

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.

All **2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars®** have been made available for members to direct. As a reminder, 2017 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2018. If you are a Thrivent member, please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Mt. Calvary, the Preschool or Camp Lone Star!

Our own **BOB HORN** will be a speaker at Lutherhostel 2018 at Camp Lone Star on March 6<sup>th</sup>. You can attend just for that one day at a cost of \$26, which includes lunch. Bob will be making two 2-hour presentations based on his book. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office.

*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church).....	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Children’s Church .....	9:00 a.m.
	No Sunday School .....	
	LYF Bible Study (Youth Room) .....	10:15 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) .....	10:15 a.m.
	Women’s Bible Study & Movie (Fellowship House) .....	3:00 p.m.
Monday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance .....	9:00 a.m.
	Preschool Chapel.....	10:15 a.m.
	Happy Scrappers (Fellowship House).....	2:00 p.m.
	Board of Preschool (Fellowship House).....	5:30 p.m.
	Board of Elders (Multipurpose Room).....	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday:	Communion at Jefferson Place.....	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) .....	10:00 a.m.
	Ash Wednesday Service with Communion .....	11:00 a.m.
	Games Day (Fellowship House) .....	1:00 p.m.
	No Confirmation Class .....	
	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church).....	6:15 p.m.
	Ash Wednesday Service with Communion .....	7:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline .....	9:00 a.m.
	Newsletter Deadline.....	10:00 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) .....	12:15 p.m.
Saturday:	Men’s Club Wood Splitting .....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday:	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:** *Throughout Scripture, God the Father reminds us of who Jesus is: “My beloved Son; listen to Him” (Mark 9:7). We are to listen to Jesus for our salvation and no one else, for there is no one else who brings the message of forgiveness and salvation to completion. Jesus died for all the sins of mankind, and He rose again for our salvation. Thanks be to God for His gift of Jesus!*



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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.

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Bless we the Lord.



**BENEDICTION**

**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:** ..... "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" ..... # 417

**POSTLUDE:**..... "Postlude in C" ..... by E. L. Ashford

**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:** ..... "Where Faith Is Found" .....arr. by Dorothy Wells

*Stand as the cross passes by.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**..... "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here" .....# 414

**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 99

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

**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.**

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

**KYRIE (Lord Have Mercy)**

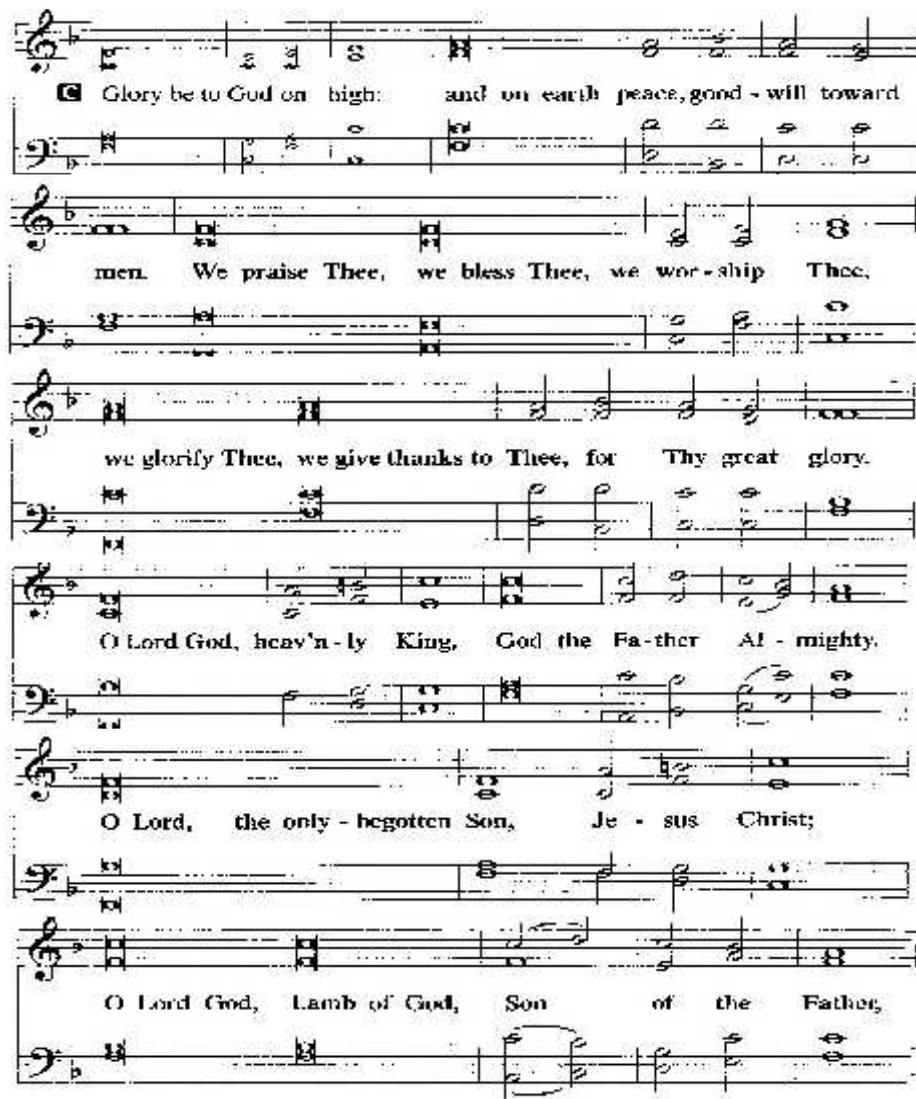




**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Stand*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**



**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); 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; Marvin Miertschin; 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** for the family and friends of Lillie McGuire, who passed away on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**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, Lillie Diller, Lorine Fischer, Barbara Hoffmann, Marvin Miertschin, Elvas Roensch, and Florence Tschatschula.

**Care Inn:** Olga Buchhorn, Edna Kessel.

**Kruse Village in Brenham:** Marge Harting.

**Colonial Care (Schulenburg):** Irene Koopmann.

**Regency (Schulenburg):** Gladys Mach.

**Oakmont Care Center (Katy):** Alfred Drescher.

**Warm Springs (Luling):** Marvin Miertschin.

**Parkview Manor (Weimar):** Rose Marie Kilian.

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

**At Home:** Kermit Muske, A. F. Seifert.

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

(after the reading)

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



**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:** ..... "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" .....# 411

**SERMON:**....."Mountain Climbing" ..... Mark 9:2-9

**OFFERTORY:**....."By the Sea of Galilee".....by Charles Myers  
(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 Chronicles 29:9 – The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.



**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Let us pray.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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:** ..... 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING:** ..... 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** ..... Beverly Albers

*(After the children's message, the children will leave for Children's Church in the Education Building.)*

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



**GOSPEL:** ..... Mark 9:2-9

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

