 Men
Verse 3 Women
Verse 4 All

Verse 5 All
Verse 6 Women
Verse 7 Men
Verse 8 All

THE EASTER SERMON “Look, He is Not Here!” Luke 24:1-12

THE OFFERING

..... *“The Greatest of These is Love”* *by Linda Lamb*
Performed by the Mt. Calvary Bell Choir

***THE EASTER PRAYERS**

P It is meet and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, but chiefly for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: for He is the very Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sins of the world; who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with the angels and archangels, the thrones and dominions, and the whole host of the heavenly army we raise the hymn of Your glory, singing again and again:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

P Wherefore, O most merciful Father, we humbly pray and beseech You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, whose body was broken for us, to receive and bless this offering of worship which we make unto You and to send upon us Your Holy Spirit, the

Lord and Giver of Life, to bless and consecrate our bodies, minds, and spirits, that we may give ourselves to You, a living sacrifice, holy and without blemish. Therefore, with hearts and voices we offer You now our joyful worship:

C **Praise we in songs of victory**
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

P We beseech You to remember Your holy Church on earth. Accept, O Lord, her prayers of this day; that being roused from the death of worldliness, she may rise in new strength to show Your greatness to the world; for Your own name’s sake, O Christ:

C **Christ is made the sure foundation,**
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever
And our confidence alone.

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***THE INTERCESSIONS**

*** THE 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.**

***THE BENEDICTION**