

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: Mark 1:7 – And John 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." John is right: Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

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 decorations	10:15 a.m.
Monday:	Preschool Chapel	10:15 a.m.
	Happy Scrappers (Fellowship House)	2:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Communion at Jefferson Place	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Games Day (Fellowship House)	1:00 p.m.
	Confirmation Class (Fellowship House)	4:15 p.m.
	Evening Bible Study (Multipurpose Room)	5:30 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:	LYF Movie Night (Claudes' home)	6:30 p.m.
Sunday:	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS	
	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Children's Church	9:00 a.m.
	No Sunday School or Bible Class	
	LYF Bible Study (Youth Room)	10:15 a.m.
	Special Voters Meeting (Church)	10:15 a.m.

ABOUT THE COVER: *At Jesus' Baptism by John, our heavenly Father provided verbal witness that this Jesus is indeed His "beloved Son," and that the Father is "well pleased" with Him (Mark 1:11). The Father knows what lies before His Son, and He also knows that Jesus will accomplish keeping the Law on our behalf. God's salvation plan was inaugurated in Jesus' Baptism and was finished on the cross of Calvary.*

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



Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.
 I will tell of the decree:
 The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling, for his wrath is quickly kindled.
 Blessed are all who take refuge in him.
**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 my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "The Star Proclaims the King is Here" # 399 v. 5

For this Thy glad epiphany
 All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
 Whom with the Father we adore,
 And Holy Spirit evermore.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

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.

men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

And with thy spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray...

P Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into

death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

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

C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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."

AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A-men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

- "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" # 395
- "Arise and Shine in Splendor" # 396

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

☐ 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

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A men.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

(after the reading)

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

☩ 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:..... "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" # 394 vs. 1, 4, 5

SERMON:..... "Chaos Rules or Chaos Broken" Genesis 1:1-5

OFFERTORY:..... "First Prayer at Dawn" by David Paxton (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 6:19-21 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

REMEMBERING IN OUR 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); Alan Claude; Deb Conway; Lanny Conway; Lillie Diller; Joyce Dippel; 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).

Prayer of Christian Sympathy for the family and friends of Wilma Ruth Bigon (Lee Teinert's aunt), who passed away on December 30th; and for the family and friends of Don Moerbe, who passed away on January 1st.

Prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the birth of a son, George Albert Landreth, to Mandi and Tracy Landreth on December 27th.

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

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)

