

truth that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, taught in Scripture alone, because of Christ alone. The offering received at this service will go to support the ministry of Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas; you are encouraged to bring an offering that commemorates the Reformation (for example, \$15.17 for the year the Reformation began; \$20.17 for the 500th anniversary year; \$95.00 for the 95 Theses; etc.). You are also invited to a dessert reception in St. Paul's gym after the service; please bring a German-themed dessert to share (for example, coffee cake). Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ during this 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God – and surely one of the foundations of God's being is His generosity.

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church).....	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Children's Church.....	9:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time (Education Building).....	10:15 a.m.
	LYF Bible Study (Youth Room).....	10:15 a.m.
	No Sunday School or Bible Classes.....	
Monday:	Preschool Chapel.....	10:15 a.m.
	Happy Scrappers (Fellowship House).....	2:00 p.m.
	SUNDAY WORSHIP TV BROADCAST (Cable Channel 16).....	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Newsletter Assembly (Multipurpose Room).....	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....	10:00 a.m.
	Games Day (Fellowship House).....	1:00 p.m.
	Confirmation Class (Fellowship House).....	4:15 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:	Worship Service with Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School (Education Building).....	10:00 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....	10:15 a.m.
	LYF Bible Study (Youth Room).....	10:15 a.m.

ABOUT THE COVER: *Jesus sends workers “into His vineyard” to gather the harvest. His interest is in harvesting all that is there. He asks no questions and has no qualifications in order to work. One needs only to be willing to be sent. Jesus sends us out “into His vineyard.” We are the workers given the task of bringing in the harvest that comes from the sowing of His Word.*

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



DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:.....Laura Gillette
STUDENT PIANIST:.....Miles Gillette-Bockhorn
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Brenda Fischer
ACOLYTE:..... Gus Herbrich
LECTOR:..... Alan Claude
ELDERS:..... Karen Fitch, Joslyn Hensley
HEAD USHERS:.....Willie Ahlschlager, August Pietsch
USHERS:..... Brandon Schnell, Justin Schnell
GREETERS:..... Linda Streicher
VIDEO:..... Randy Albers
SOUND:..... William Crawford
ALTAR GUILD:..... Linda Streicher

CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God in memory of Paul Teinert by Gladys Teinert.

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.

FELLOWSHIP TIME today is sponsored by the Board of Stewardship and the Board of Outreach & Evangelism, and will be held after the service today in the Education Building. We will be honoring our new members. Please stop by to say hello to them as well as our guests!

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

Offerings:

Attendances: **Our weekly needs: \$5,616.61**
 Sunday Worship: 132 Home Purposes: \$4,421.00
 Wed. AM Bible Class: 10 Online Donations: \$585.00
 Wed. PM Bible Class: 17 Missions: \$220.00 Building: \$280.00

Special Offerings: In memory of Calvin Lange, \$30 to the General Fund, \$25 to the Preschool; in memory of Calvin Lange, Hugo Matthijetz, Glenn Behrens and E.C. & Fritzie Zuhn, \$100 to the New Fellowship Hall Fund.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

Acolyte:.....Hannah Sanchez
Lector:..... Rev. La Verne Fitch
Elders:..... Rev. La Verne Fitch, Justin Hollek
Head Ushers: Ricky Dunk, Dennis Schnell
Ushers:..... Linda Poncik, Ralph Streicher
Greeters: Betty Pecora, Susie Polasek
Video:..... Cheryl Roitsch
Sound:..... Linda Streicher
Altar Guild:..... Shery Dunk
Chancel Flowers: Mary Martha Guild

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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:..... “Worship” *arr. by Edouard Batiste*

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:..... “When Morning Gilds the Skies” # 807

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 116

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.
 What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?
 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.
 O LORD, I am your servant;
 I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**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.**

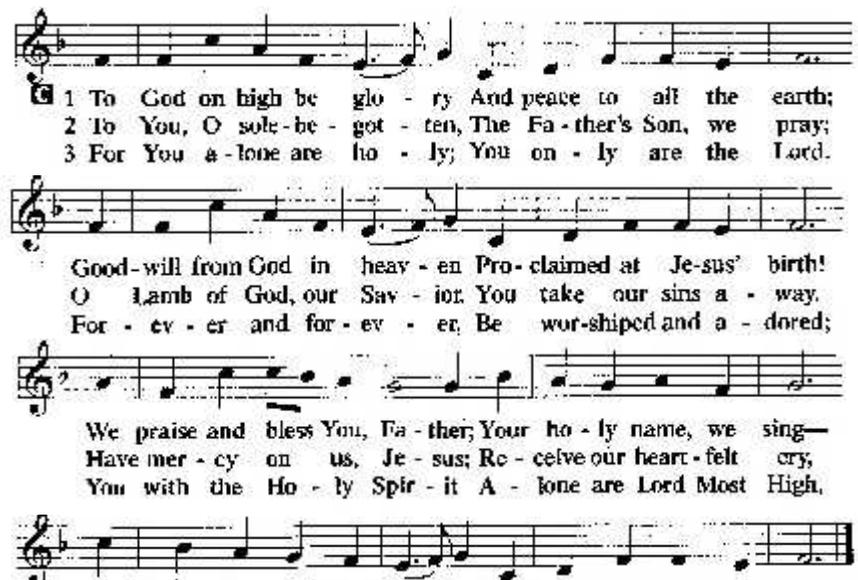
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KYRIE



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.

Haskins; Sylvia Hebert; Frances Hentschel; 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); Nancy Lehmann (having surgery); Gladys Mach; Lillie McGuire; David Newman; Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Robert Pavlik; Lillian Pietsch (Randy Pietsch's mother); 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 for those who have been displaced into temporary locations because of Hurricane Harvey, especially those at Care Inn and other nursing homes.

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

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.

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:..... "Take My Life and Let It Be" # 784

POSTLUDE: "Grand Chorus in A Minor" by Charles Demorest

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PASTOR:..... Rev. Bill Qualman

OFFERTORY:..... “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” arr. by Robert Hughes
(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
Hebrews 13:16 - Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following persons who have joined the communicant family of Mt. Calvary since last September, and praise God for these blessings. (*Please stand when your name is called.*)

Brodie Filla; Gus Herbrich; Gary & Diane Johnson; Joseph Johnson and children Leslie and Valerie; Michael Johnson; Wayne Koopmann; Kermit & Josie Muske; Travis & Joyce Schiwart; and Travis Stokes. Others entered our baptized membership: Ian Behler; Breck Washington Mullins; Sophie Lynn Schnell; Ragan Renee Smith and Trinity Dawn Wilson.

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 +

OLD TESTAMENT READING:..... Isaiah 55:6–9

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING:Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the

faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

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
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. [John 20:31]
C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:..... Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

(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:.....“How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord” # 853

SERMON:“The Perfect Place to Be”..... Philipians 1:21-24