



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Schubert (Jefferson City) 10 am**

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**FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 16, 2022**

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A warm welcome to each of you in the Name of our good and perfect Friend, Christ Jesus. We are truly glad and thankful to have you with us in worship this morning.

To those of you who are visiting guests, we extend a special greeting. Please join with us in prayer, praise and worship. Our goal is to share the greatest friendship of all – that of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection makes it possible to be friends with God.

Please be sure to sign the guest register and also join us for lunch in the church fellowship hall. Let us know if you have any questions – and come back again.

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The Ringing Of The Bell

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

**REFRAIN: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

REFRAIN

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

REFRAIN

The Invocation *[Please rise]:*

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: From the Holy Scriptures we hear these words: “A friend loves at all times.” *(Proverbs 17:17)*

C: **“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”** *(Proverbs 18:24)*

P: Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” *(John 15:13)*

C: **What a friend we have in Jesus!**

[Please be seated]

Hymn: “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

**What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev’rything to God
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear.
All because we do not carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a Friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness – Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there. Amen.**

Confession And Absolution: *[Please rise]*

P: We rise and confess our sins together: God’s love for us makes us bold to call Him our Father. Listening to His call to repentance and counting on His unconditional love, we lay before Him our sins both great and small. We seek God’s mercy and His forgiveness.

C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, 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. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, to die for us. By the authority and command of our Lord, as a called and ordained servant, I forgive you all you sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Psalmody: Psalm 103:1-13, 24

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: **and forget not all His benefits,**

P: who forgives all your iniquity,

C: **who heals all your diseases,**

P: who redeems your life from the pit,

C: **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

P: who satisfies you with good

C: **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

P: The Lord works righteousness

C: **and justice for all who are oppressed.**

P: He made known His ways to Moses,

C: **His acts to the people of Israel.**

P: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

C: **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: He will not always chide,

C: **nor will He keep His anger forever.**

P: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

C: **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

P: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

C: **so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**

P: as far as the east is from the west,

C: **so far does He remove our transgressions from us.**

P: As a father shows compassion to his children,

C: **so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.**

P: Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

C: **Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

ALL: 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.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul

C: **and all that is within me, bless His holy name.**

[Please be seated]

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 32:22-30

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

The Prayer Of The Day *[Please rise]*

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

⁴ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Hymn: TLH 334 "Let Me Be Thine Forever"

**Let me be Thine forever, Thou faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake Thee never Nor wander from Thy Word.
Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace forever Thy holy name I'll bless.**

**Lord Jesus, my Salvation, My Light, my Life divine,
My only Consolation, Oh, make me wholly Thine!
For Thou hast dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, Eternal life obtain.**

**And Thou, O Holy Spirit, My Comforter and Guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith.
Give me Thy constant blessing And grant a Christian death. Amen.**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 *[Please rise]*

1 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Apostles' Creed:

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: "When Peace Like A River"

**When peace like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**REFRAIN: It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.**

REFRAIN

**He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

REFRAIN

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul.**

REFRAIN

Sermon: "The Time Is Coming – The Time Is Here" **Text:** 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Offertory *[Sung] [Please rise]*

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 Lord's Prayer

The Litany:

P: Lord, help us sort out true friendships in our life. Remind us continually that . . .

C: **“Friendship with the world is hatred toward God! Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.”** (*James 4:4*)

P: When we are tempted to say, “Who cares?” remind us that ...

C: **“Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.”** (*Psalm 27:10*)

P: Develop among us, dear Lord, a friendship for each other that is patterned after Your friendship with us in Jesus . . .

C: **“So that there would be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.”** (*I Corinthians 12:25*)

P: Help us, Lord, truly to care for others, to befriend all in need with the love of Jesus. Remind us to . . .

C: **“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.”** (*Philemon 2:3*)

P: O Lord, may our friendship begin with You and extend to others so that . . .

C: **Our true friendships will be shown most as we “Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known among the nations what He has done.”** (*Psalm 105:1*)

P: Hear our prayer, O Lord;

C: **In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

The Benediction:

P: May God, our best Friend, be above you to bless you, within you to sanctify you, around you to protect you, and before you to guide you.

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

C: **Amen. It shall be so!**

The Closing Hymn: TLH 50 “Lord, Dismiss us With Thy Blessing”

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us, Oh, refresh us, Trav’ling through this wilderness!

Thanks we give and adoration For Thy Gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, Ever faithful To the Truth may we be found!

So whene’er the signal’s given Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angels’ wings to heaven, Glad the summons to obey,
May we ever, May we ever Reign with Christ in endless day! Amen.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS this week: Paul Haynes, Wade Stroup and Bethany Marble.

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

ORGANIST: Keith Bohl.

USHERS this week: Jerry Bartel and Mike Forbis.

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Acolyte: Isabella Larkins.

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Thank you for joining us on FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY!

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Join us for our regular Sunday services:

**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

9:15 am. Sunday School

**9:10 a.m. Sunday School
and Adult Bible Study**

**9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

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Hymn #334: Scripture: Romans 6:16; German: Lass mich dein sein und bleiben; Let Me JBe Thine Forever;
Authors: Stanza 1: Nikolaus Selnecker (1572); Stanza 2 & 3: Unknown (1688); Translator: Matthias Loy (1880,
alt.); Tune: Ich Dank' Dir, Lieber Herre; Source: "Musika Deuthsch," Nurnberg, 1532.

Hymn # 50: Scripture: Numbers 6:24-26; Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing; Author: John Fawcett (1773); Tune:
Regent Square; Composer: Henry Smart (1867).

Lutheran Service Book: St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, ©2006.

Hymn # 809: Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-24; James 1:17; Genesis 8:20-22; Psalm 89:1-2; Great Is Thy
Faithfulness; Author: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960; Tune: Faithfulness; Composer: William M. Runyan (1870-
1957; Text and Music: © 1923, renewed 1951, Hope Publishing Co.

Hymn # 770: Scripture: Mathew 7:7-8; Hebrews 4:15; John 15:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24; What A Friend We Have In
Jesus; Author: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819-86; Tune: Converse; Composer: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1915;
Setting: The Hymn Book, 1971; Text and music: Public Domain.

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WEEKY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO YOU in the Name of our gracious Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. It is good to be back again! God has given me a new understanding of those who have experienced both COVID and joint replacement! (You are never too old to learn). We are glad to have you with us this morning whether in person or electronically. We pray that the Spirit will refresh and strengthen you through the Word and Sacrament we receive and meditate upon this morning.

If you are a guest, we greet you with special joy. Please be sure to introduce yourself and join us again.

WE INVITE ALL OUR GUESTS and members to join us for dinner following worship.

HOSPITALIZED: Arline Mueller, Capital Region. Remember her in your prayers.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Cassidy Minor and family upon the death of her Grandmother, Helen Stulce. We rejoice in God’s promise to all who have faith in Christ Jesus that they will live with Him forever in Heaven.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is back in regular session. Remember to bring your children at 9:15 a.m.; and also youth and adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.

TODAY: Pick up your October Newsletter, the new Portals of Prayer devotion booklets, and October Lutheran Witness.

- Chili Supper , St. John’s Lutheran Church, Stringtown, 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- Turkey Dinner, Zion, Lone Elm, 11:00 am - 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Weekday/Confirmation Classes. Confirmation Class is for students beginning the 6th grade. The younger grades have a class with Ginger at the same time, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 23: Turkey/Sausage Dinner, Immanuel, Honey Creek, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CHAPLAIN JIM MUELLER is seeking donations of bags of Halloween candy to be given residents of Heisinger and St. Joseph Bluffs to be give out at Halloween. Drop off the bags of candy at the front desk at Heisinger before October 23

OCTOBER 31: Circuit Reformation Service. Pastor Dimbiniaina Havanjanhary (Pastor Andry for short), from Madagascar but working on his PhD in the United States, will be our guest preacher. He will give a presentation on “The ministry of asa and fampaherezana (Malagasy Confessional Lutheran (exorcism and healing) of the Lutheran Church of Madagascar” at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity, followed by the service at 4:00 p.m.

A “light dinner” will follow, in which the meat will be provided by Trinity and Christ the King. Other congregations are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts. Plans are in the works for a Circuit Reformation Choir; details will be forthcoming.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: Jacob wrestled blessing out of his competitor (Genesis 1:26). Timothy exhorted itching ears in season and out of season (2 Timothy 4:2-3). And the Savior’s persistent widow wouldn’t stop pleading to the authorities for justice (Luke 18:3). Our Lord will not let our advocating prevail any less when we speak the truth in love about the sanctity of every human life to leaders and neighbors.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: Babbtown, 19; Schubert, 91.

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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

CALVARY NEWS



CALVARY INSIDER – What happened at Calvary last week you ask?

- Calvary students and faculty hosted 52 area 8th graders for Survive & Thrive.
- 3 volleyball seniors & 8 soccer seniors were honored Tuesday night at Senior Night!
- The senior class participated in a service day Tuesday morning at Faith Lutheran.
- Pastor Heaton led chapel at Calvary based on Philippians 4:8-9.
- The Hobbit performances were enjoyed by all, both Friday and Saturday!

LION ATHLETICS – Home sporting events for the coming week:

Tuesday, Oct 18 Volleyball v. MSD @ 6PM, *Pink Out Night*

APPLE PICK-UP - If you ordered apples or apple butter as a part of the Boosters Apple Sale, you can pick them up **Saturday, October 22, 10AM-2PM**. Thank you for supporting Calvary Boosters!

GROWING LIONS – As a parent, do you feel like you are one an island? Like you are the only one who is a champion for your child? Calvary would like to encourage you with a monthly newsletter about relevant topics for parents of teens and pre-teens. The inaugural edition dropped this week. If you haven't received it, you can subscribe at bit.ly/3e4eZt2

OCTOBER BLOOD DRIVE – Save the date for the next Calvary blood drive! It will take place from 1pm to 6pm on **Wednesday, October 26**, in the Café at Calvary. Please consider donating to help save a life!

CALVARY'S GIFT OPPORTUNITIES – Calvary's Gift is a unique upscale thrift store located at 722 Jefferson Street, 100% volunteer run, and help is needed! Calvary's Gift benefits EVERY Calvary student in the form of "bridging the gap" of the cost of education and the price of tuition. If you have a few hours and would like to be a part of a dynamic group of people, reach out to Calvary's Gift at 573-659-8176 to volunteer! Don't forget to shop and drop off donations during regular business hours, Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

TUTORING AVAILABLE FROM CALVARY A+ STUDENTS – Calvary is providing after-school tutoring to K-12 students and their families for those who would desire extra help. Interested families can contact Erich Ahlers at 638-0228 or email principal@calvarylhs.org

FUTURE LION SHADOW DAYS – We invite 8th grade students to experience "being a lion" for a day by scheduling a Shadow Day. Late fall or early spring are great times to schedule these to coordinate fall breaks or other middle school scheduled days off. Please contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org to schedule your student's Calvary experience.

OPEN HOUSE CONVERSATIONS – If you didn't make it to Calvary's Showcase Open House yesterday, mark November 1 and 7 on your calendar. Calvary will host Open Houses for prospective families those evenings from 7-8 p.m. Come have a conversation with current students and current parents as they share about their Calvary experience!