

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday:	New Year's Eve Service with Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School (Education Building).....	10:15 a.m.
	No Bible Class	
	No LYF Bible Study	
Monday:	Preschool and Church Office Closed.....	
Tuesday:	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.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....	10:00 a.m.
Thursday:	PRECHOOL STARTS	
	Bulletin Deadline	9:00 a.m.
	Mt. Calvary volunteers at AMEN.....	1:00 p.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly	12:15 p.m.
Sunday:	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.
	Altar Guild to take down Christmas decorations.....	3:00 p.m.

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Worship Services: Sundays at 9:00 AM Bible Classes & Sunday School Sundays at 10:15 AM
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Our Mission: "Committed to reaching out with the love of Jesus."

ABOUT THE COVER: *We find it awesome when we witness God's plan fulfilled and we have no hand in it. Simeon trusted in God's promise of a Savior, and when Jesus was brought to him, he recognized God's plan was complete. Through faith, we also see God's plan fulfilled in our lives as well as in the lives of others. We are comforted, just as Simeon was, in the knowledge of God's love and salvation for us.*



Sunday, December 31, 2017
First Sunday After Christmas
NEW YEAR'S EVE

WELCOME to all, in the name of Jesus, our Savior, who is “the same yesterday, today, and forever,” and who does not change though time marches on. How comforting to have Him as our God and Savior! We extend a special welcome to visiting friends and guests. 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, behind the Communion Registration tablet, and hand it to an usher.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: “*Christmases Remembered*” arr. by Susannah Keeney
..... “*Three Settings on Cradle Song*” arr. by Susan C Carson

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME

+ **DIVINE SERVICE SETTING IV** +

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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 Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, 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

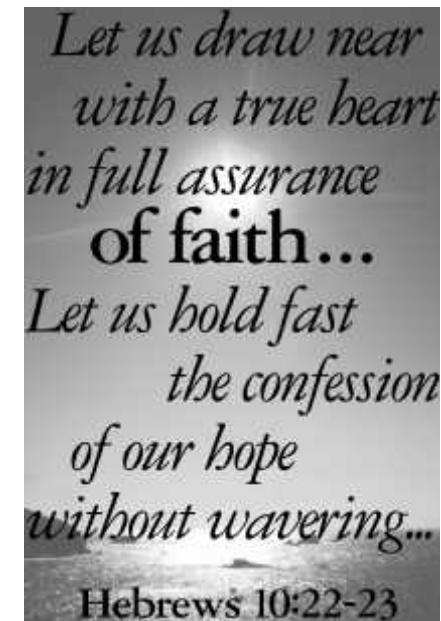
effective immediately. If you have a question or need more information, please contact an Elder.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES will start up again this Wednesday, January 3rd, at the regular time of 10 AM. Bob Horn will again be leading this Bible study. Everyone is welcome to join us!

2018 CHARTS to sign up for flowers and the Lutheran Hour broadcasts have been posted on the hallway bulletin board off the narthex.

FREE WHILE THEY LAST! Our friends at Koenig and Strickland Funeral Home have given us some beautiful 2018 inspirational calendars. They are available on the table in the narthex.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Luke 2:39 “And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord. . .” The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins: but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. But the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live – as Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living, as the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.



ELDERS:..... Harold Streicher, Becky Weikel
HEAD USHERS:..... Daniel Fischer, Dennis Winkler
USHERS: Brandon Schnell, Justin Schnell
GREETERS:..... Shery Dunk, OPEN
SOUND:..... Frank Wolf
ALTAR GUILD:..... Judy Zuhn

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

Attendances:	Weekly Offerings:
Sunday Worship: 112	Home Purposes: \$4,257.00
Christmas Eve: 181	Additional Online Giving: \$255.00
Christmas Day: 28	Missions: \$410.00 Bldg. Fund: \$65.00
Special Offering: \$100 to the new copier.	

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

Acolyte: Hannah Sanchez
Lector: Alan Claude
Elders: Randy Albers, Bob Horn
Head Ushers: Robert Boening, Lee Teinert
Ushers: Linda Poncik, Ralph Streicher
Greeters: Betty Pecora, Susie Polasek
Sound: William Crawford
Altar Guild: Karen Fitch
Chancel Flowers: OPEN

There will be a **SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** on Sunday, January 14th, immediately following the worship service. Please make plans to stay for the meeting. Rev. Mike Newman will be presenting the results of the pastoral call survey which the congregation recently undertook.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2018 will be held next Sunday, January 14th at our 9 AM service. All officers and board members are urged to be present.

The January-March 2018 **PORTALS OF PRAYER** devotion booklets are now available in the narthex. Take home your copy today!

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST: Due to the poor, undependable service provided by New Wave concerning the cable TV broadcasting of Mt. Calvary's worship service, the Board of Elders voted to discontinue broadcasting our worship services,

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:..... *“Interlude on a Polish folk melody”arr. by George Lachenauer*

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” # 380*

DIALOG FOR NEW YEAR’S EVE *Ecclesiastes*

P For everything there is a season:

C And a time for every matter under heaven:

P A time to be born and a time to die.

C A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.

P A time to break down, and a time to build up.

C A time to weep and a time to laugh.

P A time to keep and a time to throw away.

C A time to be silent and a time to speak.

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.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

..... "Of the Father's Love Begotten" # 384
..... "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" # 900

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;

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN:..... "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"..... # 733

SERMON: "Why Not to Fear".....Psalm 31:14-15a

OUR OFFERINGS ARE GATHERED

(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, behind the Communion Registration tablet, and hand it to an usher.)

OFFERTORY "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. by George Lachenauer

PRAYERS

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; Calvin Bohot; Elva Bohot; Victor Bohot; Susan Bolado (Marilyn Spillane's daughter); 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); 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).

THE MEAL

CONSECRATION AND DISTRIBUTION

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



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.”

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