



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

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503rd ANNIVERSARY (1517 ~ 2020)
REFORMATION / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 25, 2020

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

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Welcome to each of you, guests and members alike. It is good to have you with us. May God bless your worship today.

We, along with many churches throughout the land, commemorate today with special services of thanksgiving and praise to God for preserving the pure doctrine within the Church. The actual day of Reformation is set on October 31, because on that day in 1517 Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. This document dealt with the error of indulgences. This one act did not constitute the whole of the Reformation, it was one in a series of events that began a movement of renewal in the Church, and a return to the teaching of the Bible – mainly that we are saved by grace apart from the works of the law solely through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Martin Luther was not the first or only Reformer. Several men before him had died for their faith and their efforts. However, God saw fit to let Martin Luther live and to let him lead the Church back to God's Word. For this we praise God! We and many other people are Christians today as a direct result of the Reformation which has affected all church denominations, not only the Lutherans.

Faith Alone + Grace Alone + Scripture Alone

Soli Deo Gloria!

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Prelude

The Words of Welcome

[Please Rise]

Opening Hymn: TLH 262 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**A mighty Fortress is our God, A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

**With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.**

**Tho' devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not over-pow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.**

**The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Let these all be gone, They yet have noting won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth. Amen.**

Invocation: p. 15 [*Responses Sung*]

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

C: **Amen.**

Prayer: Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend my-self, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Kyrie:

P: O Lord,

C: **Have mercy upon us.**

P: O Christ,

C: **Have mercy upon us.**

P: O Lord,

C: **Have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.**

P: Grant wisdom unto Your Church, O Lord, that we may remain faithful to Your teaching.

Gather and unite Your flock to the true Shepherd of Your Church, Jesus Christ.

Renew us by Your Holy Spirit and keep us always in the true faith until life everlasting.

C: **All praise and glory be to Thee. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution:

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.

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: **Amen.**

The Prayer of Reformation Day:

All: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[Please be seated.]

Hymn: TLH 261 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word”

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word; Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son And set at naught all He hath done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow’r make known, For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we May evermore sing praise to Thee.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life. Amen.**

The First Lesson: Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it —

²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Creed-Hymn: TLH 251 "We All Believe In One True God"

**We all believe in one true God, Who created earth and heaven,
The Father, who to us in love Hath the right of children given.
He both soul and body feedeth, All we need He doth provide us;
He thro' snares and perils leadeth, Watching that no harm betide us.
He careth for us day and night, All things are governed by His might.**

**We all believe in Jesus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne, and might, Source of ev'ry grace and blessing.
Born of Mary, virgin mother, By the power of the Spirit,
Made true man, our elder Brother, That the lost might life inherit;
He was crucified for sinful men And raised by God to life again.**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who sweet grace and comfort giveth
And with the Father and the Son In eternal glory liveth;
Who the Church, His own creation, Keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation Daily come thro' Jesus' merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be In bliss with God eternally. Amen.**

The Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36 *[Please rise]*

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Children's Song: TLH 658, vs. 1-2 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

**Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, Leads against the Foe;
Forward into battle See His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

**Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

Children's Message: "With The Cross Of Jesus"

The Sermon Hymn: TLH 377, vs. 1-3, 5-6, 9-10 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

**Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.**

**What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.**

**It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.**

**Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and hath God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He hath for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.**

**Since Christ hath full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Thy grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Thy death is now my life indeed,
For Thou has paid my ransom.**

**Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
Yet faith alone doth justify, Works serve thy neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.**

**All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God that save us by His grace—All glory to His merit!
O Triune God in heaven above, Who has revealed Thy saving love,
Thy blessed name be hallowed. Amen.**

The Sermon: “The Silence Of The Law – The Proclamation Of The Gospel”
Text: Romans 3:19-28

Rededication Of Teaching Staff

The Prayers [*Please rise*]

The Lord’s Prayer:

**Our Father who are 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.**

The Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face 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 658, vs. 3-4 “Onward Christian Soldiers”

**Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never ‘Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ’s own promise, And that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

**Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the King;
This thro’ countless ages Man and angels sing.
Onward, Christian solders, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Bible Distribution

Celebration of Holy Communion

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown – Art M. and Arnold M.; Schubert – Finn L. and Kevin F.

ORGANISTS: Arline M. – Babbtown; Keith B. – Schubert.

USHERS this Sunday: Jerry B. and Kevin L.

Have A Blessed Week!

WE WELCOME into our Communicant Membership here at Schubert: James (Jim) B. by reaffirmation of faith and Robert (Bob) and Regina L. by transfer. We give them a warm welcome (socially distanced and electronically). We will have to put off our formal donuts and coffee until a later time but please make special effort to get to know them and encourage them as fellow members of the body of Christ. May God bless them through Word and Sacrament here and may we be blessed through their presence in our Church family.

TODAY: Pick up your November Newsletter.

TODAY: You are invited to stay after worship and participate in special activities and treats emphasizing the Reformation and Christian Education – please observe social distancing and enjoy the fellowship of the Saints.

MONDAY: Babbtown Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., followed by Ladies Aid.

WEDNESDAY: Confirmation Class, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY: Mask-only worship, 6:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to set you clocks back one hour.

OUR CHILI SUPPER (Drive-Through), Sunday, November 8, from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m., in our upper parking lot. We will be pre-packaging cold homemade chili and cookies. We are looking for people that will cook chili at home (in 4-lb. batches). You will pick up all ingredients at church (date to be announced later). Please cook no earlier than Thursday, Nov. 5. Bring pre-packaged chili to the church refrigerator on Sat. We are also asking for people willing to bake cookies and pack 4 per bag. Help will be needed on Sunday to take orders, money, give customers their order, etc. Please let Mike F. know if you can help out. Chili can be purchased by the congregation before noon.

REMEMBER: We are encouraging all who are in high risk groups, and that are hesitant, to remain at home and continue worshipping online. If attending live worship services, the wearing of masks is encouraged. Call if you wish to have private communion.

SHARE THE GOSPEL with all those around. Encourage each other in Christ.

WE ARE TRYING TO get all of our email and phone information updated. Please let us know if you are not getting the congregational emails. Be sure to check your “junk” mail if you are not getting it. Also contact Pastor to see what might be the issue. Thanks.

LIFE THOUGHTS FOR THE CHURCH YEAR: Scripture highly praises motherhood (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8) and fatherhood (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12). The Holy Spirit inspires the Apostle Paul to use them as words for the love of one Christian for another. We protect each other like fathers and take care of each other like mothers. If this clearly excludes the killing of even a neighbor (Leviticus 19:16), how much more shall we cherish the lives of children, however young, and parents, however old!

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OFFERING PLATES are placed at entrances for worship; or offerings can be mailed in to these addresses:

Schubert: St. John's Lutheran Church
4409 St John's Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Babbtown: Dianna Schubert, Treasurer
24 Evergreen Lane
Meta, MO 65058

ONLINE OFFERINGS can now also be accepted online through a link posted on our website! We now are registered to use a secure third party company to accept online donations Our new e-Giving service, Vanco, provides tools to make giving simple even when you're unable to attend church. Their e-Giving is safe and secure, and it allows you to continue your contributions. On our St. John's website Vanco page you can create your own password and login. If you have any questions, contact Terry Walkenhorst.

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PLEASE let Pastor or Elders know your spiritual and physical needs so we may be of help to you.
PAY ATTENTION to your neighbor and help those in need. Show care and concern for others.
PRAY EARNESTLY for strength and protection that only God can provide. Seek His deliverance from all evil.

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Thanks be to God that we can continue to open the church doors for worship on Sundays!

Babbtown

8:00 a.m., Sunday Worship

Schubert

Saturday: 6:00 p.m., Mask-Only Worship

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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The Lutheran Hymnal: St. Louis: Concordia, 1941.

Hymn #262: Text: Psalm.46; Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott; Author: Martin Luther, 1529; Tr.: Composite; Tune: Ein feste Burg; Composer: Martin Luther, 1529.

Hymn #261: Text: John 8:31; Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort; Author: Martin Luther, 1541; Translator: Catherine Winkworth, 1863; Tune: Geistliche Lilder; Composed: Wittenberg, 1543.

Hymn #251: Text: Nicene Creed; Weir glauben all' an einen Gott; Author: Martin Luther, 1525; Translated: Composite; Tune Wir glauben all'an einen Gott : "Manuskript Gesangbuch": Langenols, 1742.

Hymn #658: Text: Matthew 16:18; Author: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1864; Tune: St. Gertrude; Composer: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871.

Hymn# 377: Text: Romans 3-5; Eis is das Heil uns kommen her; Author: Paul Speratus, 1523, cento; Translated: Composite; Eist das Heil; German Melody, circa 1400.

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CALVARY NEWS



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

- Co-oping with Russellville, Calvary softball players made it to the district title game and finished as the runner-up. Congratulations on a great season!
- Calvary volleyball competed in the Eugene Tournament.
- Cross Country competed at Bowling Green Friday to round out their regular season.
- Calvary's choir traveled to Trinity Lutheran School to help lead chapel on Wednesday!
- Scholar Bowl hosted the first Mid-MO Invitational of the year.
- Calvary's thespians finished off three wonderful performances of "Orphan Train" on the Calvary stage.

DONATE BLOOD TOMORROW – The next Calvary blood drive is tomorrow, October 26 from 1-7 p.m. Appointments can be made by emailing Ruth Temme, temmer@calvarylhs.org, or calling 812-480-8508. Please consider donating to help save a life!

COME GET YOUR APPLES! – The Rasa Orchard apples are ordered, harvested and being delivered to Calvary this week. Your apple order will be available for pick-up at Calvary on Saturday, October 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please arrange to stop by and get your homegrown Missouri gems. If you didn't order but would still like apples, call school office.

CRIMSON & SILVER DINNER AUCTION – Thank you for prayerfully supporting Calvary students through our Virtual Auction. Check out the schedule below. Sunday, November 1 - Wednesday, November 11: Virtual Auction Website GOES LIVE for PREVIEW of ALL ITEMS Thursday, November 12 - Saturday, November 14: Virtual Auction BIDDING IS ON! Saturday, November 14: ALL AUCTION categories will close by 7:00 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. Student and tutor will be separated by physical barriers that will allow them to safely communicate. Masks can also be worn for an extra layer of protection. Interested families can select a time at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044CADAD22A3FB6-calvary>. Additional questions can be directed to Erich Ahlers at 573-638-0228 or principal@calvarylhs.org.

CALVARY'S GIFT HOURS OF OPPORTUNITY - Please stop by this amazing ministry to shop and thank the Calvary's Gift volunteers (an extension of our Calvary family). Business hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 9AM – 1PM. Donations are received on these days from 9:00AM – 12:30PM. Calvary's Gift is located at 722 Jefferson Street and the phone number is 573-659-8176. To volunteer, even outside the above times, sign up for a spot on the SignUp Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9ab28aafcc52-volunteer>

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.

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 extended 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 today to learn more.