

The **ENSEMBLE AND BELL CHOIR** will be taking the summer off. Rehearsals will resume in September.

**SAINT MICHAEL'S PICNIC:** Please join us Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for St. Michael's Annual Picnic located at Saint Michael's Park, in Winchester, TX. There will be a BBQ meal served by the plate for \$10 from 5:00-7:00pm, which will include your choice of 2 meats, sauce, potato salad, noodles, beans, bread, iced tea, and dessert. Enjoy live entertainment (3:00-7:00pm), washer tournament (4:00pm), and a live action (7:30pm). A portion of the proceeds will be dedicated to Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER: 1 Peter 5:7** "...casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you." We have a Father in heaven – and He really cares for us and loves us. That is the basis of generosity, because such knowledge spells the end of anxiety and worry, which is where tight-fisted greed comes from.

*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

Sunday:	ARMED FORCES SUNDAY Worship Service with Children's Church ..... 9:00 a.m. No Sunday School or Bible Classes
Monday:	Preschool and Church Office Closed for Memorial Day Sunday Worship TV Broadcast (Cable Channel 16) ..... 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Newsletter Assembly (Multipurpose Room) ..... 2:00 p.m. Ministry Vision Committee (Multipurpose Room) ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) ..... 10:00 a.m. Special Elders Meeting (Multipurpose Room) ..... 6:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline ..... 9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) ..... 12:15 p.m. End of Year Sunday School Party (BBQ Pits) ..... 6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	PENTECOST / LOMT SUNDAY Worship Service with Communion ..... 9:00 a.m. Sunday School led by Camp Lone Star Staff (Education Building) ..... 10:15 a.m. No Bible Classes .....

**ABOUT THE COVER:** *Jesus, our Redeemer, came from His Father to save creation from sin. On Calvary, He willingly gave His sinless life for us. His resurrection from the dead and His ascension into heaven show that His sacrifice for our sins was acceptable to His Father for our atonement. In Jesus' High Priestly Prayer, He acknowledges, "I ... accomplished the work that You gave Me to do." Jesus accomplished our salvation just as the Father had asked of Him. Alleluia!*

**MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL**

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



**Sunday, May 28, 2017**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**ARMED FORCES MINISTRY SUNDAY**

**WELCOME** to all, in the name of Jesus, our ascended and reigning Savior and Lord! The old custom of the Church is to celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday (this past week), but we have moved it to today, that we might all remember and appreciate this final part of our Lord's life on earth. 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:**..... "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" .....arr. by Peter Benjamin  
 ..... "Variations on Crown Him with Many Crowns" .....arr. by Charles Callahan

**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.
- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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| <b>VIDEO</b> | Clayton Wolf     | Neal Lochte     |
| <b>SOUND</b> | William Crawford | Linda Streicher |

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by James and Sharon Pietsch in honor of their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (May 23).

**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 Streicher family in memory of Elizabeth Streicher's birthday.

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

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** today is sponsored by the LYF and the Board of Youth, and will be held after service today in the Education Building to honor our graduates. Please stop by to say hello to our members and guests!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Cristina Sanchez, who is graduating from La Grange High School, and to our college graduates Gabe Huelsebusch (Texas State Technical College) and Christa Roensch (Sam Houston State University).

**OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:**

|                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Attendances:</b>       | <b>Offerings:</b>                   |
| Sunday Worship: 115       | <b>Our weekly needs: \$5,616.61</b> |
| Wednesday Bible Class: 12 | Home Purposes: \$2,403.00           |
|                           | Online Donations: \$365.00          |
|                           | Missions: \$3,894.88                |
|                           | Bldg Fund: \$230.00                 |

We want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the many people and organizations who have worked so long and so hard to make our worship, picnic and auction a success. We served about 1200 plates, and the auction raised nearly \$14,000! We have been really blessed with help from so many, from both within our church and from our La Grange community. Thank you especially to our volunteer Picnic Committee, the Men's Club for the hard work and long hours cooking, and for supplying the refreshments and meal Saturday evening for all the workers, the Rabb's Creek Band for the great music, and our auctioneers, Charlie Koepke and Lee Fritsch, who helped us raise so much in the auction. Everyone had a fun-filled day at the church picnic! We hope to see YOU there next year, and again we say **THANK YOU!**

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** will be held the first Friday of each month at the BBQ pit area, weather permitting, or the Fellowship House. This Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 6 p.m. – food, fun and fellowship! Bring your bathing suit for the water slide!

**LOMT SUNDAY IS JUNE 4** . We will commission the summer camp staff during our worship service next Sunday. They will also be leading the Sunday School hour instead of regular classes. Their skits and songs are entertaining for adults as well as children! It is our tradition to bring cookies to send with the staff as they begin their summer camp schedule. Please bring them wrapped to take back to Camp Lone Star!

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 Jerry Hentschel (Ruby Fehrle's brother), who passed away on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**G** 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.

**G** 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.

**G** Amen.

*Sit, but stand when the cross passes by.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**..... *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* ..... # 549 vs. 4-7

**LYF SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION** ..... Miles Gillette-Bockhorn

**POSTLUDE:** ..... *"Toccata"* ..... *by Richard Blake*

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**SERVING TODAY:**

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>PASTOR</b>             | Rev. Bill Qualman           |
| <b>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</b>  | Laura Gillette              |
| <b>STUDENT PIANIST</b>    | Miles Gillette-Bockhorn     |
| <b>ELDERS</b>             | Karen Fitch, Justin Hollek  |
| <b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b> | Jackie Claude               |
| <b>ACOLYTE</b>            | Gus Herbrich                |
| <b>LECTOR</b>             | Brenda Rainosek             |
| <b>HEAD USHERS</b>        | Robert Boening, Lee Teinert |
| <b>USHERS</b>             | Nick Hensley, Luis Sanchez  |
| <b>GREETERS</b>           | Jackie Claude, Shery Dunk   |

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:**

|                                 |
|---------------------------------|
| James Lehmann, Becky Weikel     |
| N/A                             |
| Gus Herbrich                    |
| Amy Wyant                       |
| Ricky Dunk, Dennis Schnell      |
| Brandon Schnell, Justin Schnell |
| Betty Pecora, Susie Polasek     |

**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.

**G** 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.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

**PRELUDE:** ..... *"Interlude on Diadem"* ..... *arr. by Peter Benjamin*

*Stand as the cross passes by.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**..... *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* ..... # 549 vs. 1-3

**GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**G** And also with you.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT** ..... Psalm 100

I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.


Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all 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.**

I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.

**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 - shiped 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.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray.
- P** O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**For her our prayers shall rise  
 To God above the skies;  
 On Him we wait.  
 Thou who art ever nigh,  
 Guarding with watchful eye,  
 To Thee aloud we cry:  
 God save the state!**

- P** We pray for those who gave their lives for our country . . .

**THE FOURTH RESPONSE**.....(Tune: "Battle Hymn of the Republic")

**In the beauty of the lilies  
 Christ was born across the sea,  
 With a glory in His bosom  
 That transfigures you and me.  
 As He died to make men holy,  
 Let us live to make men free,  
 While God is marching on.  
 Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
 Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
 Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
 His truth is marching on.**

- P** We pray these special intercessions . . .

**Undergoing Cancer Treatment:** Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik's friend); Michelle Kiesling Henson (friend of Tami Pietsch and Lisa Caridi); 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

Stand

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*(After the words, "Hear our prayer", the congregation sings the hymn responses:)*

**P** We pray for our church . . .

**THE FIRST RESPONSE**.....(Tune: "A Mighty Fortress")

**God's Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way;  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while time shall last  
Your Church may hold it fast  
Throughout all generations.**

**P** We pray for the blessings of our country . . .

**THE SECOND RESPONSE**.....(Tune: "America the Beautiful")

**O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!**

**P** We pray for those serving our country . . .

**THE THIRD RESPONSE**.....(Tune: "My Country 'Tis of Thee")

**God bless our native land;  
Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night.  
When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave,  
Do Thou our country save  
By Thy great might.**

Sit

**+ READINGS +**

**FIRST READING:**..... Acts 1:12-26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it"; and "Let another take his office."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** ..... 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will

become of the ungodly and the sinner?" Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Musical notation for Alleluia and Verse. Includes lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. John 20:31. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:..... John 17:1-11
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on

earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

(after the reading)

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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:....."Crown Him with Many Crowns"..... # 525 vs. 1, 4, 5
SERMON:....."The Spirit of Real Life"..... 1 John 4:1-3

OFFERTORY:..... "Savior Teach Me Day by Day"..... arr. by Michael Thomas
(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.....
Matthew 6:33-34 - Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things (food, clothing, drink) will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

OFFERTORY PRAYER