

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.”



**Sunday, September 24, 2017**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

**WELCOME** to all, in the name of Jesus, our Savior. May His strong love for us, which brings us salvation and will not let us run away from Him without being chased, move us to care enough about our brothers and sisters in Christ that we become part of His chasing and forgiving love for them. 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:**.. “*I Know Whom I Have Believed*” ..... *arr. by Lani Smith*  
 ..... “*Lift Up Your Voices*” ..... *arr. by Chester Norman*

**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,

prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support, including Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church!

**TODAY** is the 29<sup>th</sup> annual **WENDISH FEST**, hosted by St. Paul Lutheran and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society at Serbin, TX. Guest speaker for the 8:30 am English service and the 10:30 am German service is Rev. Dr. William Schumacher, Director of the Institute for Mission Studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Church tours will be offered at 12:30 & 1:30 p.m. A full day of family activities are scheduled at St. Paul picnic grounds. A traditional Wendish noon meal will be served until 1:30 p.m., with sausage, sauerkraut, green beans, homemade Wendish noodles, beets, peaches, coffee and tea. Desserts will be available. Wendish folkways, demonstrations and exhibits, competitions, and children’s activities. The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum Complex will be open with genealogy assistance offered. Wendish Fest is made possible through the work of many volunteers. Come and enjoy a day of celebrating Wendish history, heritage and culture. For information or volunteer opportunities, contact 979-366-2441 or wendish@bluebon.net Visit www.texaswendish.org.

Next Saturday, September 30, is the “**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S.**” Mt. Calvary will again have a team participating in the walk. If you’d like to walk with us, contact Linda in the church office. If you would like to donate towards the cause, there is a donation can available on the table in the narthex. Our team’s goal is to raise \$1,000. Please help support our team!!

The opportunity to purchase a **\$500 CHURCH EXTENSION FUND NOTE** is about to close. The investment amount is \$500.00, a 7-month term, it bears 9.5% interest and only one per household is available. Reformation Note Applications can be found on the table in the Church Narthex, online or or you may contact Jeanette Huelsebusch, CEF Representative, for more information. More than 1,600 new investors have already said "YES" to a Reformation Note.

**LWML SUNDAY** will be celebrated on October 1st. The Fall Zone Rally will be held the same day at St. James in Lexington. We will meet in the back parking lot at 12:45 to carpool. The rally begins at 2:00.

Pastor Qualman’s **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY** begins October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Multipurpose Room. The Bible study will focus on “Waiting – A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust.” Waiting can be agony! But what if the waiting rooms of life are God’s best classroom? What if the Holy Spirit changes us through the uncomfortable delays of life? Learn how to surrender your worries to God, handle the daily-ness of waiting, and draw closer to Christ.

The **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MT. CALVARY CEMETERY COMMITTEE** will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, in the Multipurpose Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 5:30-7:00 PM at the BBQ pavilion. Bring a lawn chair, and meet with neighbors and friends, the Mayor of La Grange, the EMT, police, firemen of the city. Sausage wraps, chips, cookies, iced tea/lemonade!

The annual **SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON** will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Fellowship House. Check your box in the narthex for your invitation! Contact Linda Poncik or Jeanette Huelsebusch.

**REFORMATION 500 BI-CIRCUIT WORSHIP SERVICE** Join your brothers and sisters in Christ in celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation! On October 29, 2017, the congregations of Circuits 22 and 23 (Lee, Fayette, and Bastrop counties) are hosting a special worship service at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin at 4 PM for this occasion. Scripture readings and hymns will highlight the Reformation

**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.**

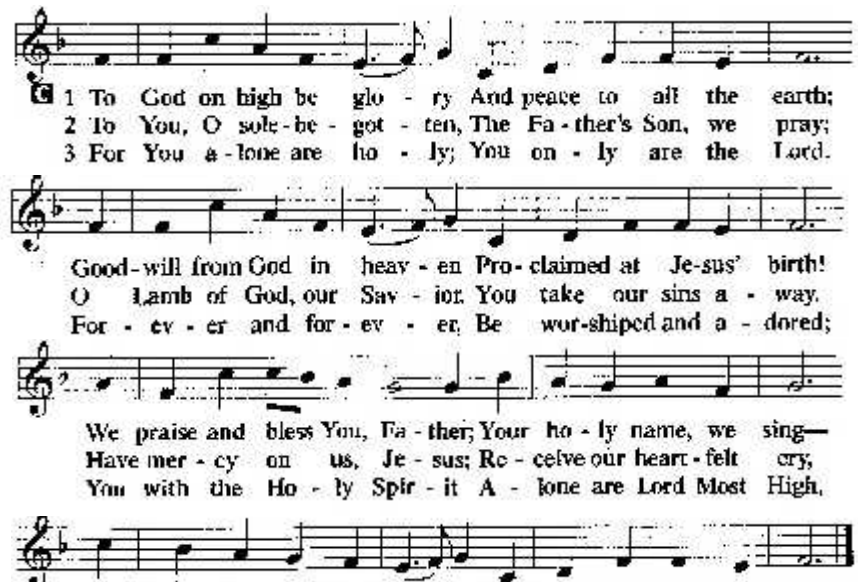
I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

**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