



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

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 14, 2021

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 135 "Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here"

'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy glory fills the night;
 Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold
 Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be,
 We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death, we see Thy kingdom come;
 We fain would hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here. Yet we may not remain;
 But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain. 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]*

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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: 2 Kings 2:1-12

1 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. **2** And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. **3** And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." **4** Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. **5** The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." **6** Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. **7** Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. **8** Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. **9** When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." **10** And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so."

11 And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. **12** And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6

12 Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, **13** not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. **14** But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. **15** Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. **16** But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **18** And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

4 **1** Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. **2** But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the

sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants^[s] for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 9, beginning with the 2nd verse.

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

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9

2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.

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

Nicene Creed, p. 22: *[Spoken by all]*

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.

Children's Song: Oh, Be Careful"

**Oh, Be Careful, little eyes, what you see,
Oh, be careful, little eyes what you see;
For the Father up above Is looking down in love,
So be careful, little eyes, what you see.**

**Oh, be careful, little ears, what you hear,
Oh, be careful, little ears, what you hear;
For the Father up above Is looking down in love,
So be careful, little ears, what you hear.**

**Oh, be careful, little tongue, what you say,
Oh, be careful, little tongue, what you say;
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So be careful, little tongue, what you say.**

Children's Message: "Listen"

Sermon Hymn: TLH 130 "O Jesus, King Of Glory"

**O Jesus, King of Glory, Both David's Lord and Son!
Thy realm endures forever, In heav'n is fixed Thy throne.
Help that in earth's dominions, Thro'-out from pole to pole,
Thy reign may spread salvation To each benighted soul.**

**The Eastern sages, bringing Their tribute gifts to Thee,
Bear witness to Thy kingdom And humbly bow the knee.
To Thee the star is pointing, And the prophetic Word;
Hence joyously we hail Thee: Our Savior and our Lord!**

**Thou art a mighty Monarch, As by Thy Word is told,
Yet carest Thou but little For earthly goods or gold;
On no proud steed Thou ridest, Thou wear'st no jeweled crown
Nor dwell'st in lordly castle, But bearest scoff and frown.**

**Yet art Thou decked with beauty, With rays of glorious light;
Thy works proclaim Thy goodness, And all Thy ways are right.
Vouch-safe to shield Thy people With Thine almighty arm
That they may dwell in safety From those who mean them harm.**

**Ah, look on me with pity Though I am weak and poor;
Admit me to Thy kingdom To dwell there, blest and sure.
I pray Thee, guide and keep me Safe from my bitter foes,
From sin and death and Satan; Free me from all my woes.**

**And bid Thy Word within me Shine as the fairest star;
Keep sin and all false doctrine Forever from me far.
Help me confess Thee truly And with Thy Christendom
Here own Thee King and Savior And in the world to come.**

Sermon: “We Do Not Lose Heart” Text: 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:6

(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 87 “Joy To The World”

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

The Celebration Of Holy Communion

Have A Blessed Week!

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Schubert: Emmitt C., Kathryn G., and Martha K.
(NOTE: Please call or text Pastor with prayer requests and birthdays.)

ORGANISTS: Babtown – Arline M.; Schubert – Keith B.
USHERS this Sunday: Kurt B. and George K.
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COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Allan F.

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HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY: May the Love of God fill your heart this day and always.

A WARM WELCOME to each of you as we gather for worship today on this last Sunday in Epiphany.
Today we remember the Transfiguration of Jesus which gives us a glimpse of His true divine nature and a reminder of who He truly is!
If you are a guest we greet you with special joy. Please be sure to let us know if you have any needs.
God bless your time in worship.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Vernon Walther who died on Feb. 8. We encourage them and each other with the words of Jesus, “I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies” John 11:25

PLEASE PICK UP your poinsettias today.

TODAY: Pick up your February newsletter and February Lutheran Witness.

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

WEDNESDAY is Ash Wednesday. We have worship planned at 7:00 p.m. Since we are still following the social distancing practice we will offer the imposition of ashes as you come into worship. We will have an Elder at both entrances – with a mask – who will administer the ashes to those desiring as you come to worship.

We will close the service with Holy Communion according to the procedure we use on Sunday morning.

Please join us this Lenten season as we follow the theme: “The Hands Of The Passion.” Ash Wednesday we will have the “Hands of Repentance”.

THURSDAY: Blood Drive, Meta Civic League Hall, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Call 800-733-2767, to make an appointment (required).

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL 2021-2022 Registration is going on now! If you, or anyone you know, are interested in Trinity Lutheran School contact the school office at 636-7807. We would be happy to schedule a time for you to tour our school and learn more about what we have to offer!

NOTE: With the pandemic, Deb R. will be mailing out your contribution reports. If you generally attend services, your report will be in your church mailbox. If you mail in contributions, use VANCO, or attend irregularly, your report will be mailed. Again this is a general guideline. If you have not received your report, or have any questions about it, please give her a call.

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.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: **Transfiguration of Our Lord/St. Valentine’s Day** –“God shines forth out of Zion” (Psalm 50:2), not from outer space or some other dimension. He adorns human faces with His own glory. It isn’t angels, superheroes, or celebrities only that He makes so sacred, but sinners like Moses (Exodus 34:29-30) and peasants like Jesus (Mark 9:2-3). The Almighty Father holds every human life open, no matter how embryonic or elderly, as a window to heaven. Who are we to pull the shades?

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

Babbtown

Schubert

8:00 a.m., Sunday Worship

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

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

Hymn #135: Text: Matt. 17:4; Author: Joseph A Robinson, 1888; Potsdam “Church Psalter,” 1854; Composer: Johan S. Bach, 1750, ad.

Hymn #130: Text: Matt. 2:9; O Konig aller Ehren; Author: Martin Behm, 1606; Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.; Valet will ich dir geben; Composer: Melchior Teschner, 1613.

Hymn #87: Text: Luke 2:10; Author: Isaac Watts, 1719; Antioch; Composter: Georg F. Handel, 1742, arr.

“Oh, Be Careful”: Author and Composer Unknown.

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CALVARY NEWS



CALVARY INSIDER – What happened this week at Calvary?

- The casts of our winter one-act plays have been hard at work preparing for their performances on February 26th, & 27th.

OPEN HOUSES RESCHEDULED – Due to the winter weather this past week, Calvary's Open House events have been rescheduled. Come hear from current Calvary students and parents about their experience as part of the Lion Pride!

- Tuesday, February 16, 7 p.m. (original date & time)
- Thursday, February 18, 7 p.m.
- Monday, February 22, 7 p.m.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS FOR WINTER DRAMA – Reservations for our winter drama one act plays can be made online at <https://tinyurl.com/1n10rc1b>. Performances will be held on February 26th and 27th.

CALVARY BLOOD DRIVE – Mark your calendars for the next Calvary blood drive on Tuesday, March 2 from 1-7 p.m. in the Café at Calvary Lutheran High School. Please consider donating to help save a life!

DESIGNATE YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS – As a Thrivent member, you have Choice Dollars that allow you to designate where the funds go, and by sending them to Calvary, you can help us Build Christian Leaders! The deadline to designate your choice dollars is March 31, 2021.

SEE YOUR GENEROSITY IN ACTION - If you are 72 or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit Calvary Lutheran High School and receive tax benefits in return. You can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as ours without having to pay income taxes on the money. This law no longer has an expiration date so you are free to make annual gifts to our organization in sync with your required minimum distribution well into the future. Your gift will make an impact today, building Christian leaders.