



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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 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 205 "The Day of Resurrection"

**The day of resurrection, Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath bro't us over With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth her song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord hath risen,—Our joy that hath no end. 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 God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of the world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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.

The First Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:1-21

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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. John Chapter 15, beginning with the 1st verse.

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

The Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P: Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.

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

Nicene Creed p. 22: *[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: “The Fruit of the Spirit”

**Oh, the fruit of the Spirit’s not a coconut The fruit of the spirit’s not a coconut
If you wanna be a coconut, you might as well hear it. It can’t be a fruit of the spirit.**

REFRAIN: **‘Cause the fruit is: Love, joy, peace, patience Kindness, goodness,
Faithfulness, Gentleness and self-control...
Love, joy, peace, patience Kindness, goodness,
Faithfulness, Gentleness and self-control.**

Oh, the fruit of the spirit’s not a _____ (insert any fruit or food)...

REFRAIN

Children’s Message: “Good Fruit”

Sermon Hymn: TLH 567 “O Lord, Whose Bounteous Hand Again”

**O Lord, whose bounteous hand again Hath poured Thy gifts in plenty down,
Who all creation dost sustain And all the earth with goodness crown,
Lord of the harvest, here we own Our joy to be Thy gift alone.**

**Oh, may we ne'er with thankless heart Forget from whom our blessings flow!
Still, Lord, Thy heav'nly grace impart; Still teach us what to Thee we owe.
Lord, may our lives with fruit divine Return Thy care and prove us Thine.**

**Lord, grant that we who sow to Thee With joy in endless life may reap.
Of ev'ry heart the Guardian be; By day and night Thy servants keep
That all to Thee may joy afford On Thy great harvest-day, O Lord. Amen.**

Sermon: “Cut Back or Cut Off” Text: John 15:1-8

(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: LSB 477 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty! Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

The Celebration Of Holy Communion

**The Hymn of Preparation: TLH 315, vs. 4-6 “I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table”
Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul
That I through willful sinning never May see Thy Judgment take its toll!
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

**Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

**Weary am I and and heavy laden, With sin my soul is sore opprest;
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good! Amen.**

Have A Blessed Week!

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown: Alex N. and Ethen M.; Schubert: Niki K., Camden B., Mark S., and Corina H.
(NOTE: Please call or text Pastor with prayer requests and birthdays.)

ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Arline M.; Schubert – Keith B.
USHERS this Sunday: Jerry B. and Silas L.
USHERS next Sunday : Jerry B. and George K.
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Allan F.

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

WELCOME to each of you for worship on this Fifth Sunday of Easter. We greet you in the Name of our Risen, Lord God.

We continue to celebrate the Victory that He has obtained for us through His death and resurrection which has gained for our salvation through Him alone!

If you are a guest we extend special greetings you and let us know if you have any need or questions.
Christ is risen!

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the 25th wedding anniversary of Allan and Carol Forbis. We rejoice with them and pray for God’s continued blessings on their marriage.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Lois L. released and transferred to St. Joseph Rehab and Trisha M. recovering from surgery at Barnes. We pray for God’s special healing in their needs.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Jim Kemmer and family on the death of his sister Jean. May God comfort them through His promise of salvation and resurrection in Jesus.

TUESDAY: Columbia/Jefferson City Circuit Pastors Conference.

WEDNESDAY: Elders' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Schubert Ladies Aid Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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

REMEMBER: We are encouraging all who are in high risk groups, and that are hesitant, to remain at home and continue worshipping 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Vacation Bible School, 2021.

Join us for VBS, 2021: THE BOOK OF BOOKS

Dates: June 6-10 (Sunday – Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

Classes are available for ages 3 to those entering Grade 9. Adult classes too!

Volunteer teachers and helpers are needed:

We need to get the rummage sale ball rolling! If you are able to help in any way (set up, advertising, lay-out, sale day, etc.) please plan to meet briefly after church on May 16 in the cry room, to get organized. Hopefully, there will be a willing three-some to provide leadership. Everything that has been done in the last few years is well documented, and there are boxes of supplies available. If you are willing to help, but can't make it on the 16th, please let Mary Vida know at: mlvida765@gmail.com or by text at 573-230-0521 Thank you!

PS: Linda K. and Mary V. have now reached the combined age of 150 years, and are slowing down! 🐢

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: We behold ourselves in both our unborn and our elderly neighbors, for apart from Jesus even we can do nothing (John 15:5). And we behold our Lord Jesus in their bodies as well because He has come unto us in a flesh like their own (1 John 4:2). Let us use our breath to defend them from abortion or assisted suicide and in this way praise the Lord (Psalm 150:6).

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
8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Schubert
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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CALVARY NEWS

CALVARY INSIDER – What happened at Calvary this week?

- Congratulations to the Scholar Bowl team for finishing in the top 8 teams in Class 4! After winning their District, the team finished their season at Sectionals on Tuesday in Joplin.
- Senior students packed bagged meals of nonperishable foods for The Pantry in Jefferson City.
- The Track teams finished 2nd in the CCAA Conference on Tuesday and then competed at the New Haven Invitational, and the South Callaway Invitational later in the week.
- Calvary students were released early on Wednesday while faculty spent the afternoon learning in professional development.
- Baseball players had a full week of games both away and at home, and recognized 5 Seniors at the game against Stover on Friday night.
- In the beautiful weather early this week, the Golf team defeated MMA in a Dual at Oak Hills.

CALVARY BLOOD DRIVE – Register today for the next Calvary blood drive this Tuesday, May 4 from 12-6p.m. in the Gym at Calvary Lutheran High School. Please consider donating to help save a life!

SPRING BBQ (FUN)RAISER – Join us on Saturday, May 15 from 4-8p.m. on Calvary's campus for a fun evening of BBQ, games & activities, a corn hole tournament, and dessert auction! Many hands are needed to make this event a success so if you would like to volunteer on a committee, please contact the office at Calvary office@calvarylhs.org or (573) 638-0228.

ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT – Calvary will host the CLHS Alumni Basketball Tournament on Saturday, May 22. Doors open at 2p.m.; live draft for teams starts at 3p.m. Please RSVP at principal@calvarylhs.org or (573) 638-0228.

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP – If you know of a family with students entering grades 5-8 in the Fall, please share information about Calvary's Youth Summer Camp. This all-day camp runs from Monday, June 21 through Friday, June 25. To register, please contact Calvary at (573) 638-0228.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE – Calvary Lutheran High School is seeking mission-minded individuals for a full-time Science teacher (Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology) and a coach for its soccer team this Fall. Interested applicants can contact or email resumes to Principal Erich Ahlers (principal@calvarylhs.org) or AD Kerri Morris (athletics@calvarylhs.org) respectively. Resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled. They may also be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Missouri allows private K-12 tuition to be paid from a 529 fund. This is a great opportunity for families (or friends of a family) to contribute specifically to a student's education through state-tax deductible contributions. Qualified withdrawals for tuition expenses can happen now or well into the future. Call John Christman (638-0228) or your financial advisor today to learn more.