

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday:	LWR Quilt Dedication
	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Children’s Church.....9:00 a.m.
	No Sunday School
	No LYF Bible Study.....
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....10:15 a.m.
	Men’s Club Pork Steak Dinner (BBQ Pavilion)..... 11:00 a.m.
Monday:	PRESCHOOL CLOSED THIS WEEK
	Mt. Calvary volunteers at AMEN9:00 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.
	Lent Worship Service (Church).....11:00 a.m.
	Lenten Lunch (Fellowship House)..... 11:45 a.m.
	Games Day (Fellowship House) 1:00 p.m.
	No Confirmation Class
	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline9:00 a.m.
	Newsletter Deadline.....10:00 a.m.
	Mt. Calvary volunteers at AMEN 1:00 p.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room)12:15 p.m.
Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal.....8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Communion9:00 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: *We know this Bible verse from memory, but it would be good to truly understand it. You see, God loved His creation so fully and so deeply that He showed us His love, notwithstanding our sin, so that He willingly and lovingly gave His only Son to redeem us. Whoever believes that God loves us and forgives us that deeply will indeed have eternal life.*



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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.

TODAY is the Men's Club annual **PORK STEAK DINNER**, from 11 AM–12:30 PM. It is drive through only. Tickets are \$10 per plate. Tickets will be available at the drive through, and members' meals will be available immediately after the worship service.

Today we celebrate the dedication of all the Mary Martha Guild LWR Projects (School Kits, Personal Care Kits and Quilts) with a display on the pews of the beautiful quilts constructed by the Happy Scrappers and their silent partners during the past year. Four quilts are again being offered for **silent auction** until Sunday, March 25th with a minimum bid of \$50.00. All other quilts are available **this weekend only** for immediate purchase at \$75.00 each. You may reserve your choice with a tag or flag and then pick it up after the church service when a Happy Scrapper will be happy to assist you. All funds collected from the silent auction and immediate sale will be shared equally with "Project Comfort" to provide overseas LWR shipping costs and future Happy Scrapper Quilting Projects. Thanks for your support!

TODAY = PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OLDE TYME TEXAS WENDISH SUNDAY - The Texas Wendish Heritage Society is hosting a day of food, fellowship and fun at the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum. The day begins with *Kilian Kaffe Klatch* at 10 AM with dominoes, bingo and children's activities. Door prizes will be given throughout the day. Refreshments will be offered at 11:00 AM, followed by a brief meeting and a "*Wendish Easter Presentation*". The free will donation *Wiernerschnitzel* lunch with all the trimmings will be served at 12 noon. Homemade dessert will be available. Dominoes, bingo and children's activities will be offered from 1:00 until 2:30pm. *Non-members are invited to attend.* **PLEASE RSVP** for meal by Wednesday, March 7th to wendish@bluebon.net or 979-366-2441. *Come join the food, fun and fellowship of an olde tyme Texas Wendish Sunday - thank you!*

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday Worship: 132
Sunday Bible Class: 3
Wed. AM Bible Class: 13
Wed. Lent Service: 70

OFFERINGS: Our weekly needs: \$6,138.75

Home Purposes: \$4,354.00
Online Giving: \$2,865.00
Missions: \$170.00
Building & Improvements: \$295.00

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

Acolyte:..... Shaylee McCoy
Lector:..... Lynsey Bamsch
Elders:..... Rev. La Verne Fitch, Justin Hollek
Head Ushers:..... Ricky Dunk, Dennis Schnell
Ushers:..... Bev Albers, Lee Herbrich
Greeters:..... Stell Midgett, Sharon Pietsch
Sound:..... Ralph Streicher
Altar Guild:..... Brenda Fischer
Chancel Flowers:..... Lee Herbrich

☩ 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.

☩ 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.

☩ Amen.

Sit

PRELUDE: "*Offertorium*" *by Gordon Young*

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:..... "*Not All the Blood of Beasts*" # 431

GREETING

☩ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

☩ And also with you.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROITPsalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**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.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

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.

(During Lent, the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted.)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spli - t.

P Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Sit

P Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God,

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.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Sit, but stand when the cross passes by.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:..... "Amazing Grace" # 744

POSTLUDE:..... "Andante" *arr. by Tom Birchwood*

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PASTOR:..... Rev. Bill Qualman
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:..... Laura Gillette
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Jackie Claude
STUDENT PIANIST:..... Miles Gillette-Bockhorn
ACOLYTE:..... Cameron Kruse
LECTOR:..... Bev Albers
ELDERS:..... Rev. La Verne Fitch, Justin Hollek
HEAD USHERS:..... Harold Streicher, OPEN
USHERS:..... Harvey Dippel, Charles Hebert
GREETERS:..... Joan Miertschin, Joyce Newman
SOUND:..... Linda Streicher
ALTAR GUILD:..... Shery Dunk

CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by James and Mary Walker in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary (March 8th).

granddaughter); Woody and Carolyn Butler (Joan Miertschin’s cousin); Deb Conway; Lillie Diller; Joyce Dippel; Edna Ebner; Jennifer Freeman (Judy Zuhn’s daughter); Ron Fritsch (Joan Miertschin’s friend); Bobby & Karen Gray (friends of the Heberts); 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); Wayne Koopmann; Junell Ladewig; Sandra Ladewig (Junell Ladewig’s daughter-in-law); Gladys Mach; Marvin Matthijetz (Linda Herbrich’s brother-in-law); Renee Mazoch (Hannah Sanchez’s friend); Pat Michael; Ruby Mikulin (Paul Mikulin’s mother); Renee Moreland (Betty Pecora’s granddaughter); Jim Moulder (Charles & Sylvia Hebert’s friend); David Newman; Joyce Newman; Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Nancy M. Pietsch (James Pietsch’s sister); Mary Rauch (Mary Walker’s cousin); Glenn Schneider; Mary Lou Scoggins (Betty Pecora’s friend); Penny Sengler (BJ Ullrich’s daughter); Ann Shofner (Charles & Sylvia Hebert’s friend); Ray Streger; William Trlica; Ruby Weatherton (Lisa Caridi’s cousin); Mike Wherry (Junell Ladewig’s son-in-law); Thelma Zoch (Tami Pietsch’s mother).

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, Elvas Roensch, and Florence Tschatschula.

Care Inn: Olga Buchhorn, Edna Kessel, Ethlyn Michalk.

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: 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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT DEDICATION

Today we dedicate the quilts made by our Happy Scrappers for Lutheran World Relief. Imagine the comfort that comes from a hug at the time when you need it most. That’s the feeling you can share with an LWR Quilt. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, you can reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope — you are not alone. These quilts may be used to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. But their versatility also makes quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother’s back. Your donations and work have made it possible to provide 82 quilts to people in need.

+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT READING:Numbers 21:4–9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 2:1–10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....Jackie Claude

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

Stand

GOSPEL:..... John 3:14–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

(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:..... “What Wondrous Love Is This” # 543

SERMON:..... “Lifting High the Cross” Numbers 21:8, John 3:15

OFFERTORY:..... “O Jesus King Most Wonderful” arr. by Edward Broughton *(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 29:13-14 – (David prayed to God) “God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”*

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); Casey Hyman (Betty Pecora’s nephew); Barbara Kautz (Carol Ahlschlager’s friend); Wanda Keene (Ruby Fehrle’s niece); Amanda Knox; Amy Lochte; Lucas Lowe (Rev. & Karen Fitch’s nephew); Charlotte Lucius (Deb Conway’s mother); Vivian Matthews (Dorothy Witt’s friend); David Mueller (Lorena Mueller’s son); Robert Pavlik; Lara Janda Perez; Bubba Schneider; Lindsey Schouten (Lorri Sanchez’s cousin); Barbara Tieken (friend of several members); Dionie Tolman (Gladys Teinert’s friend); Nancy Vasut; Mary Walker; and Leroy Wittmann.

Health and Other Concerns: Gladys Ahlschlager; Rebekka Aleman; Robert Banda (Charles Hebert’s friend); Meagen Bednar (Hannah Sanchez’s friend); Calvin Bohot; Elva Bohot; Victor Bohot; Susan Bolado (Marilyn Spillane’s daughter); Heather Butler (Joyce Newman’s