

Missions: \$295.00      Bldg Fund: \$295.00

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

**THIS WEEK AT MT. CALVARY:**

Today:      **Sunrise Worship Service** with Communion .....6:00 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 Deadline .....9:00 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 AND PRESCHOOL  
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*“Committed To Reaching Out With The Love Of Jesus”*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017  
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD  
EASTER DAY – SUNRISE SERVICE**

**WELCOME** to all in the name of Jesus, who is presented as God’s Appointed One to suffer for our sins and give us His victory in the resurrection. Jesus is shown today to be our High Priest. We can come to Him because He understands our needs, because He was just like us, except without sin. We pray that this worship service will be uplifting and encouraging to you. We extend a special welcome to visiting friends and guests. 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.

*We celebrate today in our worship **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**, a blessed gift of God to His Church. We believe that our Lord is really present with us in His Body and Blood and, as He promised, in partaking of this Sacrament, we receive forgiveness of our sins. We commune in both kinds – receiving the Body and the Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. If you confess the same belief, we invite you to our fellowship of the Lord’s Supper. Our faith is expressed by coming to the Altar, kneeling and receiving that forgiveness. We receive the bread as it is placed into outstretched hands. You may receive the wine either in the chalice or the individual cups. If you choose the individual cups, please wait for the Pastor to come to you before you partake. Non-alcoholic white wine is provided in the center of each tray of individual cups. After communing, please wait for dismissal from the Lord’s Table. Children who have not yet been instructed on the Sacrament are invited to come forward with their families to receive a blessing.*

***\*Please stand, if you are able.***

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**WELCOME**

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|             |                  |                 |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Sound       | William Crawford | Ralph Streicher |
| Flowers     | Easter Lilies    |                 |
| Altar Guild | Linda Streicher  |                 |

**TODAY’S BROADCAST OF THE LUTHERAN HOUR** over Radio Station KBUK (FM 104.9 on Sundays at 7:00 a.m.) is sponsored by the Men’s Club.

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

You are invited to have **EASTER BREAKFAST** with us this morning! The LYF will be serving breakfast in the Education Building immediately following the Sunrise Service. They plan to open with a song prayer. The breakfast will be followed by an **EASTER EGG HUNT** outside the Education Building.

There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR BIBLE CLASSES** this morning. Enjoy the rest of this Easter day with your family!

**EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD** by Don & Kathy Pietsch; by B. J. Ullrich; and by Edward and Nancy Vasut.

**EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN IN HONOR OF** our children, by Randy and Beverly Albers; in honor of Irene Koopmann, by Werner Koopmann, Jr.

**EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF** Franklin Ahlshlager, Sr., by Willie and Terri Ahlshlager; 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:**

Palm Sunday Worship: 138

**Offerings:**

**Our weekly needs: \$ 5,616.61**

Home Purposes: \$4,239.00

Additional Online Donations: \$415.00

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Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
Whom we worship and adore.

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

....."Good Christian Friends, Rejoice & Sing" .....#475  
..... "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" .....#633  
..... "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" ..... #469

**\*THE THANKSGIVING** ..... "Alleluia, Alleluia! All Hearts to Heaven" ..... #477  
(Verse 3)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior  
Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
To the triune Majesty!

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**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN:**..... "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" .....#465

**THE POSTLUDE:**..... "To God Be the Glory".....arr. by Victor C. Johnson

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| <i>SERVING TODAY</i> | <i>6 AM Service</i>                | <i>9 AM Service</i>             |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Pastor               | Rev. Dr. La Verne Fitch            | Rev. Dr. La Verne Fitch         |
| Director Of Music    | Laura Gillette                     |                                 |
| Acolyte              | Hannah Sanchez                     | Travis Stokes                   |
| Lector(s)            | N/A                                | Susie Polasek                   |
| Elders               | Rev. La Verne Fitch, Justin Hollek |                                 |
| Head Ushers          | Ricky Dunk, Dennis Schnell         | Daniel Fischer, Dennis Winkler  |
| Ushers               | Harvey Dippel, August Pietsch      | Brandon Schnell, Justin Schnell |
| Greeters             | OPEN                               | Joan Miertschin, Joyce Newman   |
| Video                | N/A                                | Cheryl Roitsch                  |

**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**

*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!**
- P** Christ was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification.
- C** **The life He lives, He lives to God!**
- P** The angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it.
- C** **The life He lives, He lives to God!**
- P** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- C** **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**
- P** Christ has died!
- C** **Christ is risen! Christ is with us still.**
- P** The peace of the risen Christ be yours forever.
- C** **Amen.**

**\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- 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 LECTIO** *(read responsively)*

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

- P** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- C** **For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**
- P** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- C** **But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.**
- P** Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.
- C** **For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.**
- P** The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**\*THE GOSPEL:**

Luke 24:1-12

**THE HYMN:** .....“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” .....#474

**THE MESSAGE** ..... “Mary at the Empty Tomb” ..... John 20:11-16

**THE OFFERING**

..... “Thee We Adore” ..... arr. by Victor C. Johnson

**\*THE PRAYERS**

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, O Lord, Holy Father, God of life eternal. Through Jesus Christ our Paschal Lamb, sacrificed to take away our sin and raised again that death might be swallowed up in everlasting victory. With thanks and joy we join the hymn offered by your faithful always and everywhere:

**\*THE SANCTUS** ..... “Alleluia, Alleluia! All Hearts to Heaven” .....#477  
*(Verse 1)*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim  
For the world’s salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.

**\*THE CONSECRATION**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*THE AGNUS DEI** ..... “Alleluia, Alleluia! All Hearts to Heaven” .....#477  
*(Verse 2)*

Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow’rs of evil  
In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried:  
Now He lives forevermore,