

Greeters:Joan Miertschin, Joyce Newman
Video:..... Cheryl Roitsch
Sound:..... Linda Streicher
Altar Guild:.....Beverly Albers
Chancel Flowers: OPEN

Next Sunday is Loyalty Sunday, when we bring our pledges to the altar. Place your financial pledge in a sealed envelope with your name on the outside (so it can be returned to you unopened) and bring it when you go up for communion. Your “time and talent” pledge forms can be returned to the church office.

There will be **NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS** on November 22nd.

THE 2017 CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE is underway and will conclude on **Sunday, December 10th**. This year's gift drive includes an ANGEL TREE which holds a list of the specific wishes of several children. You can select an item you would like to purchase or make a cash donation for it, **OR** you can purchase a toy suitable for a child ages birth to 12 years. Look for details in our December newsletter. Your donations can be placed in the specially marked boxes in the narthex and Education Building. Cash is also welcome!

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday: Ensemble Rehearsal..... 8:15 a.m.
Worship Service with Communion.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School (Education Building)10:15 a.m.
LYF Bible Study (Youth Room)10:15 a.m.
Bible Class I (Multipurpose Room)10:15 a.m.
Family Fun Night (Chaloupka Farm in Moulton)..... 3:00 p.m.
Monday: Preschool Chapel..... 10:15 a.m.
Communion at Monument Hill
Sunday Worship TV Broadcast (Cable Channel 16) 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Sunday Bulletin Deadline 9:00 a.m.
No Bible Class or Confirmation Class
Games Day (Fellowship House) 1:00 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church).....6:15 p.m.
Thanksgiving Eve Service7:00 p.m.
Thursday: Preschool and Church Office Closed
Friday: Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) 12:15 p.m.
Sunday: LOYALTY SUNDAY
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 or Bible Classes
Altar Guild decorates church for Christmas 3:00 p.m.

ABOUT THE COVER: *The Holy Spirit has worked in us the gift of faith. That gift was not given to us to hide it from others, but rather to re-gift, so to speak. In our work, we bear witness to Jesus and His love for all mankind. When we faithfully share this gift of faith, the Lord is pleased, and we, too, will hear Him say, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”*

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



Sit

DISTRIBUTION MEDITATION

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 will, 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.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

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” by Dennis Elliot

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear” # 908

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

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.
 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.
 I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
 For your name’s sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
 In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
**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.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

KYRIE



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

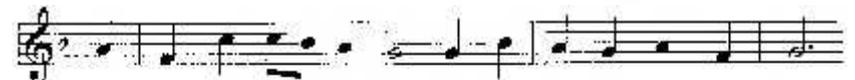
HYMN OF PRAISE: (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)



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.

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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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.

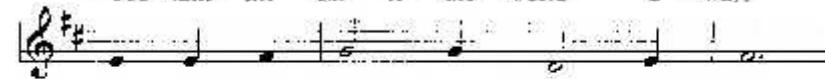
AGNUS DEI



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.

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); Gladys Mach; Pat Michael; Marvin Miertschin; David Newman; Joyce Newman; Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Mary Rauch (Mary Walker's cousin); Bill Sagebiel; Jan Schaefer (Lee Herbrich's mother); Mary Lou Scoggins (Betty Pecora's friend); A. F. Seifert; Penny Sengler (BJ Ullrich's daughter); Ray Streger; William Trlica; Larry Urban; Kim Vanek; Robert Vanek; Mary Walker; Ruby Weatherton (Lisa Caridi's cousin); Mike Wherry (Junell Ladewig's son-in-law).

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.

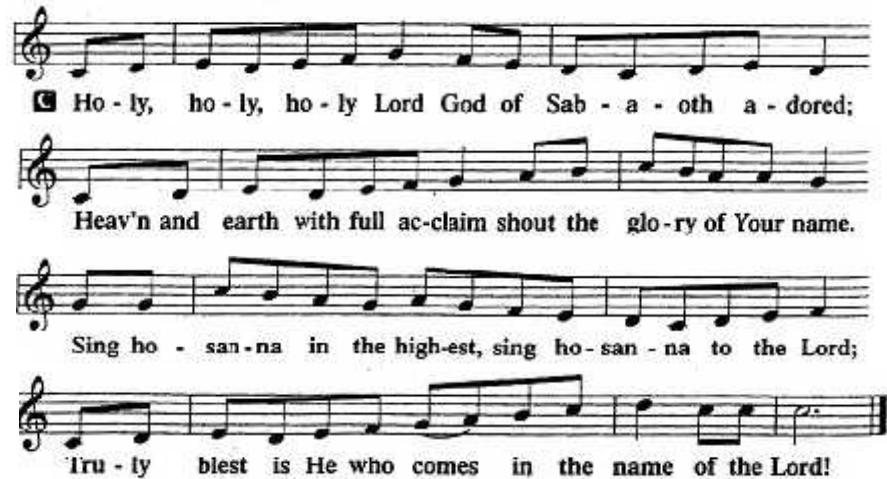
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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!

P Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT READING:Zephaniah 1:7-16

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING:1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31*
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

(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: “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” # 806

SERMON:..... “We Dare Not Play It Safe”Matthew 25:14

OFFERTORY:..... “Savior Teach Me Day by Day”.....arr. by Michael Thomas
(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
1 Thessalonians 5:18 - Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Undergoing Cancer Treatment: Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik’s friend); Karla Frigard (Donna Kappler’s cousin); 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); Mitzi Mueller (Lorena Mueller’s daughter-in-law); a Preschool parent; Bubba Schneider; Lindsey Schouten (Lorri Sanchez’s cousin); Kathleen Tintner (Sylvia Hebert’s friend); Dionie Tolman (Gladys Teinert’s friend); and Leroy Wittmann.

Health and Other Concerns: Gladys Ahlschlager; Rebekka Aleman; Velma Behrens; Carol Bigott (friend of Elsie Michalk); Calvin Bohot; Elva Bohot; Victor Bohot; Olga Buchhorn; Heather Butler (Joyce Newman’s granddaughter); Woody and Carolyn Butler (Joan Miertschin’s cousin); Deb Conway; Lanny Conway; Lillie Diller; Joyce Dippel; Adam Dunk; Edna Ebner; Lorine Fischer; Dr. Mike Fitzpatrick; Jennifer Freeman (Judy Zuhn’s daughter); Ron Fritsch (Joan Miertschin’s friend);