



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

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Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024

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 #390 "Drawn To The Cross"

**Drawn to the Cross, which Thou has blest With healing gifts for souls distrest,
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ Crucified, I come.**

**Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ Crucified, I come.**

**Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, tho' it be thro' pain, Christ Crucified, I come.**

**And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me, Christ Crucified, I come. 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 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 Ghost.

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.**

[Service Note: The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during the Season of Lent.]

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, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your might defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Response *[Sung]*: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you...

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Gradual [*Service Note: The Triple Hallelujah is omitted during the Season of Lent.*]

P: The Holy Gospel that is appointed to be read for today is from the Gospel of St. Mark, chapter 8, beginning with verse 27.

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

The Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 #175 “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”

**When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died;
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.**

Sermon: “Much More” Text: Romans 5:1-11

(The Offerings are brought forward. 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 Hymns: TLH #346 "Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be"

Jesus! and shall it ever be A mortal man ashamed of Thee?
Ashamed of Thee whom angels praise, Whose glories shine through endless days?

Ashamed of Jesus? sooner far Let evening blush to own a star.
He sheds the beams of light divine O'er this benighted soul of mine.

Ashamed of Jesus? just as soon Let midnight be ashamed of noon.
'Tis midnight with my soul till He, Bright Morning Star, bids darkness flee.

Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend On whom my hopes of heav'n depend?
No; when I blush, be this my shame, That I no more revere His Name.

Ashamed of Jesus? Yes, I may When I've no guilt to wash away,
No tear to wipe, no good to crave, No fears to quell, no soul to save.

Till then—nor is my boasting vain—Till then I boast a Savior slain;
And oh, may this my glory be, That Christ is not ashamed of me! Amen.

TLH #140 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Jesus, I will ponder now On Thy holy Passion;
With Thy Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Thy suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.

Make me see Thy great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Thy crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails, did wound Thee,
How for man Thou diedst, O God, Who with thorns had crowned Thee.

Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Thy Passion,
But its cause to me make known And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Thy deep affliction;
This indeed the cause hath been Of Thy crucifixion.

Grant that I Thy Passion view With repentant grieving
Nor Thee crucify anew By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?

If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let Thy cross my fear disarm, Peace of conscience give me.
Grant that I may trust in Thee And Thy holy Passion.
If His Son so loveth me, God must have compassion.

Grant that I may willingly Bear with Thee my crosses,
Learning humbleness of Thee, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give Thee love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heaven above Sing Thy praise forever. 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 Thee, 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 liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, 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 #358, vs. 2 "Lamb Of God, We Fall Before Thee"

Thee we own a perfect Savior, Only Source of all that's good.
Ev'ry grace and ev'ry favor Comes to us thro' Jesus' blood. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown: Bailey Buschjost; Schubert: Laiken Bohl, David Bartel, Jennifer Murray, Rebecca Welschmeyer and Keith Bohl.

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

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

USHERS this Sunday: Kurt Boeckmann and Matt Belcher.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Gene Walkenhorst.

ACOLYTE this Sunday: Hayden Smasal.

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A WARM WELCOME to each of you in the Name of Jesus as we begin the Lenten journey. You will note several changes in the service. Such as the omission of the “Gloria In Excelsis” and the “Triple Hallelujah”. Also the hymns and music used in worship generally are more somber in tone. We do not have flowers on the Altar and we have the Christmas Tree Cross to remind us of the connection between Christmas and Easter as well as the crude nature of the cross of Calvary. Lent is a time to refocus upon our sin, confession and absolution through the blood of Jesus Christ.

If you are a guest we greet you with special joy and invite you to come back again. Please be sure to introduce yourself and sign the guest register.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: The family of John Essen, who died last Sunday. We extend our Christian sympathy to Jeannette and all of their family and remind them of the great promise of everlasting life through our risen Lord, Christ Jesus.

HOSPITALIZED: Dianna Schubert, St. Mary’s. Remember her in your prayers

THANK YOU to all who helped with set up and clean up for the John Essen funeral; and a big thanks to those who provided food. Your generosity was very much appreciated.

TODAY: Pick up your March Newsletter.

- Gideon Presentation: We will hear from the Mission and Ministry of the Gideons and have the opportunity to support their work.
- Babbtown Chili Supper, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Weekday / Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m.

• Lenten Worship, 7:00 p.m. – “Return From Betrayal”: In the book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the day of the Lord. But right in the middle of this frightening portent of judgement, we find a tender invitation from the Lord: “Return to the Lord your God for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster” (Joel 2:13b). During this season of Lent, we will consider this “call to return,” and how it played out for those who walked alongside Christ during His Passion, and for us today.

Judas appears in the Garden of Gethsemane and betrays Jesus into the “hands of lawless men” (Acts 2:23). We will explore the theme of betrayal, specifically the ways that we betray one another and Jesus through our denials and rejection of the faith. We live in a culture that prides itself on rejecting the morality that Jesus taught, and we are pressured to betray Jesus in order to fit in. Whether it is failing to acknowledge our faith lest our friends shun us or going against our conscience to embrace our own sinful urges, it is too easy to turn away from God by betraying Jesus. But Jesus does not shrink back from the betrayal, does not seek to avoid the consequences. Instead, He steps right up to it. When the soldiers declare that they are seeking Jesus, He responds simply, “I am He” (John 18:6). More to the point, He ensures the release of His followers: “If you seek Me, let these men go” (John 18:8). That is exactly what happens on the cross, as Jesus steps up to own our betrayals and ensures that all who believe in Him will be freed.

SATURDAY: E2 Conference (Equip and Encourage), Calvary High School, March 2, 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Register online: molcms.org. No cost to attend. See attached flyer.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: Jesus delights to invite the Samaritan woman into His fellowship and forgiveness for her sordid past (John 4:13-18). So He has received each of us, notwithstanding our mistakes and failures. And so He insists we know the joy and hope of explicitly articulating the same grace to any who suffer the guilt and grief of aborting their own children. He holds their lives as precious as those already lost.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Sunday: Babbtown, 21; Schubert, 92; Wednesday Lenten Service, 62.

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

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

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Hymn #390: Scripture: John 12:32; Drawn To The Cross; Author: Genevieve M. Irons (1880); Tune: Dunstan; Composer: Joseph Barnby (1883).

Hymn #175: Scripture: Galatians 6:14; When I Survey The Wondrous Cross; Author: Isaac Watts (1707, ab and alt.); Tune: Hamburg; Based on First Gregorian Chant; Arranged by Lowell Mason (1824).

Hymn #346: Scripture: Mark 8:38; Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be; Author: Joseph Grigg (1765); Altered: Benjamin Frances (1787; Tune: Federal Street; Composer: Henry K. Oliver (1832).

Hymn #140: Scripture: Luke 18:31-34; Jesu Deine Passion; Jesus, I Will Ponder Now; Author: Sigismund V. Birken (1653); Translator: August Crull (died 1923, alt.) Tune: Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein; Composer: Melchior Vulpius (1609).

Hymn #358: Scripture: Hebrews 12:2; Lamb Of God, We Fall Before Thee; Author: Joseph Hart (1759, cento, alt.); Tune: Ringe recht; Source: "Musikalischer Christinschatz" Basel, 1745.

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CALVARY NEWS

CALVARY INSIDER – Wondering what went on at Calvary this week?

- Multiple lives were impacted on Tuesday when many came out to donate in our blood drive! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated.
- The Calvary Choir led Wednesday chapel at Immanuel Lutheran.
- Calvary chapel was led by Pastor Kopper.
- Following chapel, students walked through our second annual culture fair. Tables featured information about their culture and food to share!
- FFA officers went to the Capitol on Thursday morning for the Governor's FFA week Proclamation!



5TH & 6TH GRADE GAME NIGHT – Calling all 5th and 6th grade students! Join us on March 15th from 6-8pm at Calvary Lutheran High School for one of our favorite events...GAME NIGHT! We will have games of every kind set up - dodgeball, gaga ball, 9-Square, E-sports, and board games to name a few. The event is FREE! Pizza and drinks will be provided for all attendees, and chaperones will be present for the entire event. RSVP to Abby Luebbert at (573) 638-0228 or luebberta@calvarylhs.org.

OPEN HOUSE THIS TUESDAY! – Looking into high school options for your student? You are invited to "Consider Calvary" at Open House Nights to hear first-hand from current students and parents about their experiences at Calvary. The final open house for this school year will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27th. Call the office at 573-638-0228 or visit linktr.ee/calvarylhs to reserve your spot today!

CALVARY'S GIFT OPPORTUNITIES – Calvary's Gift is a unique upscale thrift store located at 722 Jefferson Street, 100% volunteer run, and help is needed! Calvary's Gift benefits EVERY Calvary student in the form of "bridging the gap" of the cost of education and the price of tuition. If you have a few hours each month and would like to be a part of a dynamic group of people, reach out to Calvary's Gift at (573) 659-8176 for more information or to apply.

CRIMSON & SILVER DINNER AUCTION – Tickets are available for the 2024 Crimson and Silver Dinner Auction at the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, April 20, beginning at 4:00pm. Ticket price is \$50 per person, and tables of 8 are available for \$375. Purchase tickets online at www.calvarylhs.org/auction.

SAVE THE DATE –

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| Mar. 15 | 5 th & 6 th Grade Game Night, 6-8PM | |
| Apr. 20 | Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction | calvarylhs.org/auction |
| May 31 | 20 th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament | calvarylhs.org/golftournament |