

) Please see the **poster in the narthex** to sign up for jobs that are especially in need of volunteers.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: 1 John 5:3 – *“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”* God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord: for the love of God is that we keep His commandments.

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Communion	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School (Education Building)	10:15 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)	10:15 a.m.
	LYF Bible Study (Youth Room)	10:15 a.m.
Monday:	Preschool Chapel.....	10:15 a.m.
	Happy Scrappers (Fellowship House)	2:00 p.m.
	Mary Martha Guild Spring Social (Fellowship House).....	6:00 p.m.
	Men’s Club Meeting (BBQ Pavilion)	6:30 p.m.
	Men’s Club Fellowship (BBQ Pavilion).....	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance	9:00 a.m.
	Communion at Jefferson Place	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Games Day (Fellowship House)	1:00 p.m.
	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)	6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday Bulletin Deadline	9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance	9:00 a.m.
	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room)	12:15 p.m.
Saturday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance	9:00 a.m.
Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Children’s Church.....	9:00 a.m.
	No Sunday School	
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)	10:15 a.m.

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.*

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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



Sunday, May 6, 2018
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME to all in the name of Jesus, our Savior, who loved us and so chose us to believe in Him and bear fruit for Him that endures. 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, hand it to an usher, and worship with us again soon!

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:..... "Voluntary"by *Adolphe Marty*
..... "Hyfrydol" *arr. by Anthony Giamonoco*

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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lector:.....Judy Zuhn
Elders:..... Harold Streicher, Becky Weikel
Head Ushers: Daniel Fischer, Dennis Winkler
Ushers:..... Brandon Schnell, Justin Schnell
.....Avery Harbers, Gavin Hollek, Grant Hollek, Caleb Stokes
Greeters:..... Jeanette Huelsebusch, Rosalie Moerbe,
..... Everett Cook, Gavin Cook, Mason Harbers, Charlie Herbrich, Enna Herbrich, Gabe Qualman
Sound: Linda Streicher
Altar Guild: Linda Streicher
Chancel Flowers: OPEN

If you would like to **NOMINATE A PASTOR** for the elders to consider during the call process, there are forms available on the table in the narthex. Please turn in your forms to James Lehmann or the church office. The deadline is May 27th.

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 Judy Zuhn at 968-6810. 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!

The school year and **LYF BIBLE CLASS** are winding down. Today will be the last class until the fall. We have a new 43" TV and Blue Ray player. We will be discussing movie clips from "The Castaway". This would be a good time to visit if your youth has not attended before so he or she can see what we do!

PICNIC NOTES

-) Raffle tickets are now available in the narthex and church office for you to buy or help sell.
-) If you would like to contact a local business about donating an item, please see the sign up sheet in the narthex.
-) If you would like to donate an item yourself, please bring it by the church office Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon.
-) We need a 16' lowboy trailer for the band and auctioneers. If you have one we could borrow, please contact the church office!

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✝ give you peace.



Sit, but stand when the cross passes by.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:..... "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" # 660

POSTLUDE: "Postlude on Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" by Anthony Giamonoco

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- PASTOR:..... Rev. Bill Qualman
- DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Laura Gillette
- STUDENT PIANIST:..... Miles Gillette-Bockhorn
- ACOLYTE: Cameron Kruse
- LECTOR:..... Rev. La Verne Fitch
- ELDERS:..... Harold Streicher, Becky Weikel
- HEAD USHERS: Ricky Dunk, Dennis Schnell
- USHERS: Nick Hensley, Luis Sanchez
- GREETERS: Donna Kappler, Gladys Teinert
- SOUND: Ralph Streicher
- ALTAR GUILD: Linda Streicher

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:

Attendances:

Sunday Worship: 93
Sunday Bible Class: ??
Wed. Bible Class: 11

Offerings:

Our weekly needs: \$6,138.75
Home Purposes: \$2661.00
Additional Online Giving: \$1,990.00
Missions: \$367.00 Bldg. Fund: \$50.00

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

Children's Message:..... Clayton Wolf
Acolyte: Gus Herbrich

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: "Hymn Fragment" arr. by Robert Lind

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:..... "O Day of Rest and Gladness" # 906 vs. 1-3

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 66

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,
 who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.
 Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!
**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.**
 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

KYRIE (Lord Have Mercy)

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: “O Day of Rest and Gladness” # 906 v. 4

That light our hope sustaining,
 We walk the pilgrim way,
 At length our rest attaining,
 Our endless Sabbath day.
 We sing to Thee our praises,
 O Father, Spirit, Son;
 The Church her voice upraises
 To Thee, blest Three in One.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray...

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray...

P O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Sit

+ READINGS +

FIRST READING:..... Acts 10:34-48

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

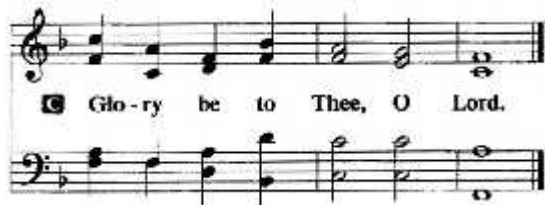
Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

[Jesus said:] "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

- "Come, My Soul, with Every Care" # 779
- "O Lord, We Praise Thee" # 617

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS



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 ✝ 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 ✝ 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.



AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

(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:..... "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"..... # 770

SERMON:..... "Mission Impossible"..... John 15:12,14

OFFERTORY:..... "Voluntary"..... by Robert Lind
(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 8:5 – They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:

Hospitalized: Chris Rasche (Lisa Qualman's sister); 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); Elaine Bowen (Charles & Sylvia Hebert's friend); Heather Butler (Joyce Newman's granddaughter); Woody and Carolyn Butler (Joan Miertschin's cousin); Deb Conway; Joyce Dippel; Kay Dippel; 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); Betty Lorentzen; 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); 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); Ray Streger; Harold Streicher (having surgery); William Trlica (broken ankle); Ruby Weatherton (Lisa Caridi's cousin); Mike Wherry (Junell Ladewig's son-in-law); Ted and Barb Wolfram; Thelma Zoch (Tami Pietsch's mother).

Also in Our Prayers Today are the members, family and friends of our church who are on active duty in the Armed Forces of our country:

Air Force: Adam Dunk, Sergio Meneses.

Marines: Freddy Meek; Phil Noack; Aaron Theiss.

Navy: Jake Barosh.

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

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

☐ The Lord be with you.

☐ And with thy spir - it.

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☐ It is meet and right so to do.

☐ It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)

☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,