



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

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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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Ringing Of The Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: TLH 158 "Glory Be To Jesus"

**Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life-blood From His sacred veins!**

**Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!**

**Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torments Did the world redeem.**

**Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.**

**Of earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.**

**Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood,
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood! 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.**

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.**

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: Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-8

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. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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. John, chapter 4, beginning with the 5th verse.

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

The Gospel Reading: John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

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 #149 “Come To Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

**Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the Fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.**

**Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.**

**Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty free remission, Here the troubled peace, may find.
Health this fountain will restore; He that drinks shall thirst no more.**

**He that drinks shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified. Amen.**

Sermon: “This Indeed Is The Savior Of The World” Text: John 4:5-26 (27-30, 35-42)

(The offering plates are 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 145 "Jesus, Refuge Of The Weary"

**Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, Gaze upon the sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.**

Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Tho' we see Thee wounded, bleeding, See Thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Thy sinless death hath bro't us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Thy grace hath taught us Calms the sinner's stormy breast.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for Thee!
May our eyes be ever turning To Thy cross of agony
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever Dwell the cross, the Crucified! Amen.

Hymn TLH 153 "Stricken, Smitten And Afflicted"

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?
Friends thro' fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the WORD, the LORD'S ANOINTED, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation; Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built. 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.**

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 148 vs. 5 & 6 “Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light”

**Oh, let Thy holy wounds for me Clefts in the rock forever be
Where as a dove my soul can hide And safe from Satan's rage abide.**

**And when my spirit flies away, The dying words shall be my stay.
Thy cross shall be my staff in life, Thy holy grave my rest from strife.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown: Arline Mueller; Schubert: Mason Mistler, Linda Brenner, Haley Toerper, Jay Forbis, Elizabeth Eisenhart and Tricia Mistler

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

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

USHERS this Sunday: Jerry Bartel and John Hanes.

USHERS next Sunday: Jerry Bartel and Mike Forbis.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Gary Stroup.

ACOLYTE this Sunday: Mason Mistler.

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WELCOME TO EACH OF YOU in the Name of Jesus. Today is the third Sunday of Lent. We focus upon the great Sacrifice that Jesus made for us in order to save us from our sin. We are surrounded by the symbols that remind us of Jesus' Passion, all meant to keep us centered on the message of the cross.

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.

TODAY: Pick up your March Newsletter, Lutheran Witness and new Portals of Prayer.

TODAY (Babbtown): Remember we are meeting at J. C. Manor for a special celebration.

MONDAY: Schubert Ladies Bible Study, “Bible, Blessings And Beyond”, 1:00 p.m.

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

- Lenten Worship, 7:00 p.m. Glittering Vices: Sloth and Diligence.
- Elders' meeting following worship.

MARCH 25: Easter Egg Hunt, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., here at St. John's. Invite your family and friends. RSVP to Morgan at 573-338-0505.

SIGN UP for Lilies, Easter Breakfast and Seder (See sheet).

HIRING: Immanuel Lutheran School is looking for a part time aide to work approximately 30 hours per week. They would work from 7:00 to 1:00 Monday through Friday. Duties would involve helping students with playtime and supervising them. It would also involve some light sweeping, cleaning tables, and snack time clean up. Contact Mr. Tyler Kopp at 573-496-3766 if interested.

SAVE THE DATE! Plan to attend! The annual meeting of Lutherans For Life of Missouri will be held on May 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, MO from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Rev. Scott Licht, the CFO/COO of Lutherans For Life, will speak about 'care at the end of life'. The essay and poster contest winners and the recipients of the Leonard Wallenmeyer award will be announced at that time. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The registration fee of \$10 includes morning snacks and lunch. Everyone is invited to this central location in MO. For planning purposes, please contact Diane Albers (lflfmo@yahoo.com) (314-240-2018) or Sylvia Glenn (glennhaven.mo@gmail.com) (573-592-7866) by May 1st if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

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 17; Schubert, 97; Wednesday, 50.

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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 #158: Scripture: 1 Peter 1:19; Alas! Italian: Viva! Viva! Gesu; Glory Be To Jesus; Author: Italian, 18th Century, cento; Translator: Edward Casswall (1857); Tune: Wem in Leidenstagen; Composer: Friederick Filitz (1847).

Hymn #149: Scripture: Matthew 11:28; Come To Calvary's Holy Mountain: Author: James Montgomery (1819); Tune: Consolation; Composer: Ludvig M. Lindemam (1871).

Hymn #145: Scripture: Mark 15:29-30; Giesu sommo conforto; Jesus Refuge Of The Weary: Author: Gerolamo Savorola (1563); Translator: Jane F. Wilde (1853); Tune: O du Liebe; Source: "Musikalischer Christenschatz" Basel, 1745.

Hymn #153: Scripture: Isaiah 53:5; Stricken. Smitten and Afflicted; Author: Thomas Kelly (1804); Tune : O Mein Jesu, ich muss sterben; Source: "Geistliche Volkslieder", Paderburn, 1850.

Hymn #148: Scripture: Luke 23:33; O Jesu Christ, mein's Liebens Licht; Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light; Author: Martin Behm (1610, cento); Tanslator: Catherine Winkworth (1858, 1863, alt.); Tune: O Jesu Christ, Mein's; Source: "Nurnbergisches Gesangbuch," 1676.

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CALVARY NEWS

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

- Parents, teachers, and students met on Monday for our final Parent/Teacher Conferences of the school year.
- Calvary hosted the CCAA Math Contest on Tuesday and took the win!
- Chapel was led by Mr. Sprengel, principal at Trinity. He shared a message about trust based on Proverbs 3:5-6.
- The Calvary Drama students competed at Drama Districts on Wednesday.

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 John at Calvary's Gift at 573-821-8875 for more information or to apply.

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.

CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENT – We're ready for warmer weather so we can hit the greens for the 19th annual Calvary Golf Tournament **Friday, June 2, 2023** 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!

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.

SAVE THE DATE –

Apr. 25 Calvary Blood Drive
Apr. 29 Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction
May 27 Graduation, 10 AM
June 2 19th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament
June 10 Alumni Basketball Game