



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

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505th ANNIVERSARY (1517 ~ 2022)
 OF THE REFORMATION
 THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 30, 2022

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

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Welcome to each of you, guests and members in person and online. It is good to have you worship 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 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 through faith 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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The Ringing Of The Bell

The 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.**

The Invocation:

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

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.**

The 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.

All: **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: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson: 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— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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.**

Sermon Hymn: TLH 263 “O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe”

**O little flock, fear not the Foe Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow’r. What tho’ your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o’er God’s saints Lasts but a little hour.**

**Be of good cheer; your cause belongs To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord. Tho’ hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise, Uphold you and His Word.**

**As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor hell with all their crew
Against us shall prevail. A jest and byword are they grown;
God is with us, we are His own; Our vict'ry cannot fail.**

**Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer; Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again! So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise, World without end. Amen. Amen.**

The Sermon: “Is Anyone Listening?” Text: Romans 3:19-28

(Usual time for The Offering – offering plates are at the entrances or can be mailed or given online.)

The Prayers *[Please rise]*

[Babtown will conclude with The Lord’s Prayer, Hymn TLH 258, Prayer, The Benediction, and Closing Hymn, TLH 473]

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

**The Preparatory Hymn, TLH 311, vs. 1 & 2 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”
Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil Foe.**

**As His pledge of love undying He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread And with the wine the blood He shed.**

The Invitation

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:

**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 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 Hymn: TLH 258 “Lord of Life and God Of Our Salvation”

**Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and Hope of every nation,
Hear and receive Thy Church's supplication,
Lord God Almighty.**

**See round Thine ark the hungry billows curling;
See how thy foes their banners are unfurling.
Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling,
Thou canst preserve us.**

**Lord, Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth;
Lord, Thou canst save when sin assaileth;
Lord, o'er Thy Church nor death nor hell prevaieth;
Grant us Thy peace, Lord:
Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging;
Peace in Thy Church where brothers are engaging;
Peace when the world its busy war is waging.
Calm Thy foes' raging.**

**Grant us Thy help till backward they are driven;
Grant them Thy truth that they may be forgiven;
Grant peace on earth or, after we have striven,
Peace in Thy heaven. Amen.**

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.**

Benediction p. 31

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 473, vs. 1, 4 & 5 “The Church’s One Foundation”

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word;
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy Bride;
With His own Blood He bought her, And for her life He died.**

Though with a scornful wonder Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown – Jeremiah Schubert II; Schubert – Cole Dippold, Jacob Kollmeyer, Karen Forbis and Robert Lorenz.

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

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

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

USHERS this Sunday: Jerry Bartel and Justin Householder.

ACOLYTE: Mason Mistler.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Mark Russell.

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IF YOU ARE A GUEST joining us today – either online or in person, we greet you with special joy. Please be sure to sign the guest register. Come back and join us again every Sunday! Be sure to let us know if we can serve you in any way.

TODAY: Pick up your November Newsletter.

TODAY: 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.

HOSPITALIZED: Bob Brenner- remember him in your prayers.

WEDNESDAY: Weekday/Confirmation Classes, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. .

NEXT SUNDAY: Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to set you clocks back one hour. You get an extra hour of sleep, so you will be refreshed for worship.

PICTURE DIRECTORY- We still need photos of a number of our families to make our directory as complete as possible – This is the last call, please, if you have not done so, provide a picture that we can use. Thanks!

OUR CHILI SUPPER (regular), Sunday, November 13, from 3:30-7:00 p.m. Please check with Michael Forbis or Molly Boeckmann to see where you can help.

SIGN UP for CHRISTMAS EVE service: All children / students / youth of St. John's ages 3 up through college+ are invited to participate in St. John's Christmas Eve service. Traditional Christmas Eve services are planned for Babtown at 5:30 pm and at Schubert at 6:30 pm with the theme of gifts: gift giving, gift receiving, and the greatest gift - Jesus. Two practices are planned for Sunday, December 18 after church and Wednesday, December 21 in the evening. Please sign up soon!

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: – Many who have participated in the abortion of their own children believe they have committed an unforgivable sin. When we fail even to speak its name and extend God's atoning grace to it directly, we become as guilty as them. What relief is theirs—and ours—in acknowledging our Lord's forgiveness: No sin stains so deeply that Jesus cannot cleanse us (Isaiah 1:18).

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: Babtown, 14; Schubert, 91.

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

Hymn #262: Text: Psalm.46; Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott; A Mighty Fortress Is Our God; 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; Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word; Author: Martin Luther, 1541; Tr.: Catherine Winkworth, 1863; Tune: "Geistliche Lieder"; Wittenberg, 1543.

Hymn #251: Text: The Nicene Creed; Wir glauben all' an einen Gott; We All Believe In One True God; Author: Martin Luther, 1525; Translator: Composite; Tune Wir glauben all' an einen Gott; Source: "Manuskript Gesangbuch" Langenols, 1742.

Hymn #263: Text: Luke 12:32; Verzage nicht, du Hauflein klein; O Little Flock, Fear Not The Foe; Author: Johann M. Altenberg, 1632, asc.,ab.; Tr., Catherine Winkworth,1855, alt.; Kommt her mir; German melody, c. 1400.

Hymn #311: Text: Hebrews 10:12; Jesus Christus, nostra salus; Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior; Author: John Huss, 1415, cento, asc.; Tr., Unknown; Jesus Christus Unser Heiland; "Geistliche Lieder"; Wittenberg.

Hymn #258: Text: Psalm 79:9; Christe, du Beistand; Lord of Life And God Of Our Salvation; Author: Matthaues A. Von Lowenstein, 1644; Tr., Philip Pussey, 1840, alt.; Herzliebster; Tune: Jesu; Composer: Johann Cruger, 1640.

Hymn #473: Text: Ephesians 2:20; The Church's One Foundation; Author: Samuel J. Stone, 1866, Cento;Tune: Aurelia; Composer: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864.

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CALVARY NEWS

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

- Students celebrated Red Ribbon Week with visits from the Highway Patrol and other guest speakers throughout the week.
- Pastor Schlie led chapel, celebrating Reformation.
- Eleven Calvary students attended the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

INTERESTED IN CALVARY SPIRIT WEAR? – Calvary is making an order for Calvary apparel on October 31. There are t-shirt, hoodie, polo, ¼ zip and full-zip options plus a hat. Orders can be placed online at <https://forms.gle/RjFPUKTzWwoBzAdZ7> Payments can be submitted to the office or, for a small convenience fee, payment can be made online.

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

THANK YOU – As our apple and mum sales have wrapped up, we want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our students through these programs. We are blessed by your partnership in Building Christian Leaders!

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW? COME TO A CALVARY OPEN HOUSE! – Do you know someone who would benefit from knowing about Calvary? A family of a teenager? (Grades 7-12) Invite them to Open House! Calvary will be hosting two Fall Open Houses soon: **Tuesday, November 1** and **Monday, November 7**, 7-8 PM. Current Calvary parents and current students will share their Calvary stories & authentic reviews from people that are here daily. Contact the office to RSVP for one of these nights!

SNOW REMOVAL – Bids are now being taken for the removal of snow this winter. Interested parties should contact the school office regarding requirements and expectations. Bids should be submitted by Nov. 7 to John Christman at administrator@calvarylhs.org or by mail to 2525 Rt. B, Jefferson City, 65101