

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Matthew 22:21 – Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." So what is Jesus saying? Doesn't everything belong to God? Yes – and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His Church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God – and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the Home, in the Church, and in Society.

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.
	Communion at Care Inn	
	Happy Scrappers (Fellowship House).....	2:00 p.m.
	Church Council (Multipurpose Room).....	6:00 p.m.
	SUNDAY WORSHIP TV BROADCAST (Cable Channel 16).....	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Games Day (Fellowship House)	1:00 p.m.
	Confirmation Class (Fellowship House)	4:15 p.m.
	Board of Missions (Fellowship House)	5:30 p.m.
	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church).....	6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday Bulletin Deadline	9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance	9:00 a.m.
	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room)	12:15 p.m.
Saturday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance	9:00 a.m.
Sunday:	REFORMATION DAY	
	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: *In spite of a plan to trick Jesus into saying something wrong, the Pharisees could not outwit Him. When they asked if the people should obey Caesar's law, Jesus told them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." We are to obey earthly rulers, for God has allowed them to be put in place for our good, for our protection, and for His glory.*

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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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: Pastor Qualman
ACOLYTE: Mara Weikel
LECTORS: Gus Herbrich, Luke Huelsebusch
ELDERS: Rev. La Verne Fitch, Justin Hollek
HEAD USHERS: Robert Boening, Lee Teinert
USHERS: Harvey Dippel, Lila Glaiser, Charles Hebert, Kaleb Hensley,
 Kaylee Hensley, Charlie Herbrich
GREETERS: Dale Witt, Gabe Qualman, Dorothy Witt, Emma Herbrich, Gavin Hollek,
 Grant Hollek, Anthony Weikel
VIDEO: Neal Lochte
SOUND: William Crawford
ALTAR GUILD: Shery Dunk

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 Sunday School and the Board of Education, and will be held after the service today in the Education Building. Please stop by to say hello to our members as well as our guests!

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

Attendances:	Offerings:
Sunday Worship: 128	Our weekly needs: \$5,616.61
Wed. AM Bible Class: 11	Home Purposes: \$3,495.00
	Online Donations: \$585.00
	Missions: \$210.00 Building: \$85.00
	Special Music Fund: \$500.00

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

Acolyte: Gus Herbrich
Lector: Lee Herbrich
Elders: Rev. La Verne Fitch, Justin Hollek
Head Ushers: Willie Ahlschlager, August Pietsch
Ushers: Bev Albers, Lee Herbrich
Greeters: Lee Herbrich, Janice Teinert
Video: Cheryl Roitsch
Sound: Linda Streicher
Altar Guild: Shery Dunk
Chancel Flowers: Cheryl Roitsch

"I Wish . . .": If you want your wish to know how to join/serve at Mt. Calvary, extra copies of the form are on the narthex table. Take a few minutes today - the basket is waiting for your reply! *Sponsored by the Mission Board.*

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: *"Jerusalem My Happy Home" arr. by Patricia Lou Harris*

(Song leaders come forward at this time.)

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *"There Is Power in the Blood" by Lewis E. Jones*

There's power, power, There's wonder working power
 There's power, power, There's wonder working power
 There is power, power, wonder working power
 In the blood of the Lamb
 There is power, power, wonder working power
 In the precious blood of the Lamb

Would you do service for Jesus, your king?
 There's power in the blood, power in the blood.
 Would you live daily His praises to sing?
 There's wonderful power in the blood.

There is power, power, wonder working power
 In the blood of the Lamb
 There is power, power, wonder working power
 In the precious blood of the Lamb

There's power, power, There's wonder working power
 There's power, power, There's wonder working power

Would you do service for Jesus your king?

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:“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” # 782 vs. 1, 2, 4

SERMON: “Why Such Love?” 1 Thessalonians 1:4

OFFERTORY:“Offertory on an Appalachian Melody”
arr. by Hugh S Livingston

(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
Matthew 25:35-40 - I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?'..."The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hospitalized: Florence Tschatschula.

Undergoing Cancer Treatment: Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik’s friend); Ashley Fehrle (Ruby Fehrle’s grand-daughter); Erinn Guggenheimer (Beverly Newell’s cousin); 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; Heather Butler (Joyce

HYMN OF PRAISE: (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
- P** O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: “I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE..... Pastor Qualman
(After the children’s message, the children will leave for Children’s Church in the Education Building.)

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

GOSPEL:.....Matthew 22:15-22

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk.

And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

(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