

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Today:	Sunrise Worship Service with Communion6:00 a.m.
	LYF Easter Breakfast immediately following worship.....
	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)8:15 a.m.
	Easter Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
	Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m.
	No Sunday School or Bible Classes Today
Monday:	Preschool Chapel.....10:15 a.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.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)10:00 a.m.
	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Sunday Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room)12:30 p.m.
Saturday:	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.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....9:30 a.m.
	No Sunday School



ABOUT THE COVER: *The women walked to the tomb and fretted about who would roll away the stone. They arrived and saw the stone had been rolled away already. An angel then spoke to them and said, “He has risen” (Mark 16:6). Those were the very words the women needed to hear. Those are the same words we need to hear often to remind us of Jesus’ promise of His resurrection for our salvation. “He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”*

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

800 N. Franklin St., La Grange, TX 78945

Worship Services: Sundays at 9:00 AM Bible Classes & Sunday School Sundays at 10:15 AM

Rev. Bill Qualman, Pastor

Office: (979) 968-3938 Fax: (979) 968-2918 Email: pastor@mtcalvary-lems.org

Visit us on the web at www.mtcalvary-lems.org !

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



SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

WELCOME to all in the name of Jesus, who is presented as God’s Appointed One to suffer for our sins and give us His victory in the resurrection. Jesus is shown today to be our High Priest. We can come to Him because He understands our needs, because He was just like us, except without sin. We pray that this worship service will be uplifting and encouraging to you. We extend a special welcome to visiting friends and guests. Please fill out a “Welcome” card from the front of the red attendance folder or in the pews, and hand it to an usher.

**Please stand, if you are able.*

+ +

DECORATING THE BUTTERFLY CROSS..... All Children
This morning we are pleased to include with our Easter lily decorations our Butterfly Cross, a symbol for all of us of Jesus’ Resurrection. The butterflies, designed by Peggy Hunger and lovingly decorated and completed by our preschool children, represent the New Life all of us have following Jesus’ triumph over our cocoon of sin and death. Like the caterpillar who transforms into a butterfly, so we, too, are transformed by Jesus’ love and sacrifice.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:..... “*The Strife is O’er*”arr. by Douglas E. Wagner
..... “*Earth Shall Ring*”arr. by Tom Fettke
Both performed by the Mt. Calvary Bell Choir

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

donating cakes and plants. Items can be brought to the Education Building that Sunday morning, but please mark them "For Sunday School". Any questions, please call Lori Hollek (979-484-6002) or Joslyn Hensley at 979-702-1098.

The **Sunday School** will have the hamburger stand. Contact Lori Hollek or Becky Weikel if you would like to donate veggies (lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, etc.).

We will be holding a raffle in conjunction with our annual May Picnic and Auction. We will have 15 prizes: one \$2,500 gift card, one \$1,000 gift card, three \$500 gift cards, and ten \$100 gift cards. Members are being asked to sponsor one or more of these 15 prizes. The sponsors’ names will be listed on the raffle ticket next to the prize(s) they choose to donate (or you may remain anonymous.) The deadline to sponsor a prize is April 16th. Contact the church office if you’d like to sponsor one of the prizes or donate any amount towards a prize. Your money should be turned in to the church office by April 20th.

The \$20 raffle tickets will be available to buy or help sell soon after the April 16th deadline. There will only be 500 tickets sold. All raffle ticket sales money will need to be turned in by May 18th. All prizes will be given away during and after the auction. You need not be present to win.

Members of the Men’s Club and Mary Martha Guild will be selling the raffle tickets, but we also need volunteers to help sell the tickets. Contact Cheryl Roitsch at croitsch.ecisd.org or Stacey Olenick at sassy_1972@hotmail.com or 979-702-1791.

To volunteer in any way, or if you have any questions about the picnic activities, please call the contacts listed above, or the church office at 979-968-3938 or secretary@mtcalvary-lcms.org or use the sign-up poster on the bulletin board. Any and all help is greatly needed and appreciated!

If you would like to be a part of the picnic planning committee, just contact the church office. More help is always needed!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Saturday Sabbath to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new: He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him – a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God: all this comes from our Risen Lord’s grace.

us on April 14. Schedule: Session 1: 9-11 a.m. Lunch. Session 2: 12-2 p.m. There is no fee, but please register with the church office.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC NEWS & INFORMATION

It's time for the 25th annual Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool **Picnic and Live Auction**, and this year, we will again be holding the picnic on our Mt. Calvary church grounds! Mark your calendars and tell all of your friends and family to join us on Sunday, May 20th. The worship service will be held in the church sanctuary, beginning at 9:00 AM. Attendees may dress in "picnic casual" attire. **NEW!!!** We will not be having a dine-in, but you will be able to take to-go plates and eat on picnic tables or in the air-conditioned Fellowship House. The drive-through will be at the BBQ pits. Children's games and activities are being planned. Live music and the live auction will take place at the BBQ Pavilion.

The barbecue dinner and auction are the church's only fundraiser, and we need everyone's help to make it a success. You cannot imagine the fun you are missing if you aren't helping with all the day's activities! Take a look and see where you would like to help:

- Selling meal tickets (contact Brenda Fischer 979-249-3467 to get your tickets)
- Asking local businesses to donate an auction item (contact the church office for the list)
- Donating an auction item yourself (contact the church office)
- Meal preparation on Saturday May 19th (contact Dennis Schnell 979-242-3790)
- Helping cut meat (contact Willie Ahlschlager)
- Helping in the drive through line (contact Gladys Teinert)
- Helping in the "eat here" serving line (contact Rosalie Moerbe)
- Washing dishes (contact Daniel Fischer 979-249-3467)
- Helping with the auction (contact Linda Streicher or Janice Teinert)
- Baking cakes for sale at the drive-thru line, and/or for the cake walk (contact Janice Teinert)
- Clean up after the picnic (contact Daniel Fischer 979-249-3467)
- Selling cakes in the drive-thru line (contact Susie Polasek or Lee Herbrich)
- Selling raffle tickets (contact Cheryl Roitsch or Stacey Olenick)

If you are **DONATING AN ITEM** to the auction, please bring it to the church office no later than Friday, May 18th. We will have pre-printed lists of all the auction items available to the buyers. If you cannot turn your item in by that date, for example, because it is perishable, please contact the church office and let us know what your item is so that it can be listed. Otherwise, late items will be placed at the end of the auction.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL will be having a cake, plant and prize walk. You can help us by

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 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 ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sit

PRELUDE:..... “Interlude on ‘I Know that My Redeemer Lives’” by Samuel Medley

Stand as the cross passes by.

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” #457
Accompanied by the Mt. Calvary Bell Choir

(Please turn to face the narthex as the processional Cross enters)

***THE EASTER ACCLAMATION** *(read responsively)*

P The Lord is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

C But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

P Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him that He may save us.

C This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

P The Lord is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God, You gave Your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 118

Shery, & Kayley Dunk and Trevor Brooks; Rachel Marie Fischer by Daniel & Brenda Fischer; our parents, Walter & Edna Richter & Charles & Mary Hebert by Charles & Sylvia Hebert; Clinton Herbrich by Rick & Lee Herbrich; Clinton & Rosemary Herbrich by Susie & Dave Polasek; Harold Hunger, husband & father by Peggy & Heath Hunger; Sheila Kappler & Rachel Midgett by Garland & Stell Midgett; Werner & Louise Koopmann by Johnny & Irene Koopmann, Martin & Karen Koopmann, Wayne Koopmann, and Judy Zuhn; Brice Kuhlmann by Susan Cook; Victor Mikulin, E.C. & Fritzie Zuhn by Paul & Diana Mikulin; Carol Mooreland by Susie & Dave Polasek; Kermit Muske by Josie Muske; our parents, Tex & Lee Roitsch and Sonny Barosh by Cheryl Roitsch & Mick Barosh; Hollie Schneider by Jane Schneider; Ryan James Stokes by James & Sharon Pietsch; dearly departed family members by Ralph Streicher; mother, Gloria Fordyce and brother James Fordyce by Harold & Linda Streicher; brothers-in-law, Tom Hardaway & Don Doctor by Ralph, Harold & Linda Streicher; Katie Teinert by Lee & Janice Teinert; Alfred Weber by Dorothy Weber; Kelsey Pietsch by Eugene & Faye Winkler; Jim Zuhn by Judy Zuhn; Wm. & Hilma Zuhn by Judy Zuhn.

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

Attendances:

Palm Sunday Worship: 133

Offerings:

Our weekly needs: \$ 6,138.75

Home Purposes: \$3,649.00

Additional Online Donations: \$305.00

Missions: \$140.00 Bldg Fund: \$180.00

Special Offerings: In memory of Lillie Diller, \$75 to the General Fund and \$40 to the Building Fund.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Children’s Message Bev Albers

Acolyte: Hannah Sanchez

Lector: Brenda Fischer

Elders: James Lehmann, Sherry Winkler

Head Ushers: Ricky Dunk, Dennis Schnell

Ushers: Harold Streicher, Judy Zuhn

Greeters: Dale & Dorothy Witt

Video: Bev Albers

Sound: Linda Streicher

Altar Guild: Lee Herbrich

Chancel Flowers: OPEN

On Saturday, April 14, at the Fellowship House, Bob Horn will present **IN HIS IMAGE**, based on his book. The Image of God is what separates us from every other living creature. We still have God’s Image, although it has been damaged by sin. Our faith in Jesus empowers each of us to use His Image in ways that are pleasing to God. This will be the focus of the presentation. Please join

+ +

| SERVING TODAY | 6 AM Service | 9 AM Service |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Pastor | Rev. Bill Qualman | Rev. Dr. La Verne Fitch |
| Guest Preacher: | Rev. Dr. La Verne Fitch | N/A |
| Director Of Music | Laura Gillette | |
| Acolyte | Gus Herbrich | Shaylee McCoy |
| Lector(s) | N/A | Lori Hollek |
| Elders | James Lehmann, Sherry Winkler | |
| Head Ushers | Robert Boening, OPEN | Willie Ahlschlager, August Pietsch |
| Ushers | Nick Hensley, Luis Sanchez | Brandon Schnell, Justin Schnell |
| Greeters | Robert & Genelda Pavlik | Beverly Newell, Artie Schultz |
| Sound | William Crawford | Ralph Streicher |
| Flowers | Easter Lilies | |
| Altar Guild | Lee Herbrich | |

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.

You are invited to have **EASTER BREAKFAST** with us this morning! The LYF will be serving breakfast in the Education Building immediately following the Sunrise Service. The **EASTER EGG HUNT** will take place outside the Education Building immediately following our 9 AM service.

There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR BIBLE CLASSES** this morning. Enjoy the rest of this Easter day with your family!

EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD by James & Nancy Lehmann; Marilyn Spillane & Doran Jones; Bill & Vernell Sagebiel; Gladys Teinert; B.J. Ullrich; Edward & Nancy Vasut; James & Mary Walker.

EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN IN HONOR OF Delbert Dunk by Ricky, Shery, & Kayley Dunk and Trevor Brooks.

EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF our parents by Randy & Beverly Albers; Roland & Elna Bohot by Harvey Bohot; Harry Cook by Annie Cook; Geraldine Dunk by Ricky,

- P** On this day the Lord acted; let us rejoice and be glad in it!
- C On this day the Lord has done such a deed of glorious might!**
- P** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!
- C Oh, rejoice with gladsome song: It is wondrous in our sight!**
- P** Let the people of God and all who gather to worship Him proclaim, “His steadfast love endures forever!”
- C Lo, the once-rejected One has become the cornerstone!**
- P** Listen to the glad shouts of victory in the tents of God’s people: “The Lord’s mighty power has done it! His power has brought us victory – His mighty power in battle!”
- C On this day the Lord has done such a deed of glorious might!**
- P** I shall not die but live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. He punished me sorely, but did not deliver me to death.
- C Oh, rejoice with gladsome song: It is wondrous in our sight!**
- P** I praise you, Lord, because You heard me; You have become my salvation!
- C Lo, the once-rejected one has become the cornerstone!**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

THE ANTHEM..... *“The Risen Christ”arr. by Tom Fettke
Performed by the Mt. Calvary Ensemble*

Stand

***THE GOSPEL:** Luke 24:1-12
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

(After the reading)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord
C Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:..... *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” #461*
Verse 1 All Verse 5 All
Verse 2 Men Verse 6 Women
Verse 3 Women Verse 7 Men
Verse 4 All Verse 8 All

THE EASTER SERMON“From Fear to Faith”..... Mark 16:8

THE OFFERING

.....“Easter Morning”arr. by Benton Price

***THE EASTER PRAYERS**

P It is meet and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, but chiefly for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: for He is the very Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sins of the world; who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with the angels and archangels, the thrones and dominions, and the whole host of the heavenly army we raise the hymn of Your glory, singing again and again:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

P Wherefore, O most merciful Father, we humbly pray and beseech You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, whose body was broken for us, to receive and bless this offering of worship which we make unto You and to send upon us Your Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, to bless and consecrate our bodies, minds, and spirits, that we may give ourselves to You, a living sacrifice, holy and without blemish. Therefore, with hearts and voices we offer You now our joyful worship:

**C Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

P We beseech You to remember Your holy Church on earth. Accept, O Lord, her prayers of this day; that being roused from the death of worldliness, she may rise in new strength to show Your greatness to the world; for Your own name's sake, O Christ:

**C Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever
And our confidence alone.**

“Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB #507 Text (sts. 1–4) and Music: Public domain Created by LSB © 2006 CPH

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” LSB# 475 Text (sts. 1–4): © 1958, renewed 1986 Hymns Ancient and Modern Ltd. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, number 100010802.; admin. Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, number 100010802. Created by LSB © 2006 CPH

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” LSB #909 Text (sts. 1–4) and Music: Public domain. Created by LSB © 2006 CPH

***THE INTERCESSIONS**

*** THE 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.

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE RECESSIONAL HYMN:..... “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” #465**

THE POSTLUDE: “This Joyous Easter Day” arr. by Lani Smith