

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday:	Worship Service with Communion	9:00 a.m.
	Children’s Program Practice.....	10:15 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)	10:15 a.m.
	LYF Bible Study (Youth Room).....	10:15 a.m.
	Mt. Calvary Christmas Party (Education Building)	5:30 p.m.
Monday:	Preschool Chapel (Church).....	10:15 a.m.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....	9:30 a.m.
	Advent Service (Church).....	11:00 a.m.
	Advent Lunch (Fellowship House)	11:45 a.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.
Saturday:	Children’s Program Practice	3:30 p.m.
	Family Fun Night (Lights of Tejas).....	6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Worship Service with Children’s Christmas Program	9:00 a.m.
	Board of Missions (Fellowship House).....	10:15 a.m.
	No Sunday School	10:15 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....	10:15 a.m.
	LYF Bible Study (Youth Room).....	10:15 a.m.
	Christmas Caroling (meet in church parking lot)	3:00 p.m.



ABOUT THE COVER: *Our heavenly Father keeps all His promises. And His promises have always been certain. As promised, Jesus brought the kingdom of God to those who believed, just as He promised. God’s promises are as sure for us as they were to His people of old. He will bring His kingdom to us through His Word and will return to take us into His kingdom. We can rely on that promise.*

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
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Our Mission: "Committed to reaching out with the love of Jesus."



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LECTOR:..... Joslyn Hensley
ELDERS:..... Harold Streicher, Becky Weikel
HEAD USHERS: Ricky Dunk, Dennis Schnell
USHERS: Gary Diers, Judy Zuhn
GREETERS: Stell Midgett, Sharon Pietsch
VIDEO: Randy Albers
SOUND:Ralph Streicher
ALTAR GUILD: Brenda Fischer

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.

You and your family are invited to attend the annual **MT. CALVARY CHRISTMAS PARTY** sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild and the Men’s Club **THIS EVENING at 5:30 p.m.** in the Education Building. Turkey, dressing, and noodles will be provided. Please bring a family-size vegetable, salad, or dessert.

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

Attendances:
 Sunday Worship: 112
 Thanksgiving Eve: 48

Offerings:
Our weekly needs: \$5,616.61
 Home Purposes: \$3,072.00
 Additional Online Giving: \$255.00
 Missions: \$420.00 Bldg. Fund: \$55.00
 New Fellowship Hall Fund: \$100.00

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

Acolyte:Hannah Sanchez
Lector:..... Brenda Rainosek
Elders: Harold Streicher, Becky Weikel
Head Ushers: Daniel Fischer, Dennis Winkler
Ushers:..... Harvey Dippel, Charles Hebert
Greeters:..... Karen Pietsch, Faye Winkler
Video: Clayton Wolf
Sound: Frank Wolf
Altar Guild:..... Brenda Fischer
Chancel Flowers: OPEN

TOMORROW is the deadline to order your **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**. Fill out and place the order form in an envelope and mark it Christmas Poinsettia Fund. Order forms are available on the table in the narthex. Checks should be made payable to Mt. Calvary Mary Martha Guild.

Our **CHRISTMAS ADVENT SERVICES** will be held on Wednesday, **December 6th, 13th and 20th at 11:00 AM**. All Advent services will be followed with a light lunch in the Fellowship House. Please make plans to attend.

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: “Interlude on Cradle Song”by Susan Carson

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Savior of the Nations, Come” # 332 vs. 1-4

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH FOR WEEK ONE

P The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. We light candles for the weeks leading to Christmas to reflect the coming of Christ. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

C **Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives to the healing light of Christ. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Acolyte lights the first Advent candle while the congregation sings:

HYMN:..... “Savior of the Nations, Come” #332 vs. 8

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 25

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.
 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
 O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.
 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly
 treacherous.

**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.**

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

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.

(During Advent, the *Gloria in Excelsis* is omitted.)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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: "The Advent of Our King"..... # 331

POSTLUDE:....."Veni Emmanuel Reprise"..... arr. by Martha Sobaje

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PASTOR:..... Rev. Bill Qualman

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:..... Laura Gillette

STUDENT PIANIST:..... Miles Gillette-Bockhorn

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.

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.

P Let us pray...

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Sit

+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Stand

(During Advent, the *Alleluia and Verse* is omitted.)

GOSPEL: Mark 11:1–10

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

G Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

(after the reading)

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

- G** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

- “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”..... # 341
- “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” # 336

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

G 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

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.



AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)



And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

SERMON HYMN: “Prepare the Royal Highway”# 343

SERMON:..... “An Advent Invitation”1 Corinthians 1:9

OFFERTORY:..... “Noel en Duo” by Louis-Claude Daquin
(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
Leviticus 27:32 - The entire tithe of the herd and flock-- every tenth animal that passes under the shepherd's rod-- will be holy to the LORD.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:

Undergoing Cancer Treatment: Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik’s friend); Cari Bromlee (Joyce Dippel’s granddaughter); 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); Lara Janda Perez; Bubba Schneider; Lindsey Schouten (Lorri Sanchez’s cousin); Larry Shofner (Charles & Sylvia Hebert’s friend); Kathleen Tintner (Sylvia Hebert’s friend); Dionie Tolman (Gladys Teinert’s friend); and Leroy Wittmann.

Health and Other Concerns: Gladys Ahlschlager; Rebekka Aleman; Meagen Bednar (Hannah Sanchez’s friend); Velma Behrens; Carol Bigott (friend of Elsie Michalk); Calvin Bohot; Elva Bohot; Victor Bohot; Olga Buchhorn; Joseph Burge (Cheryl Roitsch’s cousin); 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); 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; Renee Mazoch (Hannah Sanchez's friend); Pat Michael; Marvin Miertschin; Renee Moreland (Betty Pecora's granddaughter); Jim Moulder (Charles & Sylvia Hebert's friend); Mitzi Mueller (Lorena Mueller's daughter-in-law); 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).

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

☐ The Lord be with you.

☐ And with thy spir - it.

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☐ It is meet and right so to do.

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

SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)

☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

☐ 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.