

Christmas shopping! The live auction begins at 1 PM.

The Couple's Club at Holy Cross, Warda, extends a big **Thank You** to everyone who bought BBQ Chickens from us on Mother's Day. Over 450 chickens were sold! Proceeds will do to the Lee and Fayette County Relay for Life fundraisers and to a new playscape at the church picnic grounds. Your support is appreciated!!

The Kuecks are coming to Texas! Jonathan and Nikki and their four children will be moving into their Texas home the weekend of June 2-4. In order to welcome them to our area, the Faith Lutheran High School Board of Directors is sponsoring a "pounding," and we need your help! You can bring any of a variety of items: homemade jellies and jams, homemade noodles, gift cards to H-E-B or Wal-Mart, canned goods, or any other household necessities. Please bring these gifts to church by Sunday, June 4, after which one of the FLHS Board members will pick the gifts up and deliver it to the Kuecks. Thanks for showing such generous support to the Kuecks as they begin their ministry among us at FLHS!

*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

Sunday:	<b>CHURCH PICNIC &amp; AUCTION</b>
	Ensemble Rehearsal..... 8:00 a.m.
	Bell Choir Rehearsal.....8:40 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.....
Monday:	Preschool Chapel.....9:30 a.m.
	Church Council Meeting (Multipurpose Room) ..... 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday Worship TV Broadcast (Cable Channel 16) ..... 7:00 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:	Preschool Graduation Program (Church) ..... 11:00 a.m.
	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) .....12:15 p.m.
Sunday:	Worship Service with Children's Church .....9:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time (Education Building) .....10:15 a.m.
	No Sunday School .....
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) .....10:15 a.m.

**ABOUT THE COVER:** *Jesus never abandons us. He is always with us in His Word. The Spirit strengthens us to live our faith no matter what happens in life. Jesus promised, "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper ... the Spirit" (John 14:16-17). Jesus then promises even more: "I will not leave you as orphans" (v. 18 ESV). Jesus loves us so much that He gave His life for us, that we may live with Him forever.*



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**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray ...  
**C** 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:** ..... “Here I Am Lord” ..... insert

**POSTLUDE:**..... “The Majesty of God” ..... by Mary Dexter

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**PASTOR:**..... Rev. Bill Qualman  
**GUEST LITURGIST:**..... Rev. Curtiss Lanham  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** ..... Laura Gillette  
**STUDENT PIANIST:**..... Miles Gillette-Bockhorn  
**ACOLYTE:** ..... Brodie Filla  
**LECTOR:**..... Rev. Dr. La Verne Fitch  
**ELDERS:**..... Korey Buscha, James Lehmann  
**HEAD USHERS:**..... Willie Ahlschlager, OPEN

**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.

**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:**..... “More Precious Than Silver” ..... arr. by Peggy Betcher  
*Performed by the Mt. Calvary Bell Choir*

*Stand as the cross passes by.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** ..... “Built on the Rock” ..... # 645 v. 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 +**

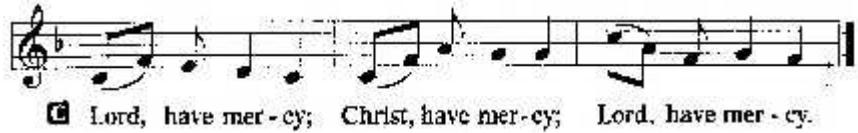
**INTROIT** ..... Psalm 133

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.  
 Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.  
 Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.  
 By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants.  
 If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.  
 I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.

**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.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**KYRIE**



Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

**HYMN OF PRAISE:**.....“Shut De Do”.....arr. by Tom Fetke  
Performed by the Mt. Calvary Ensemble

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Sit

**+ READINGS +**

**FIRST READING:** ..... Acts 17:16–31

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**PAX DOMINI**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**



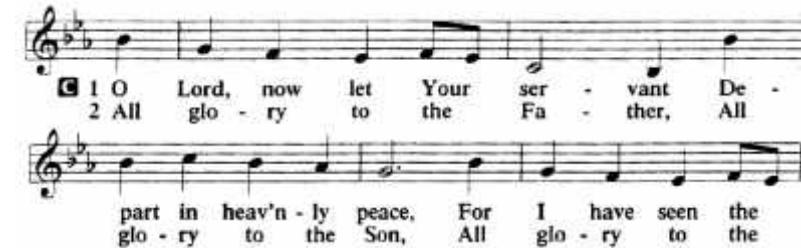
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

**DISTRIBUTION MEDITATION**

Stand

**NUNC DIMITTIS**



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS**

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life...

*The prayer concludes:*

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.”

Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** ..... 1 Peter 3:13–22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:** ..... “Can’t Carry These Burdens Alone” ..... by John Parker  
 Performed by the Mt. Calvary Ensemble

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



**GOSPEL:** ..... John 14:15–21

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

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

[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

(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:** ..... “*Thy Word*” ..... *insert*

**SERMON:**..... “Let All God’s People Say, “Yes!”” ..... II Cor. 1:19-20

**OFFERTORY:**..... “*Aria Cantabile*” ..... *by Martha Schaeffer*

(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** .....

*Deuteronomy 16:16 - No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Stand*

**PRAYERS 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; 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.

**Prayer of Christian Sympathy** for the family and friends of Carolyn Mersiovsky, who passed away on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Silent prayer for situations and people not listed in the bulletin.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.