



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Babbtown (Meta 8 am)

Schubert (Jefferson City 10 am)

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The FIRST SUNDAY in ADVENT

November 27, 2022

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

or

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The Ringing Of The Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: TLH 70 "Hosanna To The Living Lord!"

**Hosanna to the living Lord! Hosanna to the th' Incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King, Let earth, let heav'n, hosanna sing.**

**O Savior, with protecting care, Abide in this Thy house of prayer,
Where we Thy parting promise claim, Assembled in Thy sacred name.**

**But, chiefest, in our cleansed breast, Eternal, bid Thy Spirit rest
And make our secret soul to be A temple pure and worthy Thee.**

**So in the last and dreadful Day, When earth and heav'n shall melt away,
Thy flock, redeemed from sinful stain, Shall swell the sound of praise again. 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]*

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Response *[Sung]:* Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,³ and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gradual

The Sentence Of The Season

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 Matthew, chapter 24, beginning with the 36th verse.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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 73 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of Glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near, The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring, Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now, Creator, wise art Thou!**

**A Helper just He comes to thee, His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress,
The end of all our woe He brings; Wherefore the earth is glad and sings:
We praise Thee, Savior, now, Mighty in deed art Thou!**

**O blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless Sun of joy He is, Who bringeth pure delight and bliss.
We praise Thee, Spirit, now, Our Comforter art Thou!**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for Heaven's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sovereign enter in The new and nobler life begin.
To Thee, O God, be praise For word and deed and grace!**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thine inner presence feel, Thy grace and love in me reveal;
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name. Amen.**

Sermon: “Be Ready” Text: Matthew 24:36-44

(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 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...

The Proper Preface p. 25

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

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 Hymn: TLH 69 “Arise Sons of the Kingdom”

Arise, sons of the Kingdom! The King is drawing nigh;

Arise and hail with gladness The Ruler from on high.

Ye Christians, hasten forth! Your praise and homage bring Him

And glad hosannas sing Him; Naught else your love is worth.

Arise, ye drooping mourners! The King is very near;

Away with grief and sorrow! For, lo! your Help is here.

Behold, in many a place—Oh, blessed consolation!—

You find Him, your Salvation, Within His means of grace.

Arise, ye much afflicted! The King is not afar.

Rejoice, ye long dejected, Here comes the Morning Star!

The Lord will give you joy; Tho' troubles now distress you,

With comfort He will bless you, E'en death He will destroy.

Arise, ye poor and needy! The King provides for you;

He comes with succor speedy, With mercy ever new.

Receive your gracious King, The Giver of all blessing.

Hail Him, His name confessing, And glad hosannas sing.

Be righteous, ye His subjects, The King is just and true;

Prepare for Him a highway, Make all things straight and new.

For, lo, He means it well; Then willing bear the crosses

That He Himself imposes, Nor let your courage fail.

O rich the gifts Thou bringest, Thyself made poor and weak!

O Love beyond expression, That thus can sinners seek!

For this, O Lord, will we Our joyous tribute bring Thee

And glad hosannas sing Thee, And ever grateful be. 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: p. 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.**

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 95, vs. 1-2 "Savior Of The Nations, Come"

**Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.**

**Not by human flesh and blood By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown – Joshua Schubert; Schubert – Ellie Walkenhorst, Tracy Carver, Lars Marion, Collin Larkins. Amy Powell and Meg Belcher.

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

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

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

ACOLYTE this Sunday: Mason Mistler.

USHERS this Sunday: Jim Forbis and Matt Belcher.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Russ Mueller.

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A WARM WELCOME to each of you in the Name of Jesus, whose birth we are preparing to celebrate. Today is the first Sunday in Advent. It is time to remember and to proclaim that God has kept His word and gives us salvation in Jesus.

If you are a guest we greet you with joy and invite you to come back. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way.

TODAY: Pick up your December Newsletter.

MONDAY: Babbtown Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Weekday / Confirmation Classes, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
▪ Advent Worship, “For You and All The World,” 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: Hanging of the greens, 9:00 a.m.

MEET ME AT THE MANGER, Campus Lutheran Church, Columbia. Friday 5-8 and Saturday 11-5
Come and see this display of over 500 Nativity scenes from all over the world.

SIGN UP for participation in our Christmas Eve Service. All children / students / youth of St. John’s, ages 3 and up through college are invited to participate in St. John’s Christmas Eve Service. Traditional Christmas Eve services are planned for Babbtown, at 5:30 p.m.; and at Schubert, at 6:30 p.m. The theme is “ The Gift Exchange”. Two practices are planned for Sunday, December 18, after church; and Wednesday, December 21, in the evening. See the back of the bulletin and the Newsletter for the sign-up sheet.

IT’S TIME TO SIGN UP for poinsettias to place in the sanctuary for Christmas. Prices are: Small - \$7.50; Medium - \$9.25; and Large - \$16.00. Sign-up sheets are by the bulletins at the entrances of church.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: Beware the sword of abortion, euthanasia, and embryocidal technologies. Those who live by the sword will die by it sooner or later. The words and ways of the Lord our God, however, beat swords into plowshares and pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4)—a far more beautiful existence. May our words and deeds invite our neighbors to cast off the works of darkness, like sexual immorality, and take hold of the salvation that has drawn near (Romans 13:11-12)!

ATTENDANCE: LAST SUNDAY Babbtown, 13; Schubert, 105.
THANKSGIVING Babbtown, 22; Schubert, 57

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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

Schubert

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

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

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Hymn # 70: Scripture: Matthew 21:9; Hosanna To The Living Lord; Author: Reginald Heber (1811, 1827, ab.); Tune: Vom Himmel hoch; Source: “Geistliche Lieder,” Leipzig, 1539.

Hymn # 73: Scripture: Psalm 24; German: Macht hoch die Tur; Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates; Author: Georg Weissel (1642); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1855, alt.); Tune: Macht hoch die Tur; Composer: August Lemke (1849).

Hymn # 69: “ Scripture: Luke 19:38; Auf, auf ihr Reichsgenossen; Arise, Sons Of The Kingdom; Author: Johann Rist (1651, cento); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1858); Tune: Aus meines Herzens Grunde; Source: “New Catechismus–Gesangbuchlein,” Hamburg, 1598.

Hymn # 95: Scripture: John 1:14; Veni, Redemptor gentium; Savior Of The Nations, Come; Author: St. Ambrose (died 397); German: Martin Luther (1524); Translator: William M. Reynolds (1860, alt.); Tune: Nun Komm dei Heiden Heiland; Source: “Geistliches Gesangbuchlein,” Wittenberg (1524 ad.).

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CALVARY NEWS

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

A graduate panel of CLHS alumni returned to their alma mater on Monday to speak with current Juniors & Seniors, offering advice in preparation for life after graduation. Pastor Powell led our special Thanksgiving chapel service on Tuesday. We gathered together as a Calvary family on Tuesday with a wonderful time of food and fellowship at our 18th annual CLHS Thanksgiving celebration.

LION BASKETBALL – Home events for the week of Nov 27th:

Tues, Nov 29, 5:00 Junior Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys v. Smithton
Fri, Dec 2, 5:00 Junior Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys v. Jamestown

CALVARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Join us Friday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. for the annual Calvary Christmas concert! Enjoy pieces performed by the Calvary Choir and Band that are sure to get you ready for the Christmas season!

CYBER MONDAY SHOPPING WITH AMAZON SMILE – Taking advantage of Cyber Monday (Week) sales? If you plan to shop on Amazon, you can use your purchases to give back to Calvary! By going to smile.amazon.com and designating Lutheran High School Association of Missouri as your charity of choice, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases back to Calvary!

THANK YOU FOR A WEEK OF GIVING! – Calvary was blessed with gifts totaling over \$20,000 during our 4th Annual “Week of Giving!” These gifts make an immediate impact on the student experience at Calvary. Thank you for your prayerful support. As “Giving Tuesday” is highlighted on Nov. 29th, we are very thankful for our supporters who give their time, resources, and talents.

How will you give the Gift of Calvary?

- Contribute directly at Calvary or on our website calvarylhs.org/support and the *Donate Now* button is at the top of the page.
- Select an item from our **Wishlist** at calvarylhs.org/wishlist.
- Give a **Gift of Stock** directly to manage/reduce Capital Gains Tax.
- Choose Calvary as the recipient of a **Required Minimum Distribution** from an IRA.
- Use your **Thrivent Action Teams** to support Calvary activities, *ask us for ideas*.
- Designate the Lutheran High School Association of Mid-Missouri for your **Thrivent Choice Dollars**.
- Shop or Volunteer at **Calvary’s Gift**.

2023-2024 REGISTRATION BONUS – Registration is OPEN for the 2023-2024 school year! Incoming 8th graders and current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students can already register for next year! When you apply or re-register for next school year with your \$100 registration fee before January 3, 2023, you will receive a \$50 credit toward your student’s ’23-’24 tuition. **REGISTER TODAY!**