

**Head Ushers:**..... Willie Ahlschlager, OPEN  
**Ushers:** ..... Ron Glaiser, OPEN  
**Greeters:** .....Luis Sanchez, Hannah Sanchez  
**Video:**..... Randy Albers  
**Sound:** ..... Frank Wolf  
**Altar Guild:** ..... Brenda Fischer  
**Chancel Flowers:**.....Picnic Committee

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER: James 1:17** “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” There are a great many passages in Scripture which echo this theme: everything good we have is from God. He loves to give. He loves to bless. He loves to show us generosity time and again – and He desires that we grow into His image, and reflect His love and open-handed kindness.

*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

Sunday: Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)..... 8:15 a.m.  
Worship Service with Children’s Message ..... 9:00 a.m.  
No Sunday School ..... 10:15 a.m.  
Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) ..... 10:15 a.m.  
LYF Bible Study (Youth Room) ..... 10:15 a.m.  
Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)..... 10:15 a.m.  
Monday: Preschool Chapel (Church)..... 9:30 a.m.  
Newsletter Deadline ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship TV Broadcast (Cable Channel 16) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Board of Missions (Multipurpose Room) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)..... 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday: Sunday Bulletin Deadline ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Friday: Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) ..... 12:15 p.m.  
Sunday: **CHURCH PICNIC & AUCTION**  
Bell Choir Rehearsal..... 8:00 a.m.  
Ensemble Rehearsal ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service with Communion ..... 9:00 a.m.  
BBQ Meal Served ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Live Music..... 11:30 a.m.  
Sunday School Snack Stand Opens .....12:30 p.m.  
Live Auction..... 1:00 p.m.  
Children’s Movie (Multipurpose Room) ..... 1:00 p.m.  
No Sunday School or Bible Classes .....

**ABOUT THE COVER:** *We don’t always make the best decisions when we’re stressed. We panic and sometimes jump to conclusions. Sometimes, we are so afraid, we don’t know what to think. Jesus tells the disciples that they know the way to where He is going. When Thomas doubts that, Jesus says, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” Therefore, we are to have no doubt. We can depend on Jesus in everything and for everything.*

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





**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.



**P** Bless we the Lord.



**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:** ..... "To God Be the Glory"..... insert

**POSTLUDE:**..... "Westminster Abbey"..... arr. by Harold Rutz

**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:**..... "Prelude for Organ" ..... by Guillaume-Gabriel Nivers

*Stand as the cross passes by.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** ..... "Blest the House" ..... # 862

**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 2

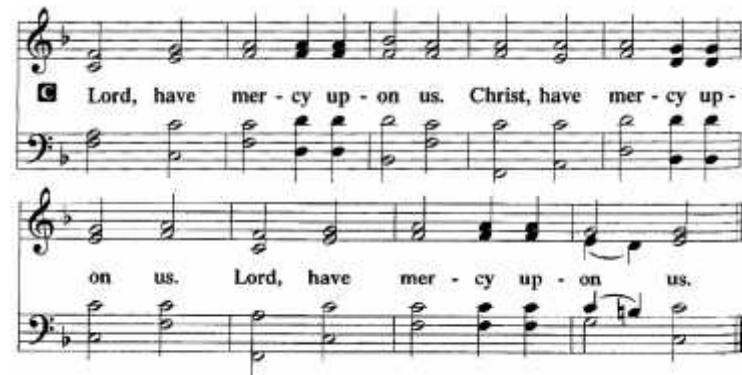
Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!  
I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.  
O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.  
O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.  
Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.  
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**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.**

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**KYRIE (Lord Have Mercy)**



**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good-will toward  
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.  
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

*(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** .....  
*Ezra 2:68,69 - Families gave freewill offerings toward the rebuilding of the house of God. According to their ability they gave to the treasury for this work.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Undergoing Cancer Treatment:** 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); 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); Woody Butler (Joan Miertschin's cousin); 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); Bill Love (Donnie & Tina Bretting's friend); Gladys Mach; Lillie McGuire; Carolyn Mersiovsky; Victor Moerbe (Joan Miertschin's cousin); David Newman; Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Lillian Pietsch (Randy Pietsch's mother); Pastor Qualman; Christine Rasche (Lisa Qualman's sister); Christopher Roensch; 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; Larry Urban; Kim Vanek; Robert Vanek; Mary Walker; Ruby Weatherton (Lisa Caridi's cousin); and Fritzie Zuhn.

**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, Edna Kessel, and Fritzie 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.**

[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

(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:** .....“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” ..... # 739

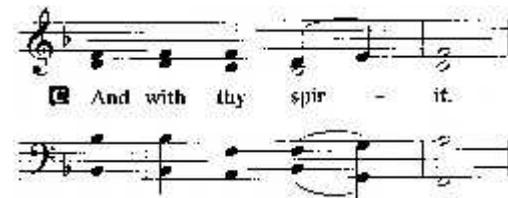
**SERMON:**.....“Mother’s Treasures” .....Luke 2:51B

**OFFERTORY:**..... “Guide My Lips, O God in Prayer” .....arr. by Allan Mahnke



**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Let us pray.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

+ READINGS +

**FIRST READING:** ..... Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING:** ..... 1 Peter 2:2-10

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.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** ..... Brenda Fischer  
(After the children's message, the children will leave for Children's Church in the Education Building.)

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



**GOSPEL:** ..... John 14:1-14

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

