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It's time for the 124<sup>th</sup> annual **SERBIN PICNIC**, on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Serbin Picnic Grounds on FM 2239. English worship service at 8:30 AM. BBQ sold by the pound from 9 AM until sold out. The Ladies Aid will be selling trimmings (potato salad, beans, noodles and pastries of all kinds). Arts and crafts, children's activities, and the Donnie Vavra Band from 3 – 8 PM. Come out and have some good old-fashioned fun!

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER: John 3:6** – *“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”* In Holy Baptism we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense: the total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God's math works differently (as we might expect from the Trinity!): a blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

Sunday:	Bell Choir (Church).....	8:30 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 & CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday:	Newsletter Assembly (Multipurpose Room).....	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) .....	10:00 a.m.
	Post Picnic Committee Meeting (Multipurpose Room) .....	6:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline .....	9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) .....	12:15 p.m.
	Mt. Calvary volunteers at AMEN.....	1:00 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:** *Today, we publicly celebrate “the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity,” as we say in the Athanasian Creed. We believe, teach, and confess that the Holy Trinity consists of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, three persons in one divine essence or being. The thrice spoken “holy, holy, holy” is our humble way of praising the holy, divine, and eternal Trinity.*

**MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL**

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







**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.
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT READING: .....Isaiah 6:1-8

**Christ was born across the sea,  
 With a glory in His bosom  
 That transfigures you and me.  
 As He died to make men holy,  
 Let us live to make men free,  
 While God is marching on.  
 Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
 Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
 Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
 His truth is marching on.**

- P** We pray these special intercessions . . .

**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); Chris Rasche (Lisa Qualman's sister); 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; Rebecca Aleman; Robert Banda (Charles Hebert's friend); Joyce Boening; 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); Kay Dippel; 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); Shirley Hudson (Elsie Michalk's friend); Wayne Koopmann; Lavine Kuhlmann (Leah Wolf's mother); Junell Ladewig; Sandra Ladewig (Junell Ladewig's daughter-in-law); Betty Lorentzen; Gladys Mach; Marvin Matthijetz (Linda Herbrich's brother-in-law); Paul Mersiovsky; Pat Michael; Elsie Michalk; Marvin Miertschin; Wayne Miertschin; Ruby Mikulin (Paul Mikulin's mother); David Newman; Joyce Newman; Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Robert Pavlik; Mary Rauch (Mary Walker's cousin); Mary Roitsch (Cheryl Roitsch's sister-in-law); Joyce Schiwart; Glenn Schneider; Mary Lou Scoggins (Betty Pecora's friend); Penny Sengler (BJ Ullrich's daughter); Ray Streger; William Trlica; Ruby Weatherston (Lisa Caridi's cousin); Mike Wherry (Junell Ladewig's son-in-law); Thelma Zoch (Tami Pietsch's mother).

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

**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.

**To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way;  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while time shall last  
Your Church may hold it fast  
Throughout all generations.**

**P** We pray for the blessings of our country . . .

**THE SECOND RESPONSE** ..... (Tune: “America the Beautiful”)

**O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!**

**P** We pray for those serving our country . . .

**THE THIRD RESPONSE** ..... (Tune: “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”)

**God bless our native land;  
Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night.  
When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave,  
Do Thou our country save  
By Thy great might.**

**For her our prayers shall rise  
To God above the skies;  
On Him we wait.  
Thou who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye,  
To Thee aloud we cry:  
God save the state!**

**P** We pray for those who gave their lives for our country . . .

**THE FOURTH RESPONSE**..... (Tune: “Battle Hymn of the Republic”)

**In the beauty of the lilies**

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

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

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** ..... Acts 2:14a, 22–36

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool. Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** ..... Jackie Claude

(After the children's message, the children will leave for Children's Church in the Education Building.)

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 3:1-17

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

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

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

[Jesus said:] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

(after the reading)

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

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**G** 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:** ..... "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" ..... # 761

**SERMON:**....."God's Prescription for Fear" ..... Romans 8:15-17a

**OFFERTORY:**..... "Offertory on Blest Be the Tie That Binds" ..... arr. by Don Freudenburg (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** ..... Matthew 6:33-34 – Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things (food, clothing, drink) will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Stand

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

(After the words, "Hear our prayer", the congregation sings the hymn responses:)

**P** We pray for our church . . .

**THE FIRST RESPONSE** .....(Tune: "A Mighty Fortress")

**God's Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;**