



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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 21, 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 #648 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

**I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.**

**Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest. Amen.**

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]*

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have awakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Response *[Sung]:* Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Acts 4:1-12

¹And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

(Special Music - Schubert)

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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. John, chapter 10, beginning with verse 11.

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

The Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

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: LSB #735 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

**Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom Have no fear, little flock!**

**Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In His love forever; Have good cheer, little flock!**

**Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal Uplift and restore you; Praise the Lord high above!**

**Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you; Thankful hearts raise to God!**

Sermon: "Following The Good Shepherd - After The Resurrection"

Text: Acts 4:1-12

(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

[Babbtown will conclude with The Lord's Prayer, Hymn – TLH #436, The Lord's Prayer, The Benediction and Closing Hymn LSB #709.]

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 #436 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.**

**Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy, all my life, Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be. Amen.**

TLH #368 "The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare"

The Lord my pasture shall prepare And feed me with a shepherd's care;
His presence shall my wants supply And guard me with a watchful eye;
My noonday walks He shall attend And all my midnight hours defend.

When in the sultry glebe I faint Or on the thirsty mountain pant,
To fertile vales and dewy meads My weary, wand'ring steps He leads,
Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow, Amid the verdant landscape flow.

Tho' in the paths of death I tread, With gloomy horrors overspread,
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill, For Thou, O Lord, art with me still;
Thy friendly crook shall give me aid And guide me thro' the dreadful shade.

Tho' in a bare and rugged way, Thro' devious lonely wilds, I stray,
Thy bounty shall my pains beguile; The barren wilderness shall smile,
With sudden greens and herbage crowned, And streams shall murmur all around. 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: LSB #709 “The King Of Love My Shepherd Is”

**The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Schubert – Elaine Fennewald, Kayla Haslag, Ron Vida and Lin Bauer.

(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 Mike Forbis.

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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Russ Mueller.

ACOLYTE this 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 fourth Sunday of Easter. We focus upon our risen Savior who is the Good Shepherd.

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.

WE THANK Samuel and Silas Luetkemeyer for the special vocal of the 23rd Psalm.

THANKS TO THOSE who attended last Sunday and listened to President Hagan’s message and information. A special thanks to those who organized and brought food for the basket dinner.

TODAY: Newsletter items are due.

- Pick up your lily if you want it and take it home to plant.

SATURDAY: Evangelism Committee will be setting up for the T-shirt Sunday/dessert auction event on Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: T-Shirt Sunday, lunch and Dessert/Pie Auction. Proceeds to benefit Chaplain Mueller’s therapy. See back sheet for more information and sign up to bring a special dessert to auction.

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

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: The Gracious Savior brings a delightful clarity to life-and-death issues and situations. Killing and destroying belongs entirely to the work of the devil (John 10:11). The people of God advocate and extend abundant, everlasting life to the Lord's every last little lamb. Unto all our neighbors, with both our voice and our goods (1 John 3:17), may we "come that they may have life and have it abundantly!"

The Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Association will hold their Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran School. Registration begins at 3pm, business meeting and award presentation at 3:30pm, social time at 4:30pm, and dinner (Sweet Smoke BBQ) will be at 5pm. Adults \$13.50, Children 5-12 years \$6.75 (children under 5 are free).Reservation deadline is April 29th. Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the church office at 803 Swifts Hwy, Jefferson City MO. We hope to see you there!

FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE: Members of St. John's Schubert and Babtown, we were blessed to have District President Hagan as our guest preacher last week, and grateful for the Q&A he provided at Schubert about the future Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP).

To briefly recap a few points:

President Hagan has two people in mind to serve as our IIP. He will make a decision on this and will let us know next month. The Call Committee will interview the person and bring the information and their recommendation about the person to each congregation.

Once the IIP arrives, he will perform regular pastoral duties while also meeting with/surveying members to gain an understanding of "who we are" as a congregation, as well as our strengths and areas for growth to better prepare us for a new pastor when the time is right.

President Hagan believes it would be best to work with the IIP for at least six months (minimum) before we consider calling a new pastor. He did say that it would be possible (depending upon our preparedness and feedback received from the IIP) to call from the Seminary in 2025 if that was the wish of our congregations.

He reminded us that once Pastor Scheperle retires—HE IS RETIRED. We must rely on the IIP, Pastor Whittle, or other designated pastors to address our spiritual needs.

President Hagan encouraged all of us to enjoy the time we have with Pastor Scheperle and Paula prior to Pastor's retirement in June and to rejoice and give thanks to God for the many blessings poured out on each of our congregations.

In Christ,
The Call Committee

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: Babtown, 15. Schubert, 93.

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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.

Babtown

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 #436: Scripture: Psalm 23; The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want; Author Francis Rous, et al (1658); Tune: Belmont; Composer: William Gardiner (1812).

Hymn #368: Scripture: Psalm 23; The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare; Author: Joseph Addison (1712); Tune: Surrey; Composer: Henry Carcy (1723, alt.)

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Hymn #735: Luke 12:32; Matthew 25:34; Psalm 103:3-5; Matthew 28:20b; Have No Fear Little Flock; Authors: St. 1: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930; St. 2-4: Marjorie A. Jillson, b. 1931; Tune: Little Flock; Composer: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930; Text and Tune: © 19973, Concordia Publishing House.

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CALVARY NEWS

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

- Pastor Scheperle led Wednesday chapel with a message on Washing Feet.
- The Senior PE class took a trip to Strikers as part of their bowling unit.
- Friday afternoon, Calvary students and staff served in small groups around the community as a way to shine God's light.



THANK YOU!! – Many, many thanks to all who made the Annual Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction a success yesterday evening! This fundraiser would not be possible without a dedicated planning committee and volunteers, generous donors and attendees! Thank you for your continued support of Calvary Lutheran High School and our mission of Building Christian Leaders!

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

Tuesday, April 23 – Home vs. New Bloomfield @ 4:30

Thursday, April 25 – Home vs. Jamestown @ 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.

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!

BLOOD DRIVE THIS WEEK – The last Red Cross blood drive of the school year is this coming week on Friday, April 26. Register your donation online at redcrossblood.org/give

SAVE THE DATE –

Apr. 26 Calvary Blood Drive

May 2 FFA Petting Zoo

May 3 Spring Concert, 7PM

May 25 Graduation of the Class of 2024

May 31 20th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament calvarylhs.org/golftournament