



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

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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**
SECOND-LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 15, 2020

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 451 "Stand Up!"—Stand Up For Jesus"

Stand up!—stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the Cross!
Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss. From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army shall He lead Till ev'ry foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up!—stand up for Jesus! The trumpet-call obey; Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day! Ye that are men, now serve Him Against un-numbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up!—stand up for Jesus! Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor,
Each piece put on with prayer; Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

Stand up!—stand up for Jesus! The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, The next, the victor's song. To him that over-cometh
A crown of life shall be; He with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally. 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]*

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.**

The 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 and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Response *[Sung]*: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1:7-16

⁷ Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸ And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹ On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰ "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹ Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³ Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." ¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵ A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶ a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

The Gradual

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. Matthew Chapter 25, beginning with the fourteenth verse.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

P: Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.

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

Apostle’s Creed, p. 12: *[Spoken by all]*

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.

Children's Song: "Jesus in the Morning"

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.**

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| 2. Love Him, Love Him | 3. Serve Him, Serve Him |
| 4. Thank Him, Thank Him | 5. Praise Him, Praise Him |

Children's Message: "Day and Night"

Sermon Hymn: TLH 467, "Built On The Rock The Church Doth Stand"

**Built on the Rock the Church doth stand, Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the soul distress,
Longing for rest everlasting.**

**Surely in temples made with hands, God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He whom heav'ns cannot contain Chose to abide on earth with men,
Built in our bodies His temple.**

**We are God's house of living stones, Builed for His habitation;
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell,
With all His grace and His favor.**

**Now we may gather with our King E'en in the lowliest dwelling;
Praises to Him we there may bring, His wondrous mercy forth telling.
Jesus His grace to us accords; Spirit and life are all His words;
His truth doth hallow the temple.**

**Still we our earthly temples rear That we may herald His praises;
They are the homes where He draws near And little children embraces.
Beautiful things in them are said; God there with us His covenant made,
Making us heirs of His kingdom.**

**Here stands the font before our eyes Telling how God did receive us;
Th' altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His table doth give us;
Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
Yea, and for aye our Redeemer.**

**Grant, then, O God, where'er men roam, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know Mine own, Mine own know Me; Ye, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you." Amen.**

Sermon: "Continue Building" Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

(Usual time for The Offering – 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 Lord’s Prayer:

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

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 497 “The Morning Light Is Breaking”

**The morning light is breaking, The darkness disappears;
The sons of earth are waking To penitential tears.
Each breeze that sweeps the ocean Brings tidings from afar
Of nations in commotion, Prepared for Zion’s war.**

**See heathen nations bending Before the God we love
And thousand hearts ascending In gratitude above,
While sinners, now confessing, The Gospel-call obey
And seek the Savior’s blessing, A nation in a day.**

**Blest river of salvation, Pursue thine onward way;
Flow thou to ev’ry nation Nor in thy richness stay;
Stay not till all the lowly Triumphant reach their home;
Stay not till all the holy Proclaim, “The Lord is come.” Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown – Kenny K.; Schubert – Linda K., Justin H. and Vera B.
NOTE: Please call or text Pastor with prayer requests and birthdays.

ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Arline M.; Schubert – Keith B.
USHERS this Sunday: Jim F. and Mike F.
USHERS next Sunday: Jim F. and Kevin L.

Have A Blessed Week!

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WELCOME to each of you in the name of Jesus, whose return to earth in the final judgment we await with faith and trust in Him alone. If you are a guest we greet you with special joy and pray that you will be richly blessed as we feed on God’s word today.

THANK YOU to all who helped and participated in the chili supper last Sunday, we made \$1126.00. There are some more cookies that can be purchased they are on a table in the side entry-Thanks

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

SATURDAY: Mask-Only worship service, 6:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER items are due next Sunday.

BEGIN PLANNING NOW to sign up for participation in our Christmas Eve services. (See back page.)

REMEMBER: We are encouraging all who are in high risk groups, and that are hesitant, to remain at home and continue worshiping 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 IN THE CHURCH YEAR: Isn’t abortion at least a little like wrapping precious treasure in a napkin and throwing it in a hole? Isn’t assisted suicide literally burying unappreciated talents in the ground (Matthew 25:18)? Jesus warns it’s a one-way ticket to weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 25:28-30). But what joy awaits us when we receive both our lives and everyone else’s as a gift and expect that each will improve the other (Matthew 25:20-21)!

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OFFERING PLATES are placed at entrances for worship; or offerings can be mailed::

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! 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. The link for our St. John’s website Vanco page where you can create your own password and login. If you have any questions, contact Terry Walkenhorst.

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

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

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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Hymn #451: Text: Luke 12:8; Author: George Duffield, 1858 cento; Tune: Webb;

Composer: George J. Webb, 1837.

Hymn #467: Text: Ephesians 2:10-22; Kirken den er et gammelt Hus; Author: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1837;

Tr.: Carl Doving, 1909, alt.; Tune: Kirken den er et; Composer: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1871.

Hymn # 497: Text: Matthew 18:19, 20; Author: Samuel F. Smith, 1832; Tune: Webb;

Composer, George J. Webb, 1837.

“Jesus In The Morning”: Text: Psalm 113:3; Author: Unknown; African-American Folk Song.

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POINSETTIAS



Once again we are planning on decorating the church for Christmas with poinsettias. If you would like to provide a poinsettia(s) please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or give to pastor. We will place the poinsettias in church beginning on Christmas Eve and leave them throughout the Epiphany season. Thank you !

Name	Small: \$5.00	Med.: \$8.75	Lg.: \$15.00
(optional) In Memory of:			

CALVARY NEWS



CALVARY INSIDER – November 8, 2020

LIONS AT STATE! – Calvary’s boys cross country team plus two girls competed at the State meet last Saturday. We are excited to share their success! The boys cross country team made school history, winning Calvary’s first athletic team state championship! Additionally, Kyle Haggemeyer, Maddie Homfeldt, & Cole Going all individually medaled – earning All-State honors! What a way to round out the Fall sports season!!

2nd ANNUAL WEEK OF GIVING: SHARING HOPE & A FUTURE – Over the past 16 years, faithful supporters have made it possible to tell the story of Hope and a Future to Calvary students, their families and our community. In times of uncertainty, we share the certain hope of Jesus Christ daily. Especially in 2020, your financial support is vital to continue our mission. Would you consider a donation during our Week of Giving, this week, Nov. 16-20? No matter the size, every gift will make a difference in the life of a student! Gifts can be made in-person, through mail or online. Thank you for your prayerful support.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – If you would like to give of your time to bless our community, consider volunteering at Calvary’s Gift. This 100% volunteer-run organization is a tremendous blessing to our school. They are seeking volunteers after November 18th, including the week of Thanksgiving. To volunteer, sign up at the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9ab28aafcc52-volunteer>

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS SOUGHT – Calvary’s six association churches each have one representative on Calvary’s board of directors. To make an odd number, the board elects an at-large member for a one-year term. If you are a member of an association church and interested in serving in this capacity or know of someone who would be a blessing, contact John Christman, your pastor or your congregation’s president. Nominations will be made at Calvary’s next Delegate Meeting tomorrow, Mon., Nov. 16.

THRIVENT MEMBERS: USE YOUR 2020 ACTION TEAMS – Are you a Thrivent member and still have Thrivent Action Team grants available in 2020? If you would like to help with projects at Calvary, we have a number of special projects that could be blessed by an action team grant! Contact John Christman to find out more.

SAVE THE DATE – Make sure that you save the date of December 11 for the annual Calvary Christmas Concert! Join us to hear pieces performed by the Calvary Choir and Band that are sure to get you ready for the Christmas season!

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS... – If you shop with Amazon, especially with the Christmas season just around the corner, and you’re looking for a simple way to benefit Calvary, consider using smile.amazon.com! You can designate the Lutheran High School Association of Missouri as your charity of choice, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases back to Calvary. This is a great way to support Calvary with something you already do, and every purchase counts!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



Time to sign up - Help us plan our program!

Each year, children ages 3 and up through college-age students, are invited to participate in presenting St. John's Christmas Eve Service.

Out of health concerns and considerations for social distancing, we have adjusted the schedule and format. This year we will be holding **TWO CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** at Schubert, as well as one at Babbtown. We are asking families to sign up for one of the services ahead of time to help us plan the program.

Times: 2:30 pm Early Christmas Eve Service - Schubert
5:30 pm Babbtown Christmas Eve Service
7:30 pm Late Christmas Eve Service - Schubert

This year's program will be the same at all services, but with different students at each service. We will plan for families to attend the same service their child is participating in. We hope to have the same number of students participating at each service.

We are planning to hold ONE PRACTICE ONLY for each group. All parts will be reading parts (short memorization or actions only for those that don't yet read.)

St. John's Christmas Eve Service Sign Up

Names:	Ages & Grades:
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Which service will your student be participating in?

___ 2:30 pm Early Service - Schubert

___ 7:30 pm Late Service - Schubert

___ No preference - whenever needed !

*Babbtown Service:
Contact Diane Schubert)*