

**CAMP LONE STAR CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE:** Mt. Calvary's Board of Missions is sponsoring ten camperships for this summer's day camp at Camp Lone Star. Application forms are available in the church office, and on the narthex table. Parents pay \$50 per child, and the Board will pay the remainder. The available slots are filling up fast, so get your completed form to the church office as soon as possible! See Karen Fitch if you have any questions.

Sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild, the **MOTHERS DAY BAKE SALE** is scheduled for 8:00 AM on Friday morning, May 11th on the town square in front of National Bank & Trust. All Guild members are encouraged to provide their usual assortment of fresh baked goods such as breads, cakes, pies, candy and other delicious goodies. Please have your items at the Bank **prior** to 8 o'clock so that everyone walking on the Square will have an opportunity to shop on their way to their job. If assistance is needed with pickup or delivery, please call Sharon Pietsch at 249-5627. Funds raised will be used by the Guild to support various local outreach projects. Be sure to stop by the Bank on the morning of May 11th to support the Mary Martha Guild!

*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

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| Sunday:    | Ensemble Rehearsal.....                          | 8:15 a.m.  |
|            | Worship Service with Communion.....              | 9:00 a.m.  |
|            | Sunday School (Education Building) .....         | 10:15 a.m. |
|            | Bible Class I (Multipurpose Room) .....          | 10:15 a.m. |
| Monday:    | Preschool Chapel.....                            | 10:15 a.m. |
|            | Special Elders Meeting (Multipurpose Room) ..... | 6:00 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. |
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**ABOUT THE COVER:** *Jesus commands that we love one another just as He has and still loves us. Jesus loves us unconditionally, sacrificially. He loves us not because He expects anything from us, but simply for the sake of God's love for His creation. We must struggle as humans to love that deeply, but by God's grace, through Christ, we are enabled to truly love our neighbor.*



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



**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

....."Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"..... # 540  
....."Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"..... # 637

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:**..... "Interlude on Foudnation" ..... arr. by Dennis Janzer

Stand as the cross passes by.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**..... "When Morning Gilds the Skies"..... # 807

**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 145

A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.  
I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.  
The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!  
My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

**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.**

A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.

## KYRIE



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

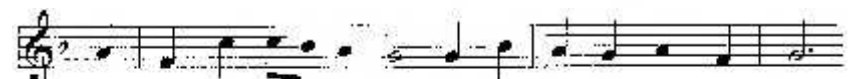
## HYMN OF PRAISE: (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O solt-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.

**P** O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**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

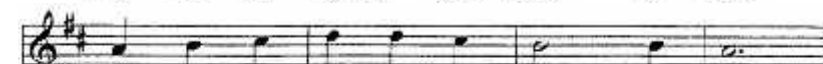
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

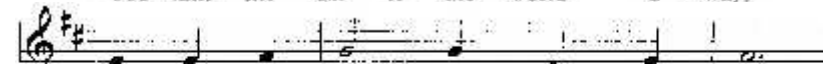
## AGNUS DEI



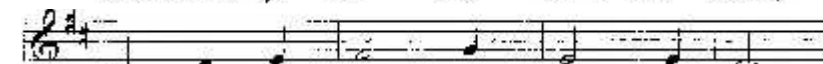
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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.

*Sit*

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).

**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 - ty blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Sit*

**+ READINGS +**

**FIRST READING:** .....Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

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

**EPISTLE READING:** .....1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**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: .....John 15:1-8

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

(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: ..... “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” ..... #611 vs. 1, 2, 5

SERMON:..... “The Greatest ..... 1 John 4:1,4

OFFERTORY:..... “How Firm a Foundation” ..... arr. by Dennis Janzer (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 ..... 2 Corinthians 8-9 - You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Hospitalized:** Joyce Schiwart.

**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