



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

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Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 5, 2023

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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Ringin Of The Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: TLH 93 "O Lord, We Welcome Thee"

O Lord, we welcome Thee, Our hearts for joy are leaping.
 Thou, Jesus, dearest Child, Thy precious promise keeping,
 Art come from heav'n to earth To be our Brother dear;
 Thou, gracious Son of God, Wilt banish all our fear.

The mighty Son of God, His majesty concealing,
 Dwells with our fallen race To give us balm and healing.
 The everlasting God Descends from realms above,
 Becomes a winsome Child, Reveals His Father's love.

Ah, sweet and gentle name! It echoes far are sounding,
 It pierces hearts of stone And tells of love abounding.
 O Jesus, dearest Child, On Thee will we rely,
 And, calling on Thy name, We die not when we die.

To Thee alone we cling, For Thee all else forsaking;
 On Thee alone we build Tho' heav'n and earth be quaking.
 To Thee alone we live, In Thee alone we die;
 O Jesus, dearest Lord, With Thee we reign on high. 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.**

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, keep Your family, the Church, continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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: Isaiah 58:3-9a

³Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it? Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Gradual

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 St. Matthew, chapter 5, beginning with the 13th verse.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

P: Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.

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

The Apostles’ Creed p. 12

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.

Sermon Hymn: TLH #403 “Savior, Thy Dying Love”

**Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me;
Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from Thee.
In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfil its vow,
Some off’ring bring Thee now, Something for Thee.**

**O’er the blest mercy seat, Pleading for me,
My feeble faith looks up, Jesus, to Thee.
Help me the cross to bear, Thy wondrous love declare,
Some song to raise or prayer, Something for Thee.**

**Give me a faithful heart, Likeness to Thee.
That each departing day Henceforth may see
Some work of love begun, Some deed of kindness done,
Some wand’rer sought and won, Something for Thee.**

**All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,
In joy, in grief, through life, O Lord, for Thee!
And when Thy face I see, My ransomed soul shall be
Thro’ all eternity, Something for Thee. Amen.**

Sermon: “Hypocrisy On Steroids”

Text: Isaiah 58:3-9a

(Usual time for the Offering – offering plates will be collected from the entrances and brought forward for dedication.)

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 #390 "Drawn To The Cross, Which Thou Hast Blest"

**Drawn to the Cross, which Thou has blest With healing gifts for souls distressed,
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.**

TLH # 424 "My God, My Father, Make Me Strong"

**My God, my Father, make me strong, When tasks of life seem hard and long,
To greet them with this triumph song: Thy will be done.**

**Draw from my timid eyes the veil, To show, where earthly forces fail,
Thy pow'r and love must still prevail –Thy will be done.**

**With confident and humble mind, Freedom in service I would find,
Praying thro' every toil assigned: Thy will be done.**

**Things deemed impossible I dare, Thine is the call and Thine the care;
Thy wisdom shall the way prepare--Thy will be done.**

**All power is here and round me now; Faithful I stand in rule and vow,
While 'tis not I, but ever Thou: Thy will be done.**

**Heaven's music chimes the glad days in; Hope soars beyond death, pain, and sin;
Faith shouts in triumph, Love must win –Thy will be done! 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 #50 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us, Oh, refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness!**

**Thanks we give and adoration For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, Ever faithful To the Truth may we be found!**

**So whene'er the signal's given Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angels' wings to heaven, Glad the summons to obey,
May we ever, May we ever Reign with Christ in endless day! Amen.**

**Silent Prayer
Announcements**

Have A Blessed Week!

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown – Jeremiah Schubert; Schubert – Jennifer Hanes.

(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: Matt Kollmeyer.

USHERS this Sunday: Kurt Boeckmann and Andy Beach.

USHERS next Sunday: Kurt Boeckmann and John Hanes.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Mark Russell.

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EPIPHANY GREETINGS to each of you as we continue to celebrate the incarnation of our Savior Jesus and the revelation that He has come to rescue the fallen world. We are reminded that the message of Christ crucified is the central teaching of the Church and the power of the Gospel.

If you are a guest we greet you with special joy. Please be sure to introduce yourself and come back again soon!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Gary Lofton, home from the hospital and recovering from surgery. Also remember all of your brothers and sisters who are dealing with various physical and emotional difficulties.

TODAY: Pick up your February Newsletter & new Lutheran Witness.

MONDAY: Ladies Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY: Pastors' Conference, 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: Weekday/Confirmation Classes, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Evangelism Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: Your Contribution Reports are in the mail boxes. If you still have old 2022 offering envelopes, please discard them. Envelope numbers have changed. If you use envelopes from last year your contribution could be attributed to someone else.

OLD WELL-USED hymnals are available if anyone would like to have one or more. They are on the wooden table across from the mail boxes.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL, Honey Creek, will be hosting an Open House Kindergarten Roundup for students entering Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year. Come to the Kindergarten classroom anytime between 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February, 22nd. All interested families are invited and encouraged to attend.

TIGERFEST is quickly approaching! In case you aren't familiar, Tigerfest is Trinity Lutheran School's fundraiser and fellowship event. This year's event is the "Tigerfest Luau" on Saturday, March 4. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. at St. Martin's Knights of Columbus. Dress in tropical – luau attire, if you desire. For a \$60 ticket, you will enjoy a fully catered meal from Argyle Catering Co. including 3 meats, 2 sides, roll, salad, dessert and all the fixings! Your ticket also includes access to a special "Vacation/Travel/Destination" trivia night – and closes out with a dance party. Both silent & live auctions will take place, along with a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are available at www.tlsptl.com or by talking to Morgan Householder!

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: – Do abortion and physician-assisted suicide rest our faith in God's power or men's wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:5)? Has not Christ crucified proved the beauty of being with one another even in weakness and trembling (1 Corinthians 2:3) rather than hiding from our own flesh (Isaiah 58:7)? And will not what God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9) ease fears about surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis (Psalm 112:7)?

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: Babbtown, 18; Schubert, 84.

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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**

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

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Hymn # 93: Scripture: Isaiah 9:6; German: Ich freue mich in dir; O Lord, We Welcome Thee; Author: Caspar Ziegler (1648); Translation: Composite; Tune: Nun danket alle Gott; Composer: Johann Cruger (1648)

Hymn # 403: Scripture: Acts 9:6; Savior, Thy Dying Love; Author: Sylvanus D. Phelps (1862); Tune: Winterton; Composer: Joseph Barnby (1892).

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

Hymn # 424: Scripture: Psalm 143:8; My God, My Father, Make Me Strong; Author: Frederick Mann, died 1928; Tune: Es ist kein Tag; Composer: Johann D. Meyer (1692).

Hymn # 50: Scripture: Numbers 6:24-26; Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing; Author: John Fawcett (1773); Tune: Regent Square; Composer: Henry Smart (1867).

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CALVARY NEWS

CALVARY INSIDER – What happened at Calvary in the past week?

- Pastor Kopper led chapel on Wednesday.
- Following chapel, Calvary hosted a Culture Fair where students learned about 16 cultures from around the world, sampling many traditional foods from each one.
- 6 Boys Basketball teams competed in the 12th Annual Calvary Basketball Tournament on Friday and Saturday. Go Lions!

LION ATHLETICS – Upcoming home sporting events:

- JV/V Boys Basketball vs. Iberia – Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 6PM
- JV Boys/V Girls/V Boys vs. Bunceton-Prairie Home – Thursday, Feb. 9 at 5PM

DISCOVER CALVARY DAY! – Discover Calvary Visit Day is THIS Thursday afternoon, February 9th. This day is intended for 7th grade students to discover the advantages of a Lutheran high school education and the many opportunities available at Calvary. If you know a 7th grader or 8th grader who does not attend a Lutheran grade school, but would benefit from knowing more about the Calvary experience, contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 to learn more.

TUTORING AVAILABLE FROM CALVARY A+ STUDENTS – Calvary is providing after-school tutoring to K-12 students and their families for those who would desire extra help. Interested families can contact Erich Ahlers at (573)638-0228 or principal@calvarylhs.org.

CRIMSON & SILVER DINNER AUCTION – Tickets are now available for the 2023 Crimson and Silver Dinner Auction at the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, April 29, 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.

UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES – Considering high school options for your student? You are invited to “Consider Calvary” Open House Nights to hear first-hand from current students and parents about their experiences at Calvary. These events will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13th and Tuesday, February 21st. Call the office at 573-638-0228 to reserve your spot today!

POSITION AVAILABLE – Calvary is seeking a mission-minded assistant baseball coach for the 2023 Spring season. Interested individuals should contact Erich Ahlers, principal@calvarylhs.org or Kerri Morris, athletics@calvarylhs.org or call 573-638-0228. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE – Save the date for the next Calvary blood drive! It will take place from 1PM to 6PM on Tuesday, February 21st, in the Café at Calvary. Please consider donating to help save a life! Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App or text BLOODAPP to 90999. Schedule appointments, view your blood type and results of your mini-physical, and track your donations.

SAVE THE DATE –

Feb. 17-18 Winter One Act Festival