



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

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***The Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost***  
***November 17, 2024***

**Order of Worship:** Printed below  
(with P for Pastor, C for Congregation)  
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found on page 15 in The Lutheran Hymnal TLH

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**The Ringing Of The Bell**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:** TLH #381 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

**I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing Unmoved I stand upon His Word.  
Man's reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts her subtle wisdom Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure,  
And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.**

**Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with Thee beside me, I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Thy good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance To every evil foe.**

**In faith, Lord, let me serve Thee; Though persecution, grief and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure Take Thou me home to Thee  
And let me there inherit All thou hast promised me.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Thy heaven I gain,  
Where I by Thy great mercy The end of faith attain. Amen.**

**Invocation:** p. 15 [*Responses Sung*]

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**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 Spirit.

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]*

**O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Response** *[Sung]:* Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

### **Epistle Reading: Jude 20-25**

<sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup> And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time<sup>8</sup> and now and forever. Amen.

### **Gradual**

#### **The “Triple Hallelujah”: [Sung]**

**C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: The Holy Gospel appointed to be read for today is from the Gospel of St. Mark, chapter 13, beginning with verse 32.

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

#### **The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:32-37**

<sup>32</sup> “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P: Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.

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

#### **The Nicene Creed p. 22**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon Hymn: TLH #472 "Rise, Ye Children of Salvation"**

Rise, ye children of salvation, All who cleave to Christ, the Head.  
Wake, arise, O mighty nation, Ere the Foe on Zion tread.  
He draws nigh and would defy All the hosts of God Most High.

Saints and heroes long before us Firmly o this ground have stood;  
See their banner waving o'er us, Conquerors through the Savior's blood.  
Ground we hold whereon of old Fought the faithful and the bold.

Fighting, we shall be victorious By the blood of Christ, our Lord;  
On our foreheads, bright and glorious, Shines the witness of His Word;  
Spear and shield on battle-field, His great name we cannot yield.

When His servants stand before Him, Each receiving his reward;  
When His saints in light adore Him, Giving glory to the Lord,  
"Victory!" our songs shall be Like the thunder of the sea. Amen.

**Sermon: "Watching and Waiting" Text: Mark 13:32-37**

*(The Offerings are brought forward. Offering plates are at the entrances.)*

**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 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 .... therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

**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 #652 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"**

**I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
White in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus, All fulness dwells in Him;  
He health my diseases, He doth my soul redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases, He all my sorrows shares.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces, I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.**

**I long to be like Jesus, Meek, loving, lowly, mild;  
I long to be like Jesus, The Father's holy Child.  
I long to be with Jesus Amid the heav'nly throng  
To sing with saints His praises, To learn the angels' song. Amen.**

**TLH #529 "I Leave All Things to God's Direction"**

**I leave all things to God's direction, He loveth me in weal and woe;  
His will is good, true His affection. With tender love His heart doth glow.  
My Fortress and my Rock is He: What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.**

**My God hath all things in His keeping, He is the ever faithful Friend;  
He grants me laughter after weeping, And all His ways in blessings end.  
His love endures eternally: What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.**

**The will of God shall be my pleasure While here on earth is mine abode;  
My will is wrong beyond all measure, It doth not will what pleaseth God.  
The Christian's motto e'er must be: What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.**

**God knows what must be done to save me, His love for me will never cease;  
Upon His hands He did engrave me With purest gold of loving grace.  
His will supreme must ever be! What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.**

**My God desires the soul's salvation, Me also He desires to save;  
Therefore with Christian resignation All earthly troubles I will brave.  
His will be done eternally: What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me. 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 You, 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 lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, 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:** TLH #541 "O Blessed Holy Trinity"  
**O blessed Holy Trinity, Divine, eternal Unity,  
God Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Be Thou this day my Guide and Host.**  
**My soul and body keep from harm, O'er all I have extend Thine arm,  
That Satan may not cause distress Nor bring me shame and wretchedness.**  
**The Father's love shield me this day, The Son's pure wisdom cheer my way,  
The Holy Spirit's light divine Illume my heart's benighted shrine.**  
**My Maker, strengthen Thou my heart, O my Redeemer, help impart,  
Blest Comforter, keep at my side That faith and love in me abide.**  
**Lord, bless and keep Thou me as Thine; Lord, make Thy face upon me shine;  
Lord, lift Thy countenance on me And give me peace, sweet peace, from Thee. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

***Have A Blessed Week!***

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown – Kenny Kolb; Schubert – Vera Backman.  
PASTOR: Rev. Bart Mueller.  
ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Kathy Bauer; Schubert – Keith Bohl.  
USHERS this Sunday: Jim Forbis & Skyler Haslag.  
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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis & Russ Mueller.  
ACOLYTE this Sunday: Haydon Smasal.  
ACOLYTE next Sunday: Claire Prohaska.

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A WARM WELCOME to each of you in the Name of Jesus. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen and refresh you in your Christian walk of faith, as we feed together on God's Word and Sacrament.

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.

ANY NEWS, INFORMATION, REQUESTS or communications for the churches can be made by leaving a message on the church phone: 573-395-4591. Generally all messages are checked daily. You can also email the church at stjohnslutheranjcmo@gmail.com – and if you have any questions or concerns, we will respond as needed. If you need pastoral assistance right away, you can call Pastor Mueller at 507-360-8033.

THANK you to everyone who helped out, donated, and supported the Chili Supper last Sunday. It was a great evening to have the community together, and to raise funds for our mission and ministry at St. John's.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped set up for the funeral Tuesday, provided all the wonderful food, and helped clean up after the meal. You are all very much appreciated! – Linda Brenner

We continue to pray for God's comfort to Sharen Green's family as they go through this time.

DISHES AND SERVING ITEMS that you may have brought in the last weeks are on the table in the church lobby, or downstairs in the kitchen. Please check if something is yours. Thanks!

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

- Allan Forbis, scheduled to have a medical procedure this coming Friday.
  - Bob Lorenz, hospitalized from pneumonia in Boone Hospital, Columbia.
  - Jeannette Essen's family, on the passing of her brother Samuel Branch.
- Jeannette Essen has also been hospitalized this week at Capital Region.

**TODAY: Please stay for a short meeting after worship**, as our Pastoral Call Committee will report on the two meetings we had with our District representatives about Calling a Pastor. We invite everyone to participate in making the decision to Call a currently serving Pastor, or to apply for a Seminary student this spring.

ALSO TODAY: **Choir practice after Call Meeting**, Schubert.

**TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 am** in the church fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome as together we look at how important it is that we practice good Christian encouragement. Apologies for past incorrect times/ dates for the Bible Study, but it *will* be this Tuesday. See you there.

**WEDNESDAY: Confirmation Class (6th-8th) and Weekday Bible School (3rd-5th), 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

**FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY** is **next week!** See the back cover for details. (Reminder: we will *not* have Communion.)

**St. John's Youth** are invited to a **MOVIE NIGHT** at Schubert on **Monday 11/25!** Dinner served at **5:30 p.m.**

**THANKSGIVING DAY** Worship will be Thursday, November 28, **8:00 am** at Babbtown, and **9:30 am** at Schubert. Plan to gather with your church family to give thanks to God for Christ in our life as we prepare to enjoy a national day of Thanksgiving as a nation.

A **DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSLETTER** will be printed at the end of the month. If you have items or calendar information for the coming two months, please have them to the church office by **next Sunday, 11/24.**

Our **CHRISTMAS EVE Children's Service** is around the corner!

Schubert will practice: **Wednesday 12/18**, 5-6:30pm (before Advent worship) and **Sunday 12/22**, after church.

If you are interested in participating, check the signup sheet or email: stjohnslutheranjcmo@gmail.com

MO SCHOLARS is an opportunity for you to give to a fund to assist families with tuition to Lutheran Schools. The amount you give can be deducted from your state taxes in Missouri, dollar for dollar. Take advantage of this easy way to help with Christian education. For more information talk to Pastor Mueller or visit [mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars](http://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars).

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: The heart broken by abortion may be sitting beside us in church. This one desperately longs for the relief and healing only God's forgiveness affords (Hebrews 10:22). We have no right to refuse them this Word because we fear political controversy. Instead, we have the privilege to proclaim abortion as sin and explicitly identify it as atoned for in Christ.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: Babbtown, 18. Schubert, 85.

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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.**

**Babbtown**

**8:00 a.m. Worship Service  
9:10 a.m. Sunday School  
and Adult Bible Study**

**Schubert**

**9:15 am. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

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Hymn # 381: Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:12; I Know My Faith is Founded; Author: Erdmann Neumeister (1718); Translation: Composite; Tune: Nun lob, mein' Seef'; Source: "Concentus Novi" (Augsburg, 1540).

Hymn # 472: Scripture: Jude 3; Auf, ihr Christen, Christi Glieder; Rise, Ye Children of Salvation; Author: Justus Falckner (1697, cento); Translatr: Emma R. Bevan (1858); Tune: Neander; Composer: Joachim Neander (1680).

Hymn # 652: Scripture: John 1:29; I Lay My Sins on Jesus; Author: Horatius Bonar (1843); Tune: Aurelia, Composer: Samuel S. Wesley (1864).

Hymn # 529: Scripture: Romans 8:28; Ich halte Gott in allem stille; I Leave All Things to God's Direction; Author: Salomo Franck (1685); Translator: August Crull (1923, alt.); Tune: Wer nur den lieben Gott; Composer: Georg Neumark, 1640.

Hymn # 541: Scripture: Psalm 5:3; O heilige Dreifaltigkeit; O Blessed Holy Trinity; Author: Martin Behm (1608, ab.); Translator: Conrad H.L. Schuette (1880, alt.); Tune: O heilige Dreifaltigkeit; Composer: Nikolaus Herman (1560).

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## CALVARY NEWS

### CALVARY INSIDER – What happened this week at Calvary?

- Wednesday was filled with faith and fun! Faith Fest 2024 was focused around John 8:32, "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
- On Thursday, Calvary welcomed Jannique Stewart, a Pro-Life speaker from Life Training Institute. She shared a presentation on defending life, rooted in science and philosophy, with Christ at the center.



### 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL "WEEK OF GIVING" IS HERE...

For the past 20 years, students have benefitted from the unparalleled opportunities available at Calvary to discover who God has created and redeemed them to be. This week: Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, we invite you to consider donating during our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Week of Giving. No matter the size, all gifts make an impact on a student, giving them the privilege of combing their faith and education. Donations can be made in-person, through the mail, or online at [calvarylhs.org/support](http://calvarylhs.org/support) when you click "Donate Now." In addition to financial gifts, you might consider a...



- **Gift of Time:** Calvary's Gift is an amazing volunteer-driven organization that moves the mission of Calvary Lutheran High School forward. Call 573-690-3664 to learn about opportunities to invest your time in this noble endeavor.
- **Gift of Prayer:** There is no doubt that Satan does not like the faithfulness of God's people. We are assured of God's listening ear and your prayers for Calvary students are coveted. Thank you for praying for God's guidance and provision.
- **Gift of Legacy:** How can your earthly blessings continue to support the Lord's work after you have received your crown of Life? This is the purpose of Gift Planning. These conversations and planning processes are resources available to you. Contact John Christman for more information.

**EXPANDING EXCELLENCE AT CALVARY** – Learn more about Calvary's long-term plan to grow ministry in a significant way by visiting [ExpandingExcellenceCLHS.org](http://ExpandingExcellenceCLHS.org)

**SHADOWS WELCOME** – Applications for Calvary's class of 2029 are incoming! 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to schedule shadow days at Calvary with interest in applying for the 2025-26 school year! If you know an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who would benefit from a Christian high school education, please invite them to visit the school with you. Parents, call us today to set up a shadow day for your child to experience Calvary.

### SAVE THE DATE –

- Dec. 3 Basketball Opening Home Games (JVB/VG/VB) at 5:00 v. Smithton
- Dec. 6 Basketball Home Game (VG) at 6:00 v. Sacred Heart
- Dec. 13 Christmas Concert at 7PM



**Sermon Outline: WATCHING AND WAITING – Mark 13:32-37**

(Jesus said,) *“If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.  
What I say to you, I say to everyone: Watch!”*

Introduction: We spend a lot of time waiting!

1. The people of Israel had waited a very long time for a promised Savior
  - a. Often they wondered if God had forgotten about them
  - b. Nothing seemed to be happening
  - c. Each time they were hopeful, they ended up being disappointed
  
2. Jesus' disciples were hopeful that he was the Messiah
  - a. They had heard that the kingdom was about to happen
  - b. Jesus spoke of the love of God and his promise about to be revealed
  - c. Jesus performed miracles and forgave sins
  
3. What are we waiting for?
  - a. Do we believe that God has already come to us?
  - b. What are we “called” to do while we are waiting?
  - c. Build yourselves up! Build others up!

Conclusion: Keep watch and be alert! But while we wait, God uses us to tell others that he has already come in the life, death and resurrection of Christ!