

Him...and in knowing Him we learn to imitate Him. And that is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)	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	
Monday:	Preschool Chapel	10:15 a.m.
Tuesday:	Communion at Care Inn	
	Newsletter Assembly (Multipurpose Room)	2:00 p.m.
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 (Church)	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Communion	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School (Education Building).....	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship House in Use	10:00 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....	10:15 a.m.



ABOUT THE COVER: *There are shepherds, and then there are shepherds. Jesus is a special kind of shepherd. He says, "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11). He means that He is the perfect shepherd. He knows what we, His sheep, need, and He knows how to provide for us. Not only does He lead us to eternal life, but He feeds us on the way. Therefore, we join the psalmist who wrote, "The LORD is my shepherd" (Psalm 23:1).*

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



FELLOWSHIP TIME today is sponsored by the Bell Choir, and will be held after the service today in the Education Building. Please stop by to say hello to our members as well as our guests!

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

Attendances:	Offerings:
Sunday Worship: 134	Our weekly needs: \$6,138.75
Wed. Bible Class: 13	Home Purposes: \$4,404.00
Sat. Bible Class: 12	Online Donations: \$685.00
	Missions: \$210.00
	Building: \$40.00

Special Offerings: In memory of Clarence Mitschke, \$20 to the New Fellowship Hall. In memory of Marilyn Trlica, \$100 to the General Fund.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

Acolyte:..... Cody Kruse
Lector: Alan Claude
Elders:..... James Lehmann, Sherry Winkler
Head Ushers:..... Willie Ahlschlager, August Pietsch
Ushers: Karen Fitch, Ron Glaiser
Greeters: Charles & Sylvia Hebert
Sound:..... William Crawford
Altar Guild:..... Lee Herbrich
Chancel Flowers: OPEN

Plans are under way 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 your 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.

RAFFLE TICKETS will be available to buy or help sell very soon. 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 the live auction. You need not be present to win. If you would like to help sell raffle tickets, contact Cheryl Roitsch at croitsch.ecisd.org or Stacey Olenick at sassy_1972@hotmail.com or 979-702-1791.

Each year, our **PICNIC’S LIVE AUCTION** is our biggest fundraiser. Some of the items in our auction are donated by our church members, and some are donated by local businesses.

our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

☩ 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.

☩ Amen.

☩ 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.

☩ Amen.

Sit

PRELUDE:..... “Prayer”by Juliet Calkin

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:..... “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”# 549 vs. 1, 2, 7

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 23

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

OFFERING
1 Chronicles 29:16- LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Undergoing Cancer Treatment: Sharon Belota; 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; Neal Prestridge (friend of the Lochtes); 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 Bohot); 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); Ted and Barb Wolfram; Thelma Zoch (Tami Pietsch’s mother).

Prayer of Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Kevin Seifert, Sr., who passed away on Wednesday.

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

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.
- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

+ READINGS +

FIRST READING: Acts 4:1–12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:16–24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Brenda Fischer
(After the children's message, the children will leave for Children's Church in the Education Building.)

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God, John 20:31

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:..... John 10:11-18

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

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

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

(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:..... *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* # 709

SERMON: *“My Good Shepherd”* Psalm 23

OFFERTORY:..... *“Jesus Is My Hope”* arr. by Rachel Sawyer
(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.)