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STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd. . .” Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is!. Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday:	LWML SUNDAY Ensemble Rehearsal (Church) 8:15 a.m. Worship Service with Communion.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Education Building)10:15 a.m. Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)10:15 a.m. LYF Bible Study (Youth Room)10:15 a.m. Carpool to LWML Fall Rally (Back Parking Lot) 12:45 p.m.
Monday:	Preschool Chapel.....10:15 a.m. Happy Scrappers (Fellowship House)..... 2:00 p.m. Men’s Club Meeting (BBQ Pavilion)..... 6:30 p.m. Mary Martha Guild Social (Multipurpose Room)..... 6:30 p.m. Mary Martha Guild Meeting (Multipurpose Room) 7:00 p.m. Men’s Club Fellowship (BBQ Pavilion)7:30 p.m. SUNDAY WORSHIP TV BROADCAST (Cable Channel 16)..... 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	National Night Out (Barbecue Pavilion)5:30 p.m. Annual Cemetery Committee Meeting (Multipurpose Room) 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class (Fellowship House) 4:15 p.m. Bible Study (Multipurpose Room) 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)..... 6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room)12:15 p.m.
Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church) 8:15 a.m. Worship Service with Children’s Church9:00 a.m. No Sunday School10:15 a.m. Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)10:15 a.m. LYF Bible Study (Youth Room)10:15 a.m.

ABOUT THE COVER: *Questions are one way of learning about Jesus. But when the chief priests and elders ask Jesus a question, they seek to catch Him in His words. So Jesus asks them a question that they refuse to answer, knowing that no matter how they answer, they will be uncomfortable. Jesus asks but one thing of us: to be faithful to Him. How do you answer Jesus’ question?*

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



ELDERS:..... Rev. La Verne Fitch, Justin Hollek
HEAD USHERS: Bev Albers, Karen Fitch
USHERS: Linda Poncik, Judy Zuhn
GREETERS: Annie Cook, Janice Teinert
VIDEO: Cheryl Roitsch
SOUND: Linda Streicher
ALTAR GUILD: Shery Dunk

CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by the Mary Martha Guild in memory of Carolyn Mersiovsky.

TODAY'S BROADCAST OF THE LUTHERAN HOUR over Radio Station KBUK (FM 104.9 on Sundays at 7:00 a.m.) is sponsored by Paul and Geraldine Teinert in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on October 7th.

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

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

Attendances:
 Sunday Worship: 112
 Wednesday Bible Class: 12

Offerings:
Our weekly needs: \$5,616.61
 Home Purposes: \$4,746.00
 Additional Online Giving: \$305.00
 Missions: \$642.00 Bldg. Fund: \$0.00

Special Offerings: In memory of Calvin Lange, \$200 to the General Fund. In memory of Gloria Fordyce, \$200 to the New Doors. In memory of Hugo Matthijetz, \$20 to the General Fund.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

Children's Message: Clayton Wolf
Acolyte: Travis Stokes
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: Randy Albers
Sound: Ralph Streicher
Altar Guild: Shery Dunk
Chancel Flowers: Rick & Lee Herbrich

GIANT MITE BOX: What IS it? It is a "mite" box, used by Mary Martha members at their meetings. What **are** "mites"? They are coins of any amount, are collected at each Mary Martha Guild meeting, and used for district and national mission projects. Even pennies add a lot to the total raised each year. Want to help? This morning, a giant mite box is in the narthex; on the way out of church, put in *your* mites. It can be the change in your pocket, your purse, the quarters saved for newspapers. No change? \$ bills accepted! Whatever you contribute will be appreciated; thank you! They will be added to those given by MMG members, and sent to the Texas District.

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sit

PRELUDE: "Prayer"by Franklin Ritter

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "For All the Faithful Women"# 855 vs. 1, 3, 4

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 147

The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.
 Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
 for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
 He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

**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.**

The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

KYRIE (Lord Have Mercy)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE:..... "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" # 909 v. 4

Praise and honor to the Father,
 Praise and honor to the Son,
 Praise and honor to the Spirit,
 Ever three and ever one:
 One in might and one in glory
 While unending ages run!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Sit, but stand when the cross passes by.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" # 924
 Accompanied by the Mt. Calvary Bell Choir**

POSTLUDE:..... "Sing and Rejoice" by Lani Smith

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PASTOR:..... Rev. Bill Qualman
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:..... Laura Gillette
STUDENT PIANIST:..... Miles Gillette-Bockhorn
ACOLYTE:..... Hannah Sanchez
LECTOR:..... Brenda Fischer

peo-ple is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as It was in the beginning.
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray...

P Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Sit

+ READINGS +

THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray...

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?"

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Philipians 2:1-4, 14-18

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being

in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

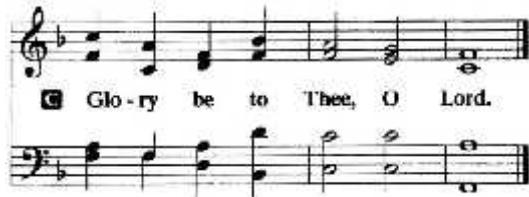
ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

(after the reading)



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

..... “Let All Things Now Living” by Anna Laura Page
 Performed by the Mt. Calvary Bell Choir
 Accompanied by Miles Gillette-Bockhorn on organ & Autumn Wolf on tambourine
 “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” # 596

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy

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 \dagger 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 \dagger 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.



AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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: "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" # 848

SERMON: "The Battle of Wills" Matthew 21:28-31

OFFERTORY: "Cantilena" by David Paxton
(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
Acts 2:44-45 - All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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); 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; 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); Edna Leschper (Dorothy Witt's sister); Nancy Lehmann (having surgery); Gladys Mach; Lillie McGuire; Marvin Miertschin; 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 of Christian Sympathy for the family and friends of JoAnn Lange (Joan's Miertschin's cousin), who passed away on September 25th.

Prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the birth of Winston Dalton Dunk, son of Matt and Breanna Dunk, born Tuesday, September 26th. Proud grandparents are Ricky and Shery Dunk.

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, Sergio Meneses.

Marines: Freddy Meek; Phil Noack; Aaron Theiss.

Navy: Jake Barosh.

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

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)

