



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

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Fourth Sunday in Lent
Confirmation Examination, Part I (Schubert)
March 10, 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 #154 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

**Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?**

**Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty Maker, died For man the creature's sin.**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.**

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'Tis all that I can do. 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.

The Prayer Of The Day: *[Spoken by all]*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21 *[Please rise]*

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

Sermon: “God Has Provided” Text: John 3:14-21

Hymn: TLH #370 “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant, and blood Support me in the whelming flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand. Amen.**

Schubert – Confirmation Examination, Part I

(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

(Babtown) 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.**

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 Hymn: TLH #143 “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession--What dark transgression?

They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; They crucify Thee.

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.

What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him, Who would not know Him.

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted--God is committed.

There was no spot in me by sin untainted;
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me, Such woe it wrought me.

O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying While Thou wert dying.

O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer? What dare I offer?

For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder—
Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.
Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee! Can I requite Thee?

Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee;
I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee
And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most lowly All fires unholy.

But since my strength will nevermore suffice me
To crucify desires that still entice me,
To all good deeds, oh, let Thy Spirit win me And reign within me!

I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor Henceforth forever.

Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,
I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.
I shall not fear what man can do to harm me Nor death alarm me.

But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness Nor shame my weakness.

And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee, I, too, shall praise Thee. 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. 1 & 4 “Lamb Of God, We Fall Before Thee”

**Lamb of God, we fall before Thee, Humbly trusting in Thy Cross.
That alone be all our glory; All things else are only dross.**

**Faith He grants us to believe it, Grateful hearts His love to prize;
Want we wisdom? He must give it, Hearing ears and seeing eyes.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Schubert – Haley Kelly, Mason Mistler, Linda Brenner, Haylee Toerper and Jay Forbis.
(NOTE: Please call or text Pastor with prayer requests and birthdays.)

ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Kathy Bauer; Schubert – Keith Bohl.
USHERS this Sunday: Russ Titus and John Hanes.
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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Jim Forbis.
ACOLYTE this Sunday: Brantly Carver.
ACOLYTE next Sunday: Sawyer Dippold.

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A WARM WELCOME to each of you as we gather for worship this morning, both in person, and online. We continue in the Season of Lent with our eyes focused upon the Passion of Jesus Christ, and the cross and the empty tomb.

Today at Schubert we observe Part 1 of the examination of our Confirmands, Claireleis Prohaska and Haley Titus. We pray for, listen to, and learn from their witness to us this morning.

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

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available for the little ones to help them listen to and follow the scripture readings for the day. Be sure to pick them up and use them.

HOSPITALIZED: Dianna Schubert, University Hospital, Columbia.

TODAY: Pick up your March Lutheran Witness and April-June Portals of Prayer.

MONDAY: Ladies Bible Study, "Bible, Blessings And Beyond," 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Week Day / Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m.

- Lenten Worship, 7:00 p.m. Return to the Lord. Return From Denial.

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.

Three times Peter denies Jesus. He stands in the courtyard, watching his Lord and Master being wrongfully accused, having promised that he was ready to follow Jesus both to prison and to death. But when asked directly, Peter crumples: "I don't know Him." We, too, may shrink from our faith. The pressures of living in a culture that doesn't recognize Jesus as Lord and God can be significant and may lead us to soft-pedal our beliefs or even to outright deny Jesus. But Jesus will have the last word. He will take even this sin to the cross and die for it. He will forgive us, restore us, and send us out with a task to complete. He calls us to return to Him, to return from denial.

SATURDAY: Confirmation Examination Practice, 9:00 a.m.

SIGN UP FOR: Lilies, Easter Breakfast and Seder (See attached sheet).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Easter Eggstravaganza, March 23. Invite your friends and neighbors. (See flier.)

THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE is beginning to work on ideas for Pastor Scheperle's retirement service/reception. We want to give God the glory while expressing appreciation for the wonderful blessing of Pastor, Paula and their family these many years. While our Committee is mighty, we could certainly use more help in developing and implementing plans for this celebration. If you have ideas to share—and can help in any way, please let Molly Boeckmann or another member of the Committee know. If interested in helping plan the Retirement Service for Pastor, please contact Pam Bohl or Molly Boeckmann.

CALL COMMITTEE NOTICE: Brothers and sisters in Christ, members of St. John's Schubert and Babtown: Please remember that District President Hagan will be coming to our respective congregations to preach on April 14. Following the service at Babtown, we hope that he can stay to offer brief comments before traveling to Schubert. At the conclusion of the service at Schubert, there will be a basket dinner and additional remarks and Q&A from President Hagan prior to the regularly scheduled Voter's Meeting. This will be a valuable opportunity to learn how the Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP) will serve both congregations following Pastor Scheperle's retirement, and what expectations will be placed on each congregation moving forward. Please continue to pray for our congregations, for Pastor Scheperle and Paula as they make this transition in their lives, and for the IIP God will provide to serve our congregations and help us prepare for a new Pastor in the future.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis come with risks and costs. But as with the ancient Israelite serpent infestation, the real enemy is neither one's neighbor nor the Maker (Numbers 21:8). Only impaling the snake (not terminating each other) brought deliverance, and the antidote called for faith instead of death. Christians insist God has sent us His Son for extending lives and not ending them (John 3:17).

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Sunday: Babtown, 17; Schubert, 106; Wednesday, 47.

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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 #154: Scripture: Luke 23:44-46; Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed; Author: Isaac Watts (1707); Tune: Martyrdom; Composer: Hugh Wilson (died 1824).

Hymn #370: Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:1; My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less; Author: Edward Mote (c. 1884, cento.) Tune: Magdalen; Composer: John Stainer (1873 arr.).

Hymn #143: Scripture: Luke 23:20-24; Herzliebster Jesu; Oh Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken; Author: Johann Heermann (1630); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863, alt.) Tune: Herzliebster Jesu; Composer: Johann Cruger (1640).

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?

- Parent teacher conferences were held on Monday. Students enjoyed a day of no classes while teachers met for professional development.
- The CCAA Math Contest was hosted at Calvary after school on Tuesday and our Lions overwhelmed the High School competition on the way to victory!
- Mr. Sprengel led chapel this week! Family group devotions, meals, and fellowship followed.
- Lion Thespians performed their One Act for the District competition Wednesday.
- The school week concluded with Boys Night and Girls Night, each boasting a late night of fun!



GAMES & PIZZA! CALLING ALL 5th & 6th GRADERS – 5th & 6th Grade students are invited to join us on March 15th from 6-8pm at Calvary Lutheran High School for one of our favorite events...GAME NIGHT! We will have offer games of every kind - dodgeball, gaga ball, 9-Square, Nerf war, board games and more! 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 luebberta@calvaryLhs.org.

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 or call the school office at (573) 638-0228.

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 573-638-0228 to learn more.

CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENT – After an early taste of warmer weather, we can't wait for the **20th** annual Calvary Benefit Golf Tournament **Friday, May 31, 2024** at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton! Whether you're interested in entering a team, sponsoring a hole, or being a part of the committee, we would love to have you! Contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org with your interest. To register your team, go to calvarylhs.org/golftournament Space is Limited!

SAVE THE DATE –

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