



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

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The FIRST SUNDAY in ADVENT

November 29, 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 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 And 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.**

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 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence
—² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to
your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked
at your presence. ⁴ From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides
you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who
remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶ We have all become like one who is
unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and
our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses
himself to take hold of you for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of
our iniquities. ⁸ But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all
the work of your hand. ⁹ Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold,
please look, we are all your people.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God
always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you
were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was
confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our
Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God
is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. Mark, chapter 11, beginning at the 1st verse.

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

The Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-10

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

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 Loves Me, This I Know"

**Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak, but He is strong.**

**REFRAIN: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me, He who died Heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.**

**REFRAIN: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me, He will stay Close beside me all the way;
If I love Him, when I die, He will take me home on high.**

**REFRAIN: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.**

Children's Message: "Dirty Clothes"

Sermon Hymn: TLH 70, "Hosanna To The Living Lord"

**Hosanna to the living Lord! Hosanna to 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.**

Sermon: "You've Got What It Takes To Wait!" Text: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

(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 55 "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

**Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only Hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see; Anxiously we wait for Thee.**

**Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart, Tho' I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine When Thou art my Guest Divine!**

**My hosanna and my palms Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace, Lord, Thy merit thro' Thy grace.**

**Hail, hosanna, David's Son! Help, Lord, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing: Hail, hosanna! to our King. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

The Celebration Of Holy Communion

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown – Joshua S.; Schubert – Lars M., Tracy C., Colin L. and Amy P.
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.

Have A Blessed Week!

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WELCOME TO EACH OF YOU in the Name of Jesus, whose Advent we celebrate. Today we begin the New Church Year and the first of the four Sundays of Advent (which means “coming”). It is a time of preparations as we examine the Scripture and rejoice that God has kept His promise to send Messiah, Jesus. We also anxiously await the return of Jesus at the end of the age.

Thanks for joining us—in person and online. Please be sure to let us know if you have any needs.

PICK UP December Newsletters today available online or hard copy.

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

WEDNESDAY: Advent Worship, 7:00 p.m. Welcome to our Advent worship series, Prepare Ye, Week 1, “Ponder.” Each week in this series we will contemplate the many ways we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas. In our worship we will consider ways in which we can ponder the meaning of the birth of our Savior through the reading of Scripture and through reflection. Mary serves as a model for us in this pondering in the Annunciation.

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

SIGN UP for participation in our Christmas Eve services. We need to plan now. See the bulletin for the sign-up sheet. POINSETTIA sign up is also in the bulletin. Thanks.

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

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

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

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: – Restore us, O God (Psalm 80:7)! Restore us by Your humble coming among us. Restore our courage to speak for those vulnerable to using death as a solution. Restore our compassion to serve their survival and salvation as You have ours. Restore our congregations to welcome, receive, and embrace every human life. Restore our communities to accompany instead of abandoning. And restore our country to protect and provide for unborn and elderly.

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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 #73: Text: Psalm 24; Macht hor die Tur; Author: Georg Weissel, 1642; Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1855, alt; Macht hoch die Tur; "Praxis Pietatis Melica", Berlin, 1661.

Hymn #70: Text: Matthew 21:9; Author: Reginald Hebert, 1811, 1827, ab.; Vom Himmel hoch; "Geistliche Lieder", Leipzig, 1539.

Hymn # 55: Text Matthew 21:5; Komm, du werthes Losegeld; Author: Johann G. Olearius, 1664; Tr., August Crull, 1923, alt; Meinen Jesum lass' ich nicht, "Neuverfertigtes Gesangbuvch.", Darmstadt, 1699.

"**Jesus Loves Me**": Author: Anna Bartlett Warren, from a poem written by her sister, Susan Warren; Composer and Chorus verse: Written by William Batchelder Bradbury, 1862.

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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 – What happened this past week at Calvary?

- Calvary basketball kicked off the regular season this week with games at New Bloomfield.
- A graduate panel of over 20 CLHS alumni returned to their alma mater (including 3 active service members connecting through Zoom) to speak with current Juniors & Seniors, offering advice in preparation for life after graduation.
- Pastor Powell led a special Thanksgiving chapel service on Tuesday afternoon.
- Calvary students, staff, & faculty celebrated the 16th CLHS Thanksgiving celebration with a feast on Tuesday.

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!

CALVARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Join us Friday, December 11 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 in the Christmas spirit!

EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS – New students have already begun to apply for admission for the 2021-2022 school year! Current 9th, 10th & 11th grade students can also register for next year now. Re-register for the 2021-2022 school year with your \$100 registration fee before January 4, 2021 and receive a \$50 credit toward your student's '21-'22 tuition. Get your bonus today!

TAX-ADVANTAGES OF SUPPORTING CALVARY – As we near the end of the year, ask your tax adviser about the tax benefits that can come from supporting the ministry of Calvary. Great options include gifting stock directly to Calvary or meeting the Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA by designating Calvary. Contact John Christman at administrator@calvarylhs.org to learn more.

A GIFT OF TIME – Calvary's Gift is seeking servant-hearted individuals who would donate their time to support their unique and vital ministry at 722 Jefferson. Volunteers enjoy serving together as team. There are openings available Tuesday through Saturday, but especially on Wednesday and Saturday through the end of 2020. Consider how you might contribute to Calvary with your gift of time and make some new friends along the way. Call John (821-8875) or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA9AB28AAFCC52-volunteer>

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)*