



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

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**February 7, 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 128 "Brightest And Best Of The Sons Of The Morning"

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall.  
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.**

**Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,  
Odors of Edom and off'rings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. 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 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 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; <sup>23</sup> who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. <sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

**Schubert - Song:** "On Eagle's Wings" (4 verses, congregation is invited to join in the refrain)

**REFRAIN: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-24

<sup>16</sup> For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. <sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. <sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the

prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

## **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 1, beginning with the 29th verse.

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

## **The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39**

<sup>29</sup> And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup> And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup> That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup> And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup> And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup> and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.

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

**Apostles' 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, "In a Little Stable"**

In a little stable Far across the sea Was a little Baby Just like you and me.  
Not a bed or cradle, Not a pillow deep, But a lowly manger Was His place to sleep.  
Shepherds stood around Him, Angels watched with care, For this Babe was Jesus,  
Lying, smiling there.  
Oh, I love this Jesus, Who was little then, For He surely loves me, Little though I am.

**Children's Message: "Little Though I Am"**

**Sermon Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

**REFRAIN: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. REFRAIN**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! REFRAIN**

**Sermon: "Do You Know—Have You Not Heard?"** Text: Isaiah 40:21-31

*(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 94 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the ever-lasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb,  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th' incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail, the heav'nly Prince of peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He leaves His throne on high, Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angel, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

**Come, Desire of nations, come, Fix in us Thy humble home;  
Oh, to all Thyself impart, Formed in each believing heart!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!" Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

**The Celebration Of Holy Communion**

***Have A Blessed Week!***

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown: Donna M. NOTE: Please call or text Pastor with prayer requests/birthdays.

ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Arline M.; Schubert – Keith B.  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Allan F.

USHERS this Sunday: Kurt B. and Andy B.  
USHERS next Sunday: Kurt B. and George K.

WELCOME to each of you in the Name of Jesus. We are glad to have you worshiping with us today. It is our prayer that you will be refreshed through the Word that we preach and the Sacrament that we offer. Today is the second-last Sunday in Epiphany. We are quickly approaching Lent. Mark your calendar, Ash Wednesday is February 7.

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

WEDNESDAY: Confirmation Class, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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

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 worshiping 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: "The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). Didn't Jesus atone for the sins of abortion and assisted suicide? Doesn't the Heavenly Father love those who promote or participate in them just as much as the lives they have taken? For their sake, let us not hesitate to directly apply both the diagnosis of sinfulness and the medicine of forgiveness in our congregations and our conversations.

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 #128: Text: Matt. 2:11; Author: Reginald Heber, 1811; Tune: Morning Star; Composer: John P. Harding, 1892.

Hymn #94: Text: Luke 2:14; Author: Charles Wesley, 1739; Tune: Mendelssohn; Composer: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840, ad..

**The Lutheran Service Book:** © 2006, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO:

Hymn #727: Texts: Ps. 91:1-2; 103:5; Isaiah 49:31; Exodus 19:4; Author and Composer: Michael Joncas, born 1951; Text and Tune: ©OCP Publications.

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## CALVARY NEWS



### **CALVARY INSIDER –** What happened this week at Calvary?

- Our basketball and cheer teams stayed busy this week with home games on Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, as well as away games against Eugene on Tuesday!
- We welcomed almost 30 seventh grade students from Immanuel Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran and the King's Academy as they joined us for "Discover Calvary Day," where they experienced all the opportunities and advantages being a CLHS Lion!
- Student and faculty Family Groups gathered on Wednesday to take part in student-led devotion time, and to dine together for lunch.

**CONSIDERING CALVARY? COME TO AN OPEN HOUSE!** – Considering high school options for your student? Join us this Monday or Thursday at 7:00 p.m. for our first Open House Nights of the year to hear first-hand from current students and parents about their experiences at Calvary. In order to assure adequate spacing, please call the office at 573-638-0228 to RSVP or email John Christman at [administrator@calvarylhs.org](mailto:administrator@calvarylhs.org) to reserve your spot today!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR WINTER DRAMA** – The casts of our winter drama one act plays have been hard at work preparing for their performances on February 26th & 27th. Reservations will be open next weekend. A link to reserve seats will be provided in next Sunday's announcements.

**TAX-ADVANTAGES OF SUPPORTING CALVARY** – As you visit your tax adviser, ask them 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](mailto:administrator@calvarylhs.org) to learn more.

**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!

**SPRING INTO SERVICE-** With warmer weather on the way, there are many opportunities to serve at Calvary using your gifts and passion! Whether you're interested in helping at our upscale resale shop, Calvary's Gift, or would like to be a part of the Golf Tournament, we have a place for you! Contact the school office today at 573-638-0228.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR WINTER DRAMA** – The casts of our winter drama one act plays have been hard at work preparing for their performances on February 26th & 27th.

**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AT CALVARY'S GIFT** - Do you have a few hours a week and have a servant's heart? Calvary's Gift would welcome your volunteerism! Calvary's Gift is seeking Saturday volunteers. A 9:00-1:00 shift would be very helpful, especially in the receiving department. It is sure to be a fun day and you will be a blessing to this incredible ministry! Contact Doris Propst at 573-338-1980.