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Elders:..... Randy Albers, Bob Horn
Head Ushers: Willie Ahlschlager, August Pietsch
Ushers:..... Karen Fitch, Ron Glaiser
Greeters: Bev Albers, Lee Herbrich
Sound:..... William Crawford
Altar Guild:..... Karen Fitch
Chancel Flowers: OPEN

Where can you get a day of Christian family fun, worship, a great barbecue meal, and help **support a vital ministry** to youth and adults? **Camp Lone Star is your answer!** The big day is **Sunday, July 29th**. The worship speaker this year is **Rev. Ken Hennings, Texas District LCMS President**. **The outdoor worship starts at 10:30 a.m.** with the delicious barbecue meal following. An annual entertaining benefit live auction will be held in the air-conditioned Koop Center from 1 – 3 pm. A silent auction will be held, too, for those more timid bidders! Share in the ministry, celebration, and fellowship of Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas. We'll see you there! (For more information, a map to camp, or to donate an item to the auction, call 979-968-1657.)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Amos 7:8 – “And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.” One of the sins for which the Lord condemned the people through Amos was a disregard for the call of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. We can see here how seriously the Lord sees this! And that’s no surprise when we consider how God’s activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. To act otherwise is to act against the Lord’s own nature.

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday: Worship Service with Communion 9:00 a.m.
 No Sunday School or Bible Classes

Monday: Newsletter Deadline 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday: Communion at Monument Hill

Thursday: Sunday Bulletin Deadline 9:00 a.m.

Friday: Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) 12:15 p.m.

Saturday: Fellowship House in Use

Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Time (Education Building) 10:15 a.m.
 No Sunday School or Bible Classes

Fellowship House in Use today through Saturday

ABOUT THE COVER: *People seek to be brave and to show no fear. We often seek to hide our fears. We are fearful of others who may have more authority or a more prominent reputation than we have. Like Herod, we, too, have fears, and because of sin, we allow those fears to lead our life. Yet, in spite of all our fears, God promises His faithful love and forgiveness. Thanks be to God!*

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





Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

.....“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”.....# 636
.....“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”.....# 793

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS



POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray ...
C Amen.

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”.....by Michael Shea

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:.....“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”.....# 686

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 143

For your name’s sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

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.

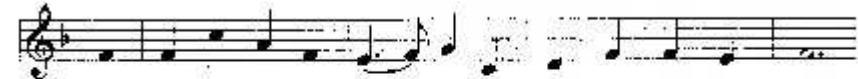
For your name’s sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

KYRIE



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

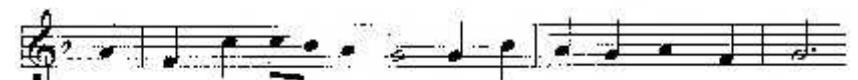
HYMN OF PRAISE: (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O 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 O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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 ✠ 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

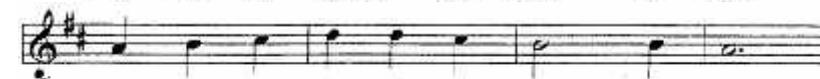
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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,

Gladys Mach; Marvin Matthijetz (Linda Herbrich's brother-in-law); Paul Mersiovsky; Pat Michael; Elsie Michalk; Glenda Midgett; Marvin Miertschin; Wayne Miertschin; Ruby Mikulin (Paul Mikulin's mother); David Newman; Joyce Newman; Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Robert Pavlik; Virginia Polasek; Mary Rauch (Mary Walker's cousin); Mary Roitsch (Cheryl Roitsch's sister-in-law); Joyce Schiwart; Glenn Schneider; JoAnn Schobel (Philip Weikel's mother); Mary Lou Scoggins (Betty Pecora's friend); Penny Sengler (BJ Ullrich's daughter); Amy Starkey (Lee Herbrich's friend); Ray Streger; William Trlica; Junice Walters (Carol Ahlschlager's friend); Ruby Weatheron (Lisa Caridi's cousin); Mike Wherry (Junell Ladewig's son-in-law); Johanna Wooldridge (Judy Zuhn's daughter); Thelma Zoch (Tami Pietsch's mother).

Prayer of Christian Sympathy for the family and friends of Gilbert Schimank (Martha Pietsch's uncle), who passed away on July 8th.

God's Blessings upon the marriage of David Newman and Debra Sewell, on Saturday, July 7th.

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;

Sit

+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT READING:Amos 7:7-15

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING:Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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:Mark 6:14–29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

(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:“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”#655

SERMON:.....“You Are Special Because You Are Loved by God” Ephesians 1:3-14

OFFERTORY:.....“Offertory on Finlandia” arr. by Franklin Ritter
 (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 9:7 - Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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; Helen Rotter (Dorothy Witt's niece); Bubba Schneider; Lindsey Schouten (Lorri Sanchez's cousin); Georgie Taylor (Lee Herbrich's friend); Barbara Tieken (friend of several members); Dionie Tolman (Gladys Teinert's friend); 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; Elaine Bowen (Charles & Sylvia Hebert's friend); Lewis Cypher, Jr. (Dorothy Witt's nephew); Kay Dippel; Edna Ebner; Jennifer Freeman (Judy Zuhn's daughter); Ron Fritsch (Joan Miertschin's friend); Susan Fritsch (Charlene Harbers' sister); Bobby & Karen Gray (friends of the Heberts); Kim Haskins; Sylvia Hebert; Frances Hentschel; Toni Hill (Beverly Newell's sister-in-law); Justin Hollek; Wayne Koopmann; Lavine Kuhlmann (Leah Wolf's mother); Junell Ladewig; Sandra Ladewig (Junell Ladewig's daughter-in-law); Betty Lorentzen; Estella Lueders (Edna Ebner's sister); Charlotte Lucius (Deb Conway's mother);