

**CALL DAY:** Concordia Seminary at St. Louis will be live streaming its Call Day services at [callday.csl.edu](http://callday.csl.edu) on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 PM. Call Day for Concordia Seminary at Fort Wayne is Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM and will be livestreamed at [www.ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel](http://www.ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel) and [www.facebook.com/ctsfw](http://www.facebook.com/ctsfw). Watch it live to find out if Mt. Calvary will get a seminary graduate!

Plans are underway for the 25th annual Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool **Picnic and Live Auction**, to be held on our Mt. Calvary church grounds! Mark your calendars and tell all of your friends and family to join us on Sunday, May 20th. Your help is needed! Please see the **poster in the narthex** for jobs that are especially in need of volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Tomorrow is the deadline for sponsoring one of the 15 **RAFFLE PRIZES** (one \$2,500 gift card, one \$1,000 gift card, three \$500 gift cards, and ten \$100 gift cards). We still have a number of them available. You may also donate any amount towards a prize. The sponsors' names will be listed on the raffle ticket next to the prize(s) they choose to donate (or you may remain anonymous). Your money should be turned in to the church office by April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a raffle prize.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and texts, all so very appreciated! -- Mary Walker

*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

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.
Monday:	Newsletter Deadline .....	10:00 a.m.
	Preschool Chapel.....	10:15 a.m.
Tuesday:	Communion at Care Inn .....	
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) .....	10:00 a.m.
	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church).....	6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline .....	9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) .....	12:15 p.m.
Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal .....	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Children's Church .....	9:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time (Education Building) .....	10:15 a.m.
	No Sunday School or Bible Classes .....	

**ABOUT THE COVER:** *We are sometimes blinded by our own joy. When Jesus' disciples saw Him for the first time, they were overjoyed – so much so that they may have even doubted who it was that they saw. Often we are distracted or blinded from seeing Jesus. But our eyes of faith are what always see Jesus and His love for us.*

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



**Sunday, April 15, 2018**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**

**WELCOME** to all in the name of Jesus, our unique Savior. Today’s Scripture Readings tell us that salvation is found only in Jesus’ name, and so Jesus must be proclaimed to all nations. May we be comforted that Jesus’ name has come to us, and remember our part in the spreading of this comfort to others. 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, and hand it to an usher.

*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:** .....“Thine Is the Glory” .....arr. by Steven Scott  
.....“Sing, Men and Angels Sing” .....arr. by Tom Birchwood

**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.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C who made heaven and earth.**
  
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**C Amen.**

*Sit, but stand when the cross passes by.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** .....“Jesus Shall Reign” ..... # 832

**POSTLUDE:** .....“Arabesque” .....by Steven Scott

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- PASTOR:** ..... Rev. Bill Qualman
- DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** ..... Laura Gillette
- STUDENT PIANIST:** ..... Miles Gillette-Bockhorn
- ACOLYTE:** ..... Brodie Filla
- LECTOR:** ..... Becky Weikel
- ELDERS:** ..... James Lehmann, Sherry Winkler
- HEAD USHERS:** ..... Daniel Fischer, Dennis Winkler
- USHERS:** ..... Harvey Dippel, Charles Hebert
- GREETERS:** ..... Bev Albers, Lee Herbrich
- SOUND:** ..... Frank Wolf
- ALTAR GUILD:** ..... Lee Herbrich

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Josie Muske in memory of her and Kermit ‘s 67th wedding anniversary and in honor of her grandson Joseph Johnson’s birthday, both on April 14th.

**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.

**OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:**

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| <b>Attendances:</b>  | <b>Weekly Offerings:</b>                    |
| Sunday Worship: 97   | <b>Our weekly needs: \$6,138.75</b>         |
| Wed. Bible Class: 13 | Home Purposes: \$2,002.00                   |
|                      | Additional Online Giving: \$180.00          |
|                      | Missions: \$152.00      Bldg. Fund: \$45.00 |

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:**

- Fellowship Time:** ..... Bell Choir
- Children’s Message:** ..... Brenda Fischer
- Acolyte:** ..... Travis Stokes
- Lector:** ..... Joan Miertschin
- Elders:** ..... James Lehmann, Sherry Winkler
- Head Ushers:** ..... Robert Boening, Lee Teinert
- Ushers:** ..... Bev Albers, Lee Herbrich
- Greeters:** ..... Annie Cook, Joyce Dippel
- Sound:** ..... Frank Wolf
- Altar Guild:** ..... Bev Albers, Lee Herbrich
- Chancel Flowers:** ..... OPEN

Sit

**DISTRIBUTION MEDITATION**

Stand

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther. All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

- P** Let us pray ...
- C** Amen.

**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which you daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Sit

**PRELUDE:** ..... “Lord Let Thy Spirit” ..... arr. by David Paxton

Stand as the cross passes by.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** ..... “He’s Risen, He’s Risen” ..... # 480 vs. 1, 4, 5

**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 30

In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.  
 I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.  
 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.  
 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
 you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.  
 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.  
 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.  
 Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**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.

In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

#### KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

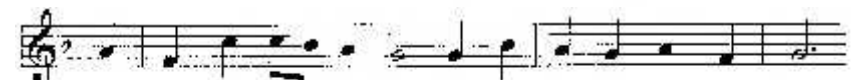
#### HYMN OF PRAISE: (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry: "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life...

*The prayer concludes:*

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### 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

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.
- C** Amen.

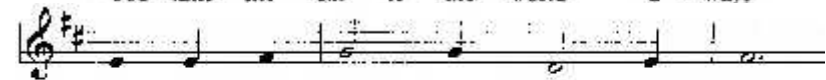
#### AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray,  
And grant us peace. O Lord, we pray.

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).

**Prayer of Christian Sympathy** for the family and friends of Erinn Guggenheimer (Beverly Newell's cousin), who passed away on Tuesday.

**Silent prayer for situations and people not listed in the bulletin.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.


**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS**



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
 Iru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**P** O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**+ READINGS +**

**FIRST READING:** .....Acts 3:11–21

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?"

"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.

But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** ..... 1 John 3:1–7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that  
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. John 20:31  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: .....Luke 24:36-49

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

(after the reading)

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

**C** **Praise to You, 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: ..... "Rise, Shine, You People" ..... #825

SERMON:..... "What Will We Look Like?" ..... 1 John 3:1-7

OFFERTORY:..... "The Lord Is On My Side" ..... by David Paxton  
(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 - "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Undergoing Cancer Treatment:** Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik's friend); Cari Brownlee (Joyce Dippel's granddaughter); Karla Frigard (Donna Kappler's cousin); Michelle Kiesling Henson (friend of Tami Pietsch and Lisa Caridi); Casey Hyman (Betty Pecora's nephew); Barbara Kautz (Carol Ahlschlager's friend); 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; Robert Banda (Charles Hebert'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); Sylvia Hebert; Frances Hentschel; Toni Hill (Beverly Newell's sister-in-law); 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); 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