

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Fellowship Time:** ..... Boards of Stewardship & Outreach/Evangelism  
**Children’s Message:** ..... Brenda Fischer  
**Acolyte:** ..... Mara Weikel  
**Lector:** ..... Alan Claude  
**Elders:** ..... Karen Fitch, Joslyn Hensley  
**Head Ushers:** ..... Willie Ahlschlager, August Pietsch  
**Ushers:** ..... Brandon Schnell, Justin Schnell  
**Greeters:** ..... Betty Pecora, Susie Polasek  
**Video:** ..... Randy Albers  
**Sound:** ..... William Crawford  
**Altar Guild:** ..... Linda Streicher  
**Chancel Flowers:** ..... Gladys Teinert

Immediately following the church service this morning, Pastor will be conducting the baptism of Ian Christian Behler, son of William and Holly Behler. Therefore, there will be **NO SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** this morning.

*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

Sunday: Ensemble Rehearsal ..... 8:15 a.m.  
 Worship Service with Communion ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School (Education Building) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Baptism (Church) ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 No Bible Classes .....

Monday: Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Preschool Chapel..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Communion at Monument Hill.....  
 Happy Scrappers (Fellowship House)..... 2:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Worship TV Broadcast (Cable Channel 16) ..... 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Confirmation Class (Fellowship House) ..... 4:15 p.m.  
 Pastor Behrens’ Bible Class (Fellowship House) ..... 6:00 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: **NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION**  
 Ensemble Rehearsal ..... 8:15 a.m.  
 Worship Service with Children’s Church ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship Time (Education Building) ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 No Sunday School .....

**ABOUT THE COVER:** *Jesus died and rose again to forgive all your sins, no matter how many or what kind. Jesus gave His very body and blood for your salvation. He asks no questions. He wants you to believe that He loves you from His heart. Therefore, we, too, are to forgive those who sin against us without question, from our heart. No questions asked, only forgiveness given.*

**MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL**

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



**Sunday, September 17, 2017**  
**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**WELCOME** to all, in the name of Jesus, our Savior, who cautions us to be sure that we are on God’s side and not on the side of men and Satan. How wonderful it is to hear that, no matter how great our sins may be, we can turn from them and put them behind us, “for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.” 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.

*We celebrate today in our worship **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**, a blessed gift of God to His Church. We believe that our Lord is really present with us in His Body and Blood and, as He promised, in partaking of this Sacrament, we receive forgiveness of our sins. We commune in both kinds – receiving the Body and the Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. If you confess the same belief, we invite you to our fellowship of the Lord’s Supper. Our faith is expressed by coming to the Altar, kneeling (if you are able) and receiving that forgiveness. We receive the bread as it is placed into outstretched hands. You may receive the wine either in the chalice or the individual cups. If you choose the individual cups, please wait for the Elder to come to you before you partake. Non-alcoholic white wine is provided in the center of each tray of individual cups. If you are receiving the wine from the chalice, you may take the chalice from the Elder or hold the stem of the chalice to assist the Elder in giving you the wine. After communing, please wait for the blessing and dismissal from the Lord’s Table. Children who have not yet been instructed on the Sacrament are invited to come forward with their families to receive a blessing.*

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:** .....“In Heaven Above”..... arr. by Robert Hughes  
..... “How Firm a Foundation” ..... arr. by Patricia Lou Harris

**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.**

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:** ..... “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” ..... # 816

**CEF PRESENTATION** ..... Raelyn Pracht

**POSTLUDE:** ..... “The Master Has Called Us” ..... arr. by Gerald Peterson

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**PASTOR:** ..... Rev. Bill Qualman  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** ..... Laura Gillette  
**STUDENT PIANIST:** ..... Miles Gillette-Bockhorn  
**ACOLYTE:** ..... Gus Herbrich  
**LECTOR:** ..... Joan Miertschin  
**ELDERS:** ..... Karen Fitch, Joslyn Hensley  
**HEAD USHERS:** ..... Robert Boening, Lee Teinert  
**USHERS:** ..... Linda Poncik, Ralph Streicher  
**GREETERS:** ..... Jackie Claude, Shery Dunk  
**VIDEO:** ..... Neal Lochte  
**SOUND:** ..... Linda Streicher  
**ALTAR GUILD:** ..... Linda Streicher

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Ed and Nancy Vasut in honor of their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (Sept. 21).

**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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| <b>Attendances:</b>  | <b>Weekly Offerings:</b>             |
| Sunday Worship: 110  | <b>Our weekly needs: \$5,616.61</b>  |
| Wed. Bible Class: 13   | Home Purposes: \$3,757.10            |
|  | Additional Online Giving: \$1,405.00 |
|  | Missions: \$190.00                   |
|  | Bldg. Fund: \$230.00                 |
| Good Shepherd Disaster Relief Fund: \$105  |                                      |
| Special Offerings: In memory of Glenn Behrens, \$600 to the Men’s Club Lutheran Hour Fund, \$600 to the Worship Broadcast Fund, \$300 to the Cemetery Fund, \$25 to the New Fellowship Hall Fund, \$65 to the General Fund. In memory of Hugo Matthijetz, \$40 to the Preschool, \$50 to the Building Fund, \$135 to the General Fund. In memory of Calvin Lange, \$40 to the Preschool, \$25 to the New Fellowship Hall Fund, \$75 to the Building Fund, \$515 to the General Fund. |                                      |

Sit

**DISTRIBUTION MEDITATION**

....."Peaceful Blessing".....by Sandra Eithen  
Performed by the Mt. Calvary Bell Choir

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  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hll, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**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.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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:** .....“Prelude on Charlestown” .....arr. by Lani Smith

Stand as the cross passes by.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** .....“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” .....# 790

**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 +**

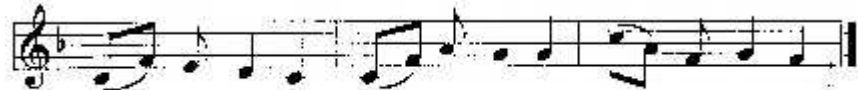
**INTROIT** ..... Psalm 143

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge!  
Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!  
Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

**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.**

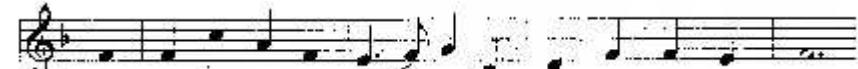
Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge!

## KYRIE



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

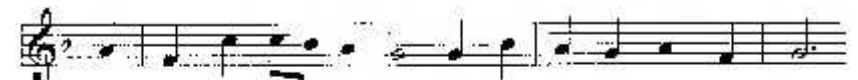
## HYMN OF PRAISE: (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)




**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O solt-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 God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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

**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.

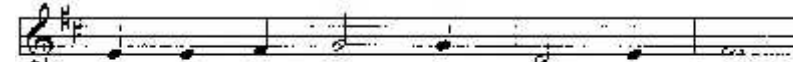
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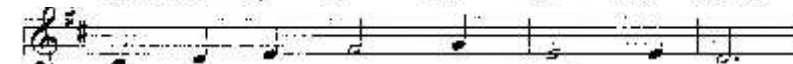
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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.

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 Gloria Fordyce (Linda Streicher's mother), who passed away on September 12<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.

**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!

*Sit*

+ READINGS +

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** ..... Genesis 50:15–21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

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

**EPISTLE READING:** ..... Romans 14:1–12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

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

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**GOSPEL:** ..... Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

(after the reading)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**G** **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:** ..... “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” .....# 611

**SERMON:**..... “We Are the Lord’s” ..... Romans 14:8

**OFFERTORY:**..... “Be Thou My Vision” .....arr. by Edward Broughton

*(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** .....  
*2 Corinthians 9:11 - You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Stand*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**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); Amanda Knox; Amy Lochte; Vivian Matthews (Dorothy Witt’s friend); David Mueller (Lorena Mueller’s son); Bubba Schneider; Lindsey Schouten (Lorri Sanchez’s cousin); 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); Velma Behrens; Carol Bigott (friend of Elsie Michalk); Calvin Bohot; Elva Bohot; Victor Bohot; Olga Buchhorn; Mildred Buscha (Dorothy Witt’s sister); Heather Butler (Joyce Newman’s granddaughter); Woody and Carolyn Butler (Joan Miertschin’s cousin); Jane Cotheran (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); Kim Haskins; Sylvia Hebert; Toni Hill (Beverly Newell’s sister-in-law); Doug Hlavaty (Cheryl Roitsch’s friend); Shirley Hudson (Elsie Michalk’s friend); Irene Koopmann; Wayne Koopmann; Brice Kuhlmann (Leah Wolf’s father); Junell Ladewig; Sandra Ladewig (Junell Ladewig’s daughter-in-law); JoAnn Lange (Joan’s Miertschin’s cousin); Edna Leschper (Dorothy Witt’s sister); Gladys Mach; Lillie McGuire; David Newman; Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Lillian Pietsch (Randy Pietsch’s mother); Mary