



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES
Babbtown (Meta 8 am)
Schubert (Jefferson City 10 am)

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Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

Order of Worship: Printed below
(with P for Pastor, C for Congregation)
or

found on page 15 in The Lutheran Hymnal TLH

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The Ringing Of The Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: TLH #198 "He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus The Lord"

**He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the Incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.**

**The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**

**But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes;
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yea, He lives, and will nevermore die.**

**O where is thy sting, death? We fear thee no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.**

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who sitteth in glory and ever shall reign.**

Invocation: p. 15 [*Responses Sung*]

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

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.

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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession: *[Spoken by all]*

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution p. 16

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 Ghost.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen.**

Introit

Gloria Patri: p.16 *[Sung]*

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: p.17 *[Sung]*

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis: p. 17-19 *[Sung]*

C: **Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation And Response: p.19

P: The Lord be with you

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

The Prayer Of The Day: *[Spoken by all]*

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world . Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Response *[Sung]*: Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Acts 3:11-21

¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Gradual

Sentence Of The Season

The "Triple Hallelujah": *[Sung]*

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Holy Gospel that is appointed to be read for today is from the Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 24, beginning with verse 36.

C: *[Sung]* Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P: Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.

C: *[Sung]* Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

The Apostles' Creed p. 12

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn: TLH #202 "Welcome, Happy Morning"

"Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say:

"Hell today is vanquished, Heav'n is won today!"

Lo, the Dead is living, God forevermore!

Him, their true Creator, All His works adore!

"Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;

"Hell today is vanquished, Heav'n is won today!"

Maker and Redeemer, Life and Health of all,
Thou from heav'n beholding Human nature's fall,
Of the Father's Godhead True and only Son,
Mankind to deliver Manhood didst put on.

"Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;

"Hell today is vanquished, Heav'n is won today!"

Thou, of life the Author, Death didst undergo,
Tread the path of darkness, Saving strength to show.
Come, then, True and Faithful, Now fulfill Thy word;
'Tis Thine own third morning--Rise, O buried Lord.

"Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;

"Hell today is vanquished, Heav'n is won today!"

Loose the souls long prisoned, Bound with Satan's chain;
All that now is fallen Raise to life again.

Show Thy face in brightness, Bid the nations see;

Bring again our daylight: Day returns with Thee.

"Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;

"Hell today is vanquished, Heav'n is won today!" Amen.

Sermon: "God's Plan" Text: Luke 24:36-49

(The Offerings are brought forward. Offering plates are at the entrances or can be mailed or given online.)

Offertory p. 22 *[Sung]*

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayers

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

[We invite those who are communicant members of sister Lutheran Congregations, in the fellowship of LC-MS, and are repentant, to commune with us.]

The Preface: p. 24 *[Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right and salutary that we should at all time and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God

The Proper Preface, p. 25

P: therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and singing:

The Sanctus: p. 26 *[Sung]*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer: p. 27

**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;**

[Sung] **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution: p. 27

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini: p. 27

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

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

The Agnus Dei: p. 28 *[Sung]*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace.
A - - - - men.**

The Distribution

Distribution Hymns: TLH #192 "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness"

Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious Sun.
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.

The Foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;
But, lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.

This is a sight that gladdens; What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son In love for me hath won.

Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim Death with all his might Cannot my soul affright;
He is a pow'rless form, Howe'er he rave and storm.

The world against me rageth, Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wageth, Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passeth through.
He rends Death's iron chain, He breaks through sin and pain,
He shatters hell's dark thrall,-- follow Him through all.

To halls of heavenly splendor With Him I penetrate;
And trouble ne'er may hinder Nor make me hesitate.
Let tempests rage at will, My Savior shields me still;
He grants abiding peace And bids all tumult cease.

He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rime immortal Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross hath shared Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me hath died Shall here be glorified." Amen.

TLH #204 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain"

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;
God hath bro't His Israel Into joy from sadness.
'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst His prison
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath risen.

All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom we give Laud and praise undying.
Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers, nor the seal Hold Thee as a mortal.

But today amidst Thine own Thou didst stand, bestowing
That Thy peace which evermore Passeth human knowing.
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;
God hath bro't His Israel Into joy from sadness. Amen.

The Nunc Dimittus: p. 29 *[Sung]*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:
which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Thanksgiving: p. 30

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer: pp, 30-31

P: We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith towards You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

The Benedicamus: p. 31

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction: p. 31

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn: TLH #644 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAY: Schubert – Ryan Forbis, Dylan Bellamy, Pamela Haynes, Wesley Titus, Patrick Mistler, and Jessica Verdot.

(NOTE: Please call or text Pastor with prayer requests and birthdays.)

PASTOR: Rev. Gerald Scheperle; Office phone: 573-395-4591; Cell: 573-353-9540.

ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Kathy Bauer; Schubert – Keith Bohl.

USHERS this Sunday: Gary Stroup and John Hanes.

USHERS next Sunday: Gary Stroup and Mike Forbis.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Jim Forbis.

ACOLYTE this Sunday: Sawyer Dippold.

ACOLYTE next Sunday: Landon Marion.

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CHRIST IS RISEN! Welcome to each of you in the Name of Jesus, our risen Savior. Today is the third Sunday of Easter. We focus upon the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

If you are a guest we greet you with special joy. Please be sure to introduce yourself, sign the guest register and come back soon.

A SPECIAL WELCOME to District President Pastor Hagan and his wife. President Hagan is preaching and visiting our congregations today. May God bless our Church Body and our congregations as we seek to move forward in ministry.

PAULA AND I would like to thank the congregations and Church family for your prayers, support and encouragement we received during Paula's illness and her hospitalization this past week. We praise and thank God for you and for the medical treatments that God has provided for our use.

Special thanks to Pastor Alter for filling in on short notice last Sunday.

TODAY: President Hagan meets with the congregations following worship at Babbtown; and following the basket dinner at Schubert.

- Voter's Meetings at both congregations.

MONDAY: Men's Bible Study / Supper has been cancelled.

THE COST of each Easter Lily is \$8.99. Please place payment in the collection plate.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as "Author of life" (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.

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**Thanks be to God that we have the opportunity to gather in worship each week.
Make worship and Bible Study and the Lord's Supper a high priority in your life.**

Babbtown

Schubert

**8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:10 a.m. Sunday School
and Adult Bible Study**

**9:15 am. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

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Hymn #198: Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:55; Erstanden, Erstanden!; He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, The Lord; Author: C. Ferdinand W. Walther (1860, cento); Translator: Anna M. Meyer (1937); Tune: Walther; Composer: C. Ferdinand W. Walther (1860).

Hymn #202: Scripture: Acts 10:40; Salva festa dies; Welcome, Happy Morning!; Author: Venantius Fortunatus (c. 590, cento); John Ellerton (1868, alt.); Tune: Sei du mir gegrusset; Source: "Enchiridion," Lubeck, 1545.

Hymn #192: Scripture: Colosians; Auf, auf, mein Herz, mit Freuden; Awake, My Heart, With Gladness; Author: Paul Gerhardt (1648, alt.); Translator: John Kelly (1867, alt.); Tune: Auf, auf, mein Herz; Composer: Johann Cruger (1648).

Hymn #204: Exodus 15:1-21; Αἰσωμεν, πάντες λαοί; Come, Ye faithful, Raise The Strain; Author: John of Damascus, circa 750; Translator: John M. Neale (1859, alt., ab.); Tune: Schwing dic auf; Source: "Geistliche Andacten," Berlin, 1666.

Hymn #644: Psalm 150:1; Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow; Author: Thomas Ken (1695); Tune: Old Hundred; Source: Genevan Psalter, 1551.

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CALVARY NEWS



CALVARY INSIDER – Wondering what went on at Calvary this week?

- Students and staff took time to safely observe Monday’s eclipse.
- Pastor Kris Morris (Christ the King, Lake Ozark) led chapel on Wednesday. Family Groups followed, meeting for devotional time, food, and fellowship.
- On Friday and Saturday, baseball Lions played in their home tournament against teams from LaMonte, Stoutland, and Tuscumbia.
- On Saturday, Scholar Bowl played their district tournament at Eugene.

LION ATHLETICS – Upcoming **Home** baseball games:

Tuesday, April 16 – Home vs. St. Elizabeth @ 4:30

If you would like information about Away contests for all sports, please check calvarylhs.org/calendar or

call the office to be put on an email list

LAST CALL FOR DINNER AUCTION TICKETS – Tickets are available through THIS Monday, April 15 for the 2024 Crimson and Silver Dinner Auction at the St. Martin’s Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, April 20, beginning at 4:00 pm. Ticket price is \$50 per person, and tables of 8 are available for \$375. Purchase tickets online at www.calvarylhs.org/auction or call the school office at (573) 638-0228.

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Missouri allows private K-12 tuition to be paid from a 529 fund. This is a great opportunity for families (or friends of a family) to contribute specifically to a student’s education through state-tax deductible contributions. Qualified withdrawals for tuition expenses can happen now or well into the future. Call John Christman 573-638-0228 or your financial advisor to learn more.

TWENTY YEARS OF CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENTS! – Assemble your team and shine your clubs! The **20th** annual Calvary Benefit Golf Tournament is **Friday, May 31, 2024** at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton! Consider entering a team, sponsoring a hole, or volunteering your time to help! We would love to have you! Contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org with your interest. To register your team, go to calvarylhs.org/golftournament Space is Limited!

SAVE THE DATE –

Apr. 20	Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction	calvarylhs.org/auction
Apr. 26	Calvary Blood Drive	
May 3	Calvary Spring Concert, 7PM	
May 25	Graduation of the Class of 2024	
May 31	20 th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament	calvarylhs.org/golftournament