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*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church) .....	8:15 a.m.
	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.
Monday:	Preschool Chapel.....	10:15 a.m.
	Happy Scrappers (Fellowship House) .....	2:00 p.m.
	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.
Tuesday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance .....	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance .....	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) .....	10:00 a.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:	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.
	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) .....	12:15 p.m.
Saturday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance .....	9:00 a.m.
	LYF Movie Night (Claudes’ home).....	6:30 p.m.
Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church) .....	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Children’s Church.....	9:00 a.m.
	No Sunday School .....	
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) .....	10:15 a.m.
	LYF Bible Study (Youth Room) .....	10:15 a.m.
	Women’s Bible Study & Movie (Fellowship House) .....	3:00 p.m.

**ABOUT THE COVER:** *We respect those who lead by example. Jesus teaches and even commands us to pray to our heavenly Father. He taught His own disciples how and what to pray. We are given many examples of Jesus praying in Scripture. We are to pray to our heavenly Father to praise Him, thank Him, confess our sins, and seek His help for us and for others. Prayer is truly a wonderful gift from God.*

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



## Sunday, February 4, 2018 The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

**WELCOME** to all in the name of Jesus, who came to bring help and healing for all of our struggles in life, whatever they may be. May God bless us that we find help and healing in His Word and Sacrament. We extend a special welcome to visiting friends and guests. If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a “Welcome” card found in the pews, hand it to an usher, and worship with us again soon!

*We celebrate today in our worship THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, a blessed gift of God to His Church. We believe that our Lord is really present with us in His Body and Blood and, as He promised, in partaking of this Sacrament, we receive forgiveness of our sins. We commune in both kinds – receiving the Body and the Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. If you confess the same belief, we invite you to our fellowship of the Lord’s Supper. Our faith is expressed by coming to the Altar, kneeling (if you are able) and receiving that forgiveness. We receive the bread as it is placed into outstretched hands. You may receive the wine either in the chalice or the individual cups. If you choose the individual cups, please wait for the Elder to come to you before you partake. Non-alcoholic white wine is provided in the center of each tray of individual cups. If you are receiving the wine from the chalice, you may take the chalice from the Elder or hold the stem of the chalice to assist the Elder in giving you the wine. After communing, please wait for the blessing and dismissal from the Lord’s Table. Children who have not yet been instructed on the Sacrament are invited to come forward with their families to receive a blessing.*

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:**.....“A New Day” .....by Brenda E. Austin  
.....“A Merry Heart” ..... by Cynthia Dobrinski  
*Performed by the Mt. Calvary Bell Choir*

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

### WELCOME

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**☩** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

**Attendances:**  
Sunday Worship: 133  
No Sunday Bible Class  
Wed AM Bible Class: 11  
Wed PM Bible Class: 7

### Offerings:

**Our weekly needs: \$6,138.75**  
Home Purposes: \$3,239.00  
Additional Online Giving: \$1,915.00  
Missions: \$402.00      Bldg. Fund: \$50.00

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

**Children’s Message:**..... Bev Albers  
**Acolyte:**..... Hannah Sanchez  
**Lector:**..... Gus Herbrich  
**Elders:**..... Karen Fitch, Joslyn Hensley  
**Head Ushers:**..... Willie Ahlschlager, August Pietsch  
**Ushers:**..... Nick Hensley, Luis Sanchez  
**Greeters:**..... Charles & Sylvia Hebert  
**Sound:**..... Linda Streicher  
**Altar Guild:**..... Bev Albers, Marilyn Spillane  
**Chancel Flowers:**..... The Qualmans

**WOMEN’S SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY AND MOVIE** will be held on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM to 5:30 PM at the Fellowship House. The movie is “One Night with the King,” based on Esther. We will do a short study at the time on Esther, and then watch the movie. Light snacks will be served. No homework ☺ Come for fellowship. Invite your friends!

**FOOD NEEDED:** Today you have an opportunity to show compassion for the hungry in our community. This Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday; *it is also Souper Bowl Sunday.* On both Sundays, there will be a container in the narthex, to collect non-perishable food for AMEN (La Grange food pantry). Forget to bring something? There will be an offering plate for cash or checks (made payable to AMEN).

**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** Pastor Qualman would like to hold a class for new members wishing to join our congregation. The class takes 6 to 8 hours, and could be spread over 4 to 8 weeks, depending on the needs of the students. If you know of someone who might be interested, please have them contact the church office. You may also call Pastor Qualman for more information.

**CALENDAR UPDATES:** Note that the February calendar, which is being mailed with the newsletter, has been corrected and updated. New copies are available in the narthex or on our website.

**WALK-IN COFFEE** The Texas Wendish Heritage Society will host their Annual Walk-In Coffee on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, located in the 100 block of South Grimes in Giddings, directly across the street from the Schubert-Fletcher House. Sandwiches, chips, pickles, drinks, and desserts will be available from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Orders to-go may be called in no later than 11:00am to 979-540-8132. Free will donation to benefit the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum in Serbin. Thank you!

**Spring Raffle** Faith Lutheran High School is holding a fundraising raffle with exciting prizes. Tickets are on sale now - \$20 each or 6/\$100. Drawing will be held during National Lutheran Schools Week (March 5-9). Please contact any FLHS delegate, student or staff member, drop by Medack & Oltmann CPAs (both

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**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.



Sit, but stand when the cross passes by.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**..... “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ..... # 528 vs. 1, 6, 7

**POSTLUDE:**..... “Sortie on ‘Hursley’” ..... arr. by Lani Smith

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**PASTOR:**..... Rev. Bill Qualman  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:**..... Laura Gillette  
**STUDENT PIANIST:**..... Miles Gillette-Bockhorn  
**ACOLYTE:**..... Brodie Filla  
**LECTOR:**..... Lee Herbrich  
**ELDERS:**..... Karen Fitch, Joslyn Hensley  
**HEAD USHERS:**..... Robert Boening, Dennis Winkler  
**USHERS:**..... Ron Glaiser, Harold Streicher  
**GREETERS:**..... Annie Cook, Joyce Dippel  
**SOUND:**..... William Crawford  
**ALTAR GUILD:**..... Bev Albers, Marilyn Spillane

**CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Dale and Dorothy Witt in honor of her birthday (Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**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.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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 Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Sit

**PRELUDE:**..... “Interlude on ‘Faith’” ..... arr. by David Hegarty

*Stand as the cross passes by.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**..... “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ..... # 790

**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 13

I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.  
 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;  
 light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,  
 lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"  
 lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.  
 But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
**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.**  
 I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

**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:** ..... "Come Thou, Almighty King" ..... # 905 v. 4

To Thee, great One in Three,  
 Eternal praises be  
 Hence evermore!  
 Thy sov'reign majesty  
 May we in glory see,  
 And to eternity  
 Love and adore.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

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.

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

**P** The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

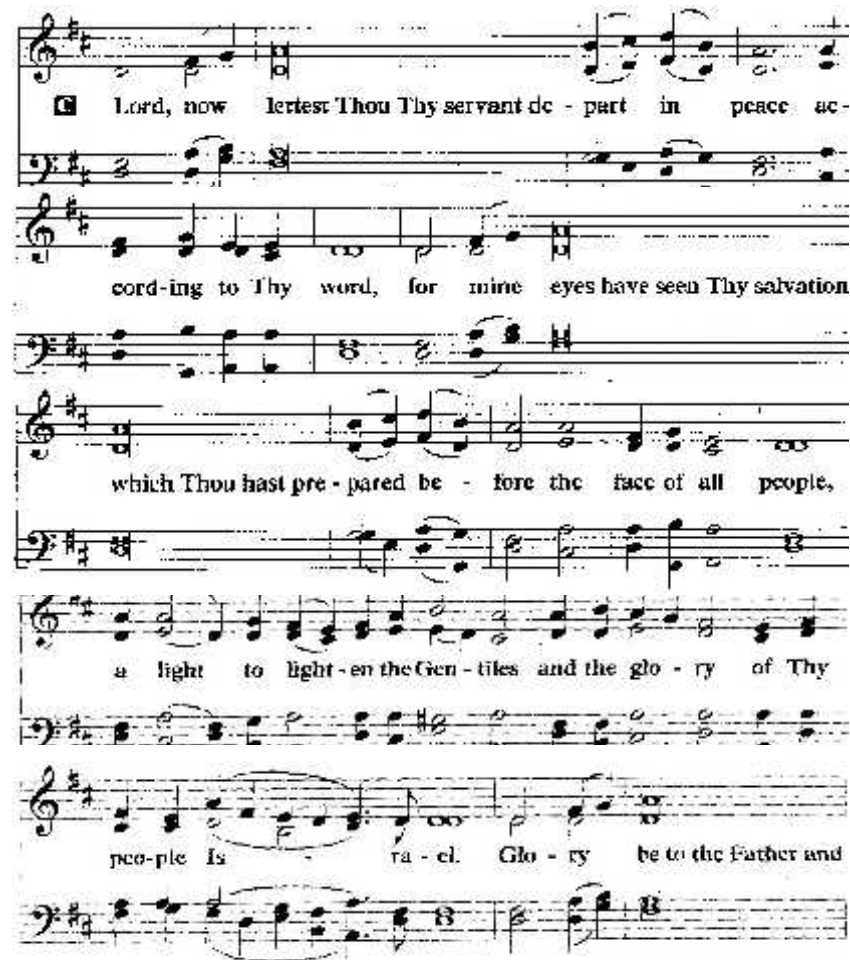


**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

- ..... "What Wondrous Love Is This" ..... # 543
- ..... "Come Unto Me, Ye Weary" ..... # 684

Stand

**NUNC DIMITTIS**



**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray...

**P** O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

+ READINGS +

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** ..... Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING:** ..... 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



**GOSPEL:** ..... Mark 1:29-39

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



**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)**



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**

**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**

And immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

(after the reading)

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** 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:**..... "O Son of God, in Galilee"..... # 841

**SERMON:**..... "Bound to Be Free" .....1 Corinthians 9:19, 22-23

**OFFERTORY:**.....“Faith”.....by David Hegarty  
(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** .....  
Luke 6:38 - *If you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give-- large or small-- will be used to measure what is given back to you.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Hospitalized:** Marvin Miertschin.

**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); Barbara Tieken (friend of several members); Dionie Tolman (Gladys Teinert’s friend); Nancy Vasut; 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; 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); Barbara Hoffmann; Shirley Hudson (Elsie Michalk’s friend); Irene Koopmann; Wayne Koopmann; Junell Ladewig; Sandra Ladewig (Junell Ladewig’s daughter-in-law); Gladys Mach; Renee Mazoch (Hannah Sanchez’s friend); Pat Michael; Renee Moreland (Betty Pecora’s granddaughter); Jim Moulder (Charles & Sylvia Hebert’s friend); Kermit Muske; David Newman; Joyce Newman; Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Robert Pavlik; Nancy M. Pietsch (James Pietsch’s sister); 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); Ann Shofner (Charles & Sylvia Hebert’s friend); 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); Thelma Zoch (Tami Pietsch’s mother).

**Prayer of Christian Sympathy** to the family and friends of Robert Wolfram (Ted’s brother), who passed away on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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)**