



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

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Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 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 #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.

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, 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 20:1-17

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying, ² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
¹³ “You shall not murder.
¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.
¹⁵ “You shall not steal.
¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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 2, beginning with verse 13.

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

The Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22 (23-25)

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

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 #354 "In The Cross Of Christ I Glory"

**In the Cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the Cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the Cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the Cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that thro' all time abide. Amen.**

Sermon: "Listen Very Carefully—Is It Foolishness Or Is It Power?" Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

(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 will conclude with The Lord's Prayer, Hymn – TLH #245, The Benediction and Closing Hymn, TLH #358, vs. 3.]

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 #245 "God Loved The World So That He Gave"

**God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone Are built on this chief Cornerstone.**

**God would not have the sinner die, His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach How man the blessed goal may reach.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which thou hast done,
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Thy Baptism grants the highest good.**

**If thou be sick, if death draw near, This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally! Amen.**

TLH #423 "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my All shalt be.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heav'n are still mine own.

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
And while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me; Show Thy face, and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In Thy service, pain is pleasure; With Thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called Thee Abba, Father! I have stayed my heart on Thee.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me, Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me While Thy love is left to me,
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation; Rise o'er sin and fear and care;
Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, What a Father's smile is thine,
What a Savior died to win thee; Child of heaven, shouldst thou repine?

Haste, then, on from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close the earthly mission, Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope soon change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise. 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. 3 “Lamb Of God, We Fall Before Thee”

**Jesus gives us true repentance By His Spirit sent from heav’n;
Whispers this transporting sentence, "Son, thy sins are all forgiv’n.” Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Schubert: Carson Bohl, Kennady Grothoff and Roger Schroeder.
(NOTE: Please call or text Pastor with prayer requests and birthdays.)

ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Kathy Bauer; Schubert – Samuel Luetkemeyer.
USHERS this Sunday: Russ Titus and Andy Beach.
USHERS next Sunday: Russ Titus and John Hanes.
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Mark Russell.
ACOLYTE this Sunday: Carson Bohl.
ACOLYTE next Sunday: Brantly Carver.

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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.

HOSPITALIZED: Diane Schubert - University of MO Hospital. Released; Matthew Kollmeyer, Continue to remember them in your prayers.

TODAY: Pick up your March Newsletter and Lutheran Witness

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

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

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

- Lenten Worship, 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship – March 6 – 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. Sin begets more sin. In this case, Judas’s betrayal brings Jesus before Caiaphas and the Council, where the sin of false witness prevails. What did God actually mean in the Eighth Commandment when He said that you should “not bear false witness against your neighbor” (Exodus 20:16)? The false witness in the sham trial was evident, but ours is seldom so. What are the ways that we transgress the commandment? And how does our failure lead us away from God? God calls us to turn from our sin, to look to Him, and to find our rest and identity in Him. When we do, Jesus takes our sins—even our false witness against Him—and offers us forgiveness: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).
- Elders’ Meeting, following worship

SATURDAY: Confirmation Examination practice.

NEXT SUNDAY: Daylight Saving Time begins.

BE SURE to sign up for Easter lilies, Easter breakfast and the Seder-see attached sheet.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: The Lord God closely associates life and family. He stands commands about parenting and marriage on either side of the prohibition against killing (Exodus 20:12-14). He holds human life as highest priority and will not accept any other creatures as replacement (John 2:15-16). Body and sexuality serve to enrich life – our own as well as one another’s – and not to eliminate it.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Sunday: Babbtown, 19; Schubert, 122; Wednesday 45.

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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 #153: Scripture: Isaiah 53:3-5; Stricken, Smitten And Afflicted; Author: Thomas Kelly (1804); Tune: O mein Jesu, ich muss sterben; Source: “Geistliche Volkslieder,” Paderborn, 1850.

Hymn #354: Scripture: Galatians 6:14; In The Cross Of Christ I Glory; Author: John Bowring (1825); Tune: Rathbun; Composer: Ithamar Conkey (1849).

Hymn # 245: John 3:16; Also hat Gott Die Welt Geliebt; God Loved The World So That He Gave; Author unknown (1791, cento); Translator: August Crull (died 1923, alt.); Tune: St. Crispin; Composer: George J. Elvey (1862).

Hymn: 423: Luke 18:28; Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken; Author: Henry Francis Lyte (1824); Tune: Hfrydol; Composer: Roland H. Pritchard (1855, alt.).

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?

- Monday was the first day of spring sports practices! Track & Field, Baseball, and Golf have begun their training for their first competitions in a few weeks!
- The seniors visited the capitol on Tuesday as part of their government class, to see our government in action!
- The Calvary Choir led Wednesday chapel at Trinity Lutheran.
- Calvary chapel was led by Pastor Hobratchk. He shared a message on Identity.

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.

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, 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 (573) 638-0228 or luebberta@calvaryLhs.org.

THRIVENT CHOICE – Please consider designating Thrivent Choice dollars to the Lutheran High School Association of Mid-Missouri (Calvary Lutheran High School). Thousands of available dollars in Mid-Missouri go undesignated every year. All 2023 Choice Dollars must be designated by March 31. Contact your Thrivent representative if you are unsure how you can support your favorite ministry.

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