

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

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| Sunday: | Second Sunday in Advent & Children’s Christmas Program | |
| | Worship Service with Children’s Program | 9:00 a.m. |
| | No Sunday School | |
| | Bible Classes | 10:15 a.m. |
| | LYF Bible Study (Youth Room)..... | 10:15 a.m. |
| | Board of Missions (Sanctuary)..... | 10:15 a.m. |
| | Ensemble Rehearsal..... | 10:15 a.m. |
| | Christmas Caroling (meet in back parking lot) | 3:00 p.m. |
| Monday: | Preschool Chapel..... | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Board of Preschool (Fellowship House) | 5:30 p.m. |
| | Board of Elders (Multipurpose Room) | 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday: | Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Communion at Camp Lone Star..... | 8:30 a.m. |
| | Communion at Jefferson Place | 2:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday: | Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)..... | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Advent Service (Church)..... | 11:00 a.m. |
| | Advent Lunch (Fellowship House) | 11:45 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: | 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. |
| | Newsletter Deadline..... | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Preschool Christmas Program (Church)..... | 11:00 a.m. |
| | Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room)..... | 12:15 p.m. |
| Saturday: | Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance | 9:00 a.m. |
| Sunday: | CHRISTMAS CANTATA | |
| | 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. |

ABOUT THE COVER: *God the Father speaks clearly to His people. Through the words of the prophet Isaiah, He tells His people what He is doing and why He is doing it. Therefore, He sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, and He sends people of faith to prepare the way for people to come to faith through the Holy Spirit. As a Christian, you have also been made a messenger of God.*

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All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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 80

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
You brought a vine out of Egypt; it took deep root and filled the land.
Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
**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.**
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

KYRIE (Lord Have Mercy)

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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); Robert Pavlik; Linda Poncik; Mary Rauch (Mary Walker's cousin); Bill Sagebiel; Jan Schaefer (Lee Herbrich's mother); Glenn Schneider; 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 receive care in nursing homes, care centers, and at home:

Monument Hill: Velma Behrens, Lorine Fischer, Elvas Roensch, and Florence Tschatschula.

Kruse Village in Brenham: Marge Harting.

Colonial Care (Schulenburg): Olga Buchhorn, Irene Koopmann.

Regency (Schulenburg): Gladys Mach.

Oakmont Care Center (Katy): Alfred Drescher.

Park View Manor (Weimar): Lillie Diller, Rose Marie Kilian.

Golden Years (Marlin): Edna Kessel.

Towers Nursing Home (Smithville): Mildred Buscha (Dorothy Witt's sister).

Trinity Care Facility (Round Rock): Lillie McGuire.

At Home: A. F. Seifert.

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.

BENEDICTION

remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: A Christmas Window

(Following the program, the service continues...)

OFFERTORY:..... “An Advent Meditation” by Lani Smith
(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 Timothy 6:17-19 – “As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Undergoing Cancer Treatment: Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik’s friend); Cari Brownlee (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; Susan Bolado (Marilyn Spillane’s daughter); Olga

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT READING:..... Isaiah 40:1–11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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

EPISTLE READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

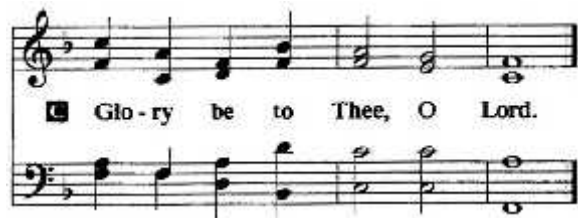
Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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

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

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

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



The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

(after the reading)

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



NICENE CREED

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

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