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STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Mark 10:42 “And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” The tithes and offerings you give to the Lord’s work in His church go to supporting all manner of discipleship: they provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach, and conduct the Sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord. The Lord is pleased with this work – and He wants to bless you through supporting it.

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday:	INDEPENDENCE DAY SERVICE Worship Service with Communion9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Education Building) 10:15 a.m. No Bible Classes
Monday:	Preschool Chapel (Church)..... 9:30 a.m. SUNDAY WORSHIP TV BROADCAST (CABLE CHANNEL 16)7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	CHURCH OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) 12:15 p.m. FAMILY FUN NIGHT (La Grange Bowling)..... 6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Worship Service with Children’s Church.....9:00 a.m. No Sunday School or Bible Classes

ABOUT THE COVER: *Jesus is the water of life. As His faithful people, we are to share His love and salvation with others. We especially seek to share His love with those in particular need of hearing the hope of salvation through faith in Jesus. We share this hope with others because Jesus shared this hope with us. May we always share Jesus’ love and hope with our words and in our life.*

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



Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

POSTING OF THE COLORS

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray,

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

THE PSALMODY *from Psalm 143*
(The organist intones the hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save". The Pastor begins.)

P Lord, hear my Prayer; and in Your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; answer me in Your righteousness.

**To You, o Lord, I lift my soul;
I trust, You, God, to make me whole.**

P Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous in Your sight.

**Lord, turn to me with saving grace
And rescue me - hide not Your face!**

P I remember the days of old; I think about all Your deeds; I consider the works of Your hands.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

+THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION+

THE HYMN *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB # 940 vs. 1 & 5*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 ✝ 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 ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE 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.**

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI

(sung to the hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee")

Lamb of God, our mighty Savior, all our sins You take away.
Lamb of God, by Your great favor, Lord, have mercy now, we pray.
Lamb of God, our prayers attending, never let Your mercies cease
But Your Holy Spirit sending, grant us all Your gifts of peace.

THE MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

..... *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LSB # 793*

..... *"The Lord, My God, Be Praised" LSB # 794*

THE THANKSGIVING

(sung to the hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee")

Thank the Lord, His praises voicing, for His promised faithfulness
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing, tell His love, His name confess
Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit, Living God who sets us free
By His mercy to inherit life and joy eternally!

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:

Undergoing Cancer Treatment: Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik’s friend); Ashley Fehrle (Ruby Fehrle’s grand-daughter); Michelle Kiesling Henson (friend of Tami Pietsch and Lisa Caridi); Ben Huerta (Marissa Lehmann’s father); Casey Hyman (Betty Pecora’s nephew); Wanda Keene (Ruby Fehrle’s niece); 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); 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 and Carolyn 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; Luke Herbrich; Doug Hlavaty (Cheryl Roitsch’s friend); Bob Horn; 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; Kenneth & Paula Moerbe (Joan Miertschin’s cousin); David Newman; Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Robert Pavlik; Lillian Pietsch (Randy Pietsch’s mother); Pastor Qualman; Christine Rasche (Lisa Qualman’s sister); Christopher Roensch; Mary Rauch (Mary Walker’s cousin); Bill Sagebiel; Jane Schneider; Mary Lou Scoggins (Betty Pecora’s friend); A. F. Seifert; Penny Sengler (BJ Ullrich’s daughter); Jaime Smith; Ray Streger; Harold Streicher; William Trlica; Larry Urban; Kim Vanek; Robert Vanek; Mary Walker; Ruby Weatherton (Lisa Caridi’s cousin); Dennis Witt (Dale & Dorothy Witt’s son).

Prayer of Christian Sympathy for the family and friends of Frieda “Fritzie” Zuhn, who passed away on Wednesday.

Also in Our Prayers Today are the members, family and friends of members of our church who are on active duty in the Armed Forces of our country:

Air Force: Adam Dunk.

Coast Guard: Kevin Nelson.

Marines: Freddy Meek; Phil Noack; Aaron Theiss.

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

The prayers conclude:

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Let me recall Your steadfast love

And seek salvation from above.

P I stretch out my hands to You; like dry ground my soul is thirsty for You.

To You, o Lord, I lift my soul;

I trust, You, God, to make me whole.

P O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me. Don’t hide Your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the pit.

Lord, turn to me with saving grace

And rescue me - hide not Your face!

P Let me hear of Your loving kindness each morning, for I put my trust in You. Teach me the way I should go, for I lift up my soul to You.

Let me recall Your steadfast love

And seek salvation from above.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 7:1–13

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Stand

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

(Tune: "On What Has Now Been Sown")

God in His righteousness sent Christ, who for us died
And rose again, to bless all who are justified.
Alleluia! Where grace abounds, God's praise resounds. Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:34-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

(after the reading)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

THE SERMON HYMN "I Love America"
(Tune: "The Battle Hymn of the Republic")

I love this great America, the land that God has blessed.
Where the hope that stirs the hearts of men will never be suppressed.
Through the flame of faith came forth a nation choice above the rest.
This great America! Glory to the land of freedom.
Glory to the land of freedom. Glory to the land of freedom.
I love America!

I love this great America, the land of liberty
For I know the price of freedom countless others paid for me.
Do we hear their call to carry on and serve as valiantly.
This great America! Glory to the land of freedom.
Glory to the land of freedom. Glory to the land of freedom.
I love America!

I love God's great America, all equal in His sight.
May we be as one in spirit as we reach up for the right.
And may we have humility to match our power and might.
His great America! Glory to the land of freedom.
Glory to the land of freedom. Glory to the land of freedom.
I love America!

THE SERMON: "In Dependence Day" Matthew 10:38-39

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:..... "God Bless Our Native Land" *LSB #965*

God bless our native land; Firm may it 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.

So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies,
On whom we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

THE OFFERTORY: "Variations on All is Well" *arr. by Franklin D Ashdown*

OFFERING

(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, and hand it to an usher.)

(As the offering is brought to the altar, the congregation sings the "Doxology")

DOXOLOGY:..... *LSB #805*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

P Let us pray . . . Merciful Father,

C **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Stand

(The APOSTLES' CREED is omitted.)