

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church).....	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Children’s Church.....	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....	10:15 a.m.
	No Sunday School.....	
	LWML Zone Rally (Church & Education Building).....	1:30 p.m.
Monday:	Preschool Chapel	9:30 a.m.
	Communion at Care Inn	
	SUNDAY WORSHIP TV BROADCAST (Cable Channel 16).....	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Newsletter Assembly (Multipurpose Room)	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....	10:00 a.m.
	Games Day (Fellowship House).....	1:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline	9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room).....	12:15 p.m.
Saturday:	MS 150 Fellowship House and Education Building in USE	
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 Class I (Multipurpose Room)	10: 15 a.m.
	Cemetery Decoration Day	2:30 p.m.

ABOUT THE COVER: *Out of fear, Jesus’ disciples had gathered behind locked doors. Jesus had been crucified and buried. The disciples had been told not to speak His name. Then Jesus comes to them on Easter evening and says, “Peace be with you.” He lifted the heavy burden from them. He does the same for us when He comes with words of forgiveness. He lifts the burden of our sin with His words of peace. His peace that truly passes all understanding.*



MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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

Sunday, April 23, 2017
Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME to all, in the name of our living Savior, whose resurrection gives meaning to our lives and purpose to the existence of the Christian Church on earth. May it be our determination today to remain steadfast in our faith, no matter what our trials in life. We extend a special welcome to visiting friends and guests. If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a “Welcome” card found in the pews, and hand it to an usher.

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:..... “Prelude on Holy Mann” arr. by Sally Hodges
..... “Voluntary on Praise to the Lord the Almighty” arr. by John Barr

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

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.

many visits to Care Inn. Also to Donald Roensch for leading the prayer service Wednesday night. God Bless you all. The family of E C Zuhn.

Plans are already under way for our **24th ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC and LIVE AUCTION** to be held 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!

If you will be **DONATING AN ITEM** to the auction, please bring it to the church office no later than Friday, May 19th. This year, we will have pre-printed lists of all the auction items available to the buyers. If you cannot turn your item in by that date, for example, because it is perishable, please contact the church office and let us know what your item is so that it can be listed. Otherwise, late items will be placed at the end of the auction.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL will be having a cake, plant and prize walk. You can help us by donating cakes and plants. Items can be brought to the Education Building that Sunday morning, but please mark them "For Sunday School". Any questions, please call Lori Hollek (979-484-6002) or Joslyn Hensley at 979-702-1098.

The **LYF** will have the hamburger stand. Contact Jennifer Huelsebusch if you would like to donate veggies (lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, etc).

If you would like to **ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS** on our placemats, which are available for the dine-in customers as well as being placed in the to-go bags, please contact the church office!

RAFFLE TICKETS will be available to buy or help sell on April 23rd. There will only be 500 tickets sold. All raffle ticket sales money will need to be turned in by May 9th. All prizes will be given away during and after the auction. You need not be present to win. If you would like to help sell raffle tickets, contact Cheryl Roitsch at croitsch.ecisd.org or Stacey Olenick at sassy_1972@hotmail.com or 979-702-1791.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: 1 Peter 1:3-4 “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” We have an inheritance waiting for us – a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting, they come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the Kingdom that will not fade away.

VIDEO: Randy Albers
SOUND: Frank Wolf
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Streicher

CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Gary and Diane Johnson in honor and thanksgiving of God's many blessings for the 66th wedding anniversary of Kermit and Josie Muske on April 14, 2017, and by Lisa and Joe Caridi in honor of daughter Morgan's birthday.

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.

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

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| Attendances: | Weekly Offerings: |
| Easter Worship: 324 (79+245) | Our weekly needs: \$5,616.61 |
| Maundy Thursday: 76 | Home Purposes: \$7,535.00 |
| Good Friday: 72 | Additional Online Giving: \$845.00 |
| Wednesday Bible Class: 11 | Missions: \$265.00 Bldg. Fund: \$205.00 |
| Special Offerings: In memory of E. C. Zuhn, \$75 to Home Purposes and \$50 to the Preschool. | |
| In memory of Marilyn Trlica by her husband Bill on the anniversary of her death (4/22/17), \$200 to Home Purposes. | |

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

Guest Preacher:..... Rev. John Stelling
Acolyte: Brodie Filla
Lector: Lynsey Bamsch
Elders: Rev. La Verne Fitch, Justin Hollek
Head Ushers: Robert Boening, Lee Teinert
Ushers: Gary Diers, Judy Zuhn
Greeters: Karen Pietsch, Faye Winkler
Video: Clayton Wolf
Sound: William Crawford
Altar Guild: Linda Streicher
Chancel Flowers: OPEN

If you did not get to have your **DIRECTORY PHOTO** made, you may submit your own photo to the church office. Please do so no later than May 8th!

We want to thank everyone for the cards, calls, visits and memorials made to our dear Papa EC. We want to thank the Mary Martha Guild and members of the church for the meal you provided after the service. Thanks to Pastor Gallmeier for the wonderful service and to Susan Michael for the beautiful music, and to Pastor Fitch for his visit to Care Inn. Thank you, Karen Fitch, for the

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: "Communion" by Ettore Fornasa
Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" # 490 vs. 1, 4, 5

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 56

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

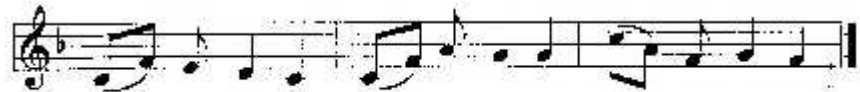
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.
He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**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.**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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 sole - 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 - shi - ped 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.

Larry Urban; Kim Vanek; Robert Vanek; Mary Walker; Ruby Weatherton (Lisa Caridi's cousin); and Fritzie Zuhn.

Prayer of God's Blessings upon the marriage of Donita Iselt and David Ortiz yesterday.

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.

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:.....“Christ the Eternal Lord”..... # 829

POSTLUDE:“Voluntary”..... by William Croft

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- PASTOR:**..... Rev. Bill Qualman
- GUEST PREACHER:** Rev. Dr. Philip Schielke
- DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Laura Gillette
- STUDENT PIANIST:**..... Miles Gillette-Bockhorn
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Bev Albers
- ACOLYTE:** Gus Herbrich
- 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

SERMON: “What Are You Getting in the Will?” 1 Peter 1:3–9

OFFERTORY:..... *“Slane” arr. by Harold Rutz (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
1 Chronicles 29:16- LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 Vinklerek (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); William Trlica;

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

+ READINGS +

FIRST READING: Acts 5:29–42

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:..... Beverly Albers

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

GOSPEL:..... John 20:19–31

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said

to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

(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:..... “O Sons and Daughters of the King” # 470