

Next 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 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.

OUR SINCERE APOLOGY! Inadvertently left out of the Easter lily list last week: Given in memory of Franklin Ahlschlager, Sr., by Willie and Terri Ahlschlager.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: John 20:19 – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.’ ” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

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 or Bible Class	
Monday:	Preschool Chapel.....	10:15 a.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:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Games Day (Fellowship House)	1:00 p.m.
	Board of Missions (Multipurpose Room).....	5:30 p.m.
	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church).....	6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline	9:00 a.m.
	Fellowship House in Use.....	10:30 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room)	12:15 p.m.
Saturday:	Bob Horn's Presentation (Fellowship House)	9 a.m. – 2 p.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.
	Decoration Day (Mt. Calvary Cemetery)	2:30 p.m.

ABOUT THE COVER: *We often refer to Thomas as “Doubting Thomas.” We doubt too. When something seems nearly impossible for us to believe, we blurt out, “Show me!” As humans, we think we need to be shown in order to believe. Some things sound too good to be true. Not so with Jesus. Jesus tells us about His love and promises for us. We need only to believe.*



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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: “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” # 466 vs. 1, 4, 5

POSTLUDE:..... “Sortie on Lion of Judah” arr. by Franklin Ashdown

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PASTOR:..... Rev. Bill Qualman

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Laura Gillette

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Bev Albers

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: “Now Let Us Rejoice” by Franklin Ashdown

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:..... “The Strife is O’er, The Battle Done” # 464

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 105

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

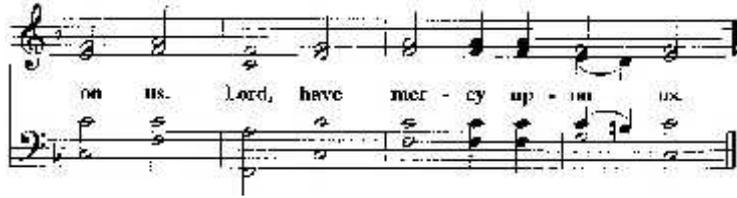
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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KYRIE (Lord Have Mercy)





on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

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 granddaughter); Woody and Carolyn Butler (Joan Miertschin's cousin); Deb Conway; Joyce Dippel; Kay Dippel; Diana Duff (Charles Hebert's friend); 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; Wayne Miertschin; 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, Lorine Fischer, 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

G 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

not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

(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: “These Things Did Thomas Count as Real” # 472

SERMON:..... “Peace With a Purpose” John 20:19-21

OFFERTORY:..... “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” arr. by Robin Dinda
(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
Deuteronomy 8:18 - Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

OFFERTORY PRAYER



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

+ READINGS +

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32–35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 1:1–2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Bev Albers
(After the children’s message, the children will leave for Children’s Church in the Education Building.)

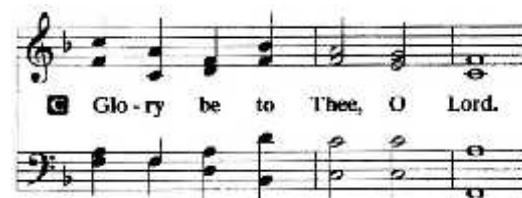
Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



GOSPEL: John 20:19–31

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



On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do