

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogate Sunday May 5, 2024

Order of Worship: Printed below (with P for Pastor, C for Congregation) or found on page 15 in The Lutheran Hymnal TLH

Welcome to each of you in the Name of Jesus, our risen Savior. Today we continue the celebration of Easter in the joy of the New Life that we have because of our living Lord.

We also observe the old tradition of the Rogate Prayers of blessings upon the fields and crops being planted as well as the animals that we depend upon for food.

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

# The Ringing Of The Bell

# **Prelude**

#### Welcome

Opening Hymn: TLH #196 "I Am Content! My Jesus Liveth Still"

I am content! My Jesus liveth still, In whom my heart is pleased. He hath fulfilled the Law of God for me; God's wrath He hath appeased. Since He in death could perish never, I also shall not die forever. I am content! I am content!

I am content! My Jesus is my Head; His member I will be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died With cries of agony. Now death is brought into subjection For me, too, by His resurrection. I am content! I am content!

I am content! My Jesus is my Lord, My Price of Life and Peace; His heart is yearning for my future bliss And for my soul's release. The home where He, my Master, liveth He also to His servant giveth. I am content! I am content!

I am content! My Jesus is my Light, My radiant Sun of Grace.
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all: Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
This Easter Sun doth being salvation And everlasting exultation.
I am content! I am content!

I am content! Lord, draw me unto Thee And wake me from the dead That I may rise forevermore to be With Thee, my living Head. The fetters of my body sever, Then shall my soul rejoice forever. I am content! I am content! 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.

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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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.

# First Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-48

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." 44 While Peter was still saving these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, 47 "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

# Epistle Reading: 1 John 5:1-8

5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

#### Gradual

#### **Sentence Of The Season**

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 verse 9.

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

# The Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

- 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 #457 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a Friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our Refuge--Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;

In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there. Amen.

**Sermon:** "Promoted!" Text: John 15:

(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.

## **Rogate Prayers of Blessing**

P: Come let us seek the Lord's special blessing upon the earth and the fruits of our labors:

#### SOIL

- P: In the beginning, Lord God, You created the earth for man to live on and to work for the producing of grains and grasses as food for man and cattle.
- C: Place Your hand of blessing upon the soil that it may send forth grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables and all things pleasing to the eye and useful for mankind.

#### GRAIN

- P: In the beginning, Lord God, You said, "Let the earth bring forth all kinds of plants, especially those that bear all sorts of grain, and so the process of planting seeds was established and You have taught us to look to You as the One who supplies our daily bread from these grains.
- C: Place Your hand of blessing upon the grains of corn, wheat, barley, oats and many other seeds that bring forth food for cattle and mankind for nourishment, health and strength.

#### WATER

- P: In the beginning, Lord God, You sent the rains to water the earth that seeds may grow, that man and animals may have water to drink.
- C: Place Your hand of blessing upon the water that there may be the needed gentle rains to water the seeds for growth and quench the thirst of man and animals.

#### HAY AND GRASS

- P: In the beginning, Lord God, You showed Yourself as the provider for mankind and livestock, and have led us to the skills of harvesting and storing.
- C: Place Your hand of blessing upon the hay being harvested and baled and upon the grass of the fields and meadows that it may be the needed food for the animals.

## **MEAT, MILK AND EGGS**

- P: In the beginning, Lord God, You created the animals. You also gave them to us to be the nourishing meat and providers of milk and food for mankind.
- C: Place Your hand of blessing upon the animals used for food that these animals may be productive in furnishing food for Your people.

#### FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND HERBS

- P: In the beginning, Lord God, You created the fruit producing plants, trees, and vines so that the nourishing fruits, vegetables, and herbs might be grown for the health of man and animals.
- C: Place Your hand of blessing upon the orchards and vineyards, upon the greenhouses and gardens, that they may produce good, abundant food that will not be wasted, but feed the people of the world.

## Psalm 67:

ALL: God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us; that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:

For Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God shall bless;

and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. Amen.

- P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### **General Prayers**

(Babbtown will conclude with The Lord's Prayer, Hymn #205, Benediction and Closing Hymn, TLH #189.)

#### 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:** <u>TLH #205 "The Day Of Resurrection"</u>

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.

# TLH #207 "Like The Golden Sun Ascending"

Like the golden sun ascending, Breaking thro' the gloom of night, On the earth his glory spending So that darkness takes to flight, Thus my Jesus from the grave And Death's dismal, dreadful cave Rose triumphant Easter morning At the early purple dawning.

Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life! Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife. Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened Paradise! None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

Though I be by sin o'ertaken, Though I lie in helplessness, Though I be by friends forsaken And must suffer sore distress, Though I be despised, contemned, And by all the world condemned, Though the dark grave yawn before me, Yet the light of hope shines o'er me.

Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

Grant me grace, O blessed Savior, And Thy Holy Spirit send That my walk and my behavior May be pleasing to the end; That I may not fall again Into Death's grim pit and pain, Whence by grace Thou hast retrieved me And from which Thou hast relieved me.

For the joy Thy advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word; For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For Thy blest Communion board; For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn, Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heaven I shall behold 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 #189 "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's direst weapon. Oh, hear What cheer! Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth--He was dead, but see, He liveth! Amen.

# **Silent Prayer**

#### **Announcements**

# Have A Blessed Week!

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Schubert - Camden Bohl, Mark Schroeder, Corina Henderson, Eric Lofton and Troy Ludwig.

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

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

USHERS this Sunday: Jerry Bartel and Andy Beach. USHERS next Sunday: Jerry Bartel and John Hanes.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Russ Mueller.

ACCOLYTE this Sunday: Haley Titus. ACCOLYTE next Sunday: Brantly Carver.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for the kindness and generosity and good fellowship that we experienced last Sunday for the Pie/Dessert auction which we held for the benevolent fundraiser. We praise God for moving the hearts of His people, it really was a blessing so that we will be able to use bless others. Keep up the Spirit of Love! We raised \$3738.00.

WE THANK Pay Way Feed for providing the various grains to be used for the Rogate Prayers of Blessing.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Senior member Sunday to be held on the Day of Pentecost. May 19. Wear red, bring red flowers or flowering plants to decorate the sanctuary as we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church and as we honor our senior saints.

TODAY: Pick up your May Newsletter and Lutheran Witness.

Babbtown Voter's Meeting following worship.

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

THURSDAY: Ascension Worship, 7:00 p.m. followed by Ice Cream fellowship. Come join us for devotion and encouragement of the Saints in Christ.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) will be held on June 8-10, 2024 at Faith Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, MO. TEC is a three-day retreat for teens AND adults that allows them to encounter the presence of Christ in their lives in a unique way. If you want to find out more about this amazing opportunity to grow in your faith, please visit our website, <a href="www.heartofmotec.com">www.heartofmotec.com</a>. The website has all the information and an online application – registration deadline is May 31. If you want more information you can call or text Sam Ziegelbein at 573-680-6887 or email TEC at <a href="heartofmotec@gmail.com">heartofmotec@gmail.com</a>. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important ministry with your prayers, by attending, or by donating needed items.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: — Surprise pregnancy does involve difficulties too great for our abilities. Terminal diagnosis indeed comes with insurmountable obstacles. Taking life-and-death matters into one's own hands only compounds the problems. Instead, trust the Son of God to overcome and deliver out of every threat (1 John 5:4). Cry out to Jesus in repentance and prayer, for the Father above will not fail to supply immediate and eternal salvation (John 15:16).

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: Babbtown, 13; Schubert, 98.

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 A	dult Bible Study

9:15 am. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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Hymn #205: Scripture: Psalm 118:15; Αναστάσεως ήμέραl; The Day Of Resurrection; Author: John of Damascus, Circa 750; Translator: John M. Neale (1863, cento); Tune: Lancashire; Composer: Henry Smart (1856).

Hymn # 207: Scripture: Acts 2:32; Som den gyldne Sol frembryder; Like The Golden Sun Ascending; Author: Thomas Kingo (1869, cento); Translator: George T. Rygh (1908); Tune: Werde munter; Composer: Johann Schop (1642).

Hymn #189: Scripture: Romans 4:25; Han er opstanden! Store Bud!; He Is Arisen! Glorius Word!; Author: Brigitte K. Boye (1778); Translator: George T. Rygh (1909); Tune: Wie schon leuchtet; Composer: Philipp Nicolai (1599).

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# **CALVARY NEWS**

CALVARY INSIDER - Wondering what went on at Calvary this week?

- Baseball lions celebrated their seniors at Tuesday's game against Tuscumbia.
- Wednesday began with students filling the bus to attend the Missouri March for Life at the Capitol. Afternoon classes followed.
- FFA Lions hosted a Petting Zoo and Agriculture Day on Thursday.
- Thank you to everyone who came out to the Spring Concert! Calvary's band, choirs, soloists, dancers, and artists presented a beautiful night of entertainment.
- Following the concert, students past and present joined together for the final Game Night of the year!

**POSITION AVAILABLE** – Calvary Lutheran High School is seeking a mission-minded individual to teach one credit of Art for the 2024-2025 school year. Interested applicants can contact Principal Erich Ahlers at (principal@calvarylhs.org) or 573-638-0228. Resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled. They may also be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

**TWENTY YEARS OF CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENTS!** – Assemble your team and shine your clubs! The **20**<sup>th</sup> annual Calvary Benefit Golf Tournament is *Friday, May 31, 2024* at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton! Consider entering a team, sponsoring a hole, or volunteering your time to help! 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!

**DONATE. SHOP. VOLUNTEER.** – It's a great time to visit Calvary's Gift! Donate your gently-used items. Then, do some shopping for decorations, gifts, and more. You are also invited to come and volunteer at the store. This could mean sorting items, handling donations, or ringing up sales. Reach out by calling (573) 821-8875 to see where & when you can best fit. Stop by to donate and shop at 722 Jefferson Street!

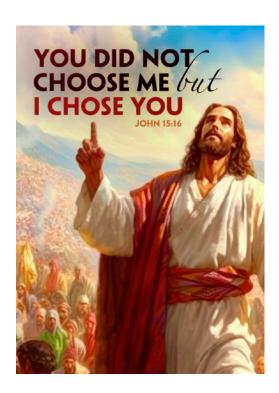
**FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – Missouri allows private K-12 tuition to be paid from a 529 fund. This is a great opportunity for families (or friends of a family) to contribute specifically to a student's education through state-tax deductible contributions. Qualified withdrawals for tuition expenses can happen now or well into the future. Call John Christman (573-638-0228) or your financial advisor today to learn more.

#### SAVE THE DATE -

May 25 Graduation of the Class of 2024

May 31 20th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament calvarylhs.org/golftournament





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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.

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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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.

#### First Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-48

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." 44 While Peter was still saving these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, 47 "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

# Epistle Reading: 1 John 5:1-8

5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

#### Gradual

#### **Sentence Of The Season**

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 verse 9.

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

## The Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

- 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 #457 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a Friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our Refuge--Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;

In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there. Amen.

**Sermon:** "Promoted!" Text: John 15:

(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.

## **Rogate Prayers of Blessing**

P: Come let us seek the Lord's special blessing upon the earth and the fruits of our labors:

#### SOIL

- P: In the beginning, Lord God, You created the earth for man to live on and to work for the producing of grains and grasses as food for man and cattle.
- C: Place Your hand of blessing upon the soil that it may send forth grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables and all things pleasing to the eye and useful for mankind.

#### **GRAIN**

- P: In the beginning, Lord God, You said, "Let the earth bring forth all kinds of plants, especially those that bear all sorts of grain, and so the process of planting seeds was established and You have taught us to look to You as the One who supplies our daily bread from these grains.
- C: Place Your hand of blessing upon the grains of corn, wheat, barley, oats and many other seeds that bring forth food for cattle and mankind for nourishment, health and strength.

#### WATER

- P: In the beginning, Lord God, You sent the rains to water the earth that seeds may grow, that man and animals may have water to drink.
- C: Place Your hand of blessing upon the water that there may be the needed gentle rains to water the seeds for growth and quench the thirst of man and animals.

#### HAY AND GRASS

- P: In the beginning, Lord God, You showed Yourself as the provider for mankind and livestock, and have led us to the skills of harvesting and storing.
- C: Place Your hand of blessing upon the hay being harvested and baled and upon the grass of the fields and meadows that it may be the needed food for the animals.

## **MEAT, MILK AND EGGS**

- P: In the beginning, Lord God, You created the animals. You also gave them to us to be the nourishing meat and providers of milk and food for mankind.
- C: Place Your hand of blessing upon the animals used for food that these animals may be productive in furnishing food for Your people.

#### FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND HERBS

- P: In the beginning, Lord God, You created the fruit producing plants, trees, and vines so that the nourishing fruits, vegetables, and herbs might be grown for the health of man and animals.
- C: Place Your hand of blessing upon the orchards and vineyards, upon the greenhouses and gardens, that they may produce good, abundant food that will not be wasted, but feed the people of the world.

## Psalm 67:

ALL: God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us; that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:

For Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God shall bless;

and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. Amen.

- P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### **General Prayers**

(Babbtown will conclude with The Lord's Prayer, Hymn #205, Benediction and Closing Hymn, TLH #189.)

#### 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:** <u>TLH #205 "The Day Of Resurrection"</u>

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.

# TLH #207 "Like The Golden Sun Ascending"

Like the golden sun ascending, Breaking thro' the gloom of night, On the earth his glory spending So that darkness takes to flight, Thus my Jesus from the grave And Death's dismal, dreadful cave Rose triumphant Easter morning At the early purple dawning.

Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life! Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife. Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened Paradise! None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

Though I be by sin o'ertaken, Though I lie in helplessness, Though I be by friends forsaken And must suffer sore distress, Though I be despised, contemned, And by all the world condemned, Though the dark grave yawn before me, Yet the light of hope shines o'er me.

Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

Grant me grace, O blessed Savior, And Thy Holy Spirit send That my walk and my behavior May be pleasing to the end; That I may not fall again Into Death's grim pit and pain, Whence by grace Thou hast retrieved me And from which Thou hast relieved me.

For the joy Thy advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word; For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For Thy blest Communion board; For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn, Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heaven I shall behold 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 #189 "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's direst weapon. Oh, hear What cheer! Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth--He was dead, but see, He liveth! Amen.

# Silent Prayer

#### **Announcements**

# Have A Blessed Week!

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Schubert - Camden Bohl, Mark Schroeder, Corina Henderson, Eric Lofton and Troy Ludwig. (NOTE: Please call or text Pastor with prayer requests and birthdays.)

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

USHERS this Sunday: Jerry Bartel and Andy Beach. USHERS next Sunday: Jerry Bartel and John Hanes.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Russ Mueller.

ACCOLYTE this Sunday: Haley Titus. ACCOLYTE next Sunday: Brantly Carver.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for the kindness and generosity and good fellowship that we experienced last Sunday for the Pie/Dessert auction which we held for the benevolent fundraiser. We praise God for moving the hearts of His people, it really was a blessing so that we will be able to use bless others. Keep up the Spirit of Love! We raised \$3738.00.

WE THANK Pay Way Feed for providing the various grains to be used for the Rogate Prayers of Blessing.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Senior member Sunday to be held on the Day of Pentecost. May 19. Wear red, bring red flowers or flowering plants to decorate the sanctuary as we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church and as we honor our senior saints.

TODAY: Pick up your May Newsletter and Lutheran Witness.

Babbtown Voter's Meeting following worship.

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

THURSDAY: Ascension Worship, 7:00 p.m. followed by Ice Cream fellowship. Come join us for devotion and encouragement of the Saints in Christ.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) will be held on June 8-10, 2024 at Faith Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, MO. TEC is a three-day retreat for teens AND adults that allows them to encounter the presence of Christ in their lives in a unique way. If you want to find out more about this amazing opportunity to grow in your faith, please visit our website, <a href="www.heartofmotec.com">www.heartofmotec.com</a>. The website has all the information and an online application – registration deadline is May 31. If you want more information you can call or text Sam Ziegelbein at 573-680-6887 or email TEC at <a href="heartofmotec@gmail.com">heartofmotec@gmail.com</a>. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important ministry with your prayers, by attending, or by donating needed items.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: — Surprise pregnancy does involve difficulties too great for our abilities. Terminal diagnosis indeed comes with insurmountable obstacles. Taking life-and-death matters into one's own hands only compounds the problems. Instead, trust the Son of God to overcome and deliver out of every threat (1 John 5:4). Cry out to Jesus in repentance and prayer, for the Father above will not fail to supply immediate and eternal salvation (John 15:16).

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: Babbtown, 13; Schubert, 98.

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** 

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8:00 a.m. Worship Service	9:15 am. Sunday School
9:10 a.m. Sunday School	9:30 a.m. Bible Study
and Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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Hymn #196: Scripture: John 11:25; Ich habe g'nug; I Am Content! My Jesus Liveth Still; Author: Johann J. Moller (1704); Tr.: August Crull (died 1923); Tune: Es ist genug; Source: "Geisliche Arien" Mulhausen, 1672..
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Hymn #205: Scripture: Psalm 118:15; Αναστάσεως ήμέραl; The Day Of Resurrection; Author: John of Damascus, Circa 750; Translator: John M. Neale (1863, cento); Tune: Lancashire; Composer: Henry Smart (1856).

Hymn # 207: Scripture: Acts 2:32; Som den gyldne Sol frembryder; Like The Golden Sun Ascending; Author: Thomas Kingo (1869, cento); Translator: George T. Rygh (1908); Tune: Werde munter; Composer: Johann Schop (1642).

Hymn #189: Scripture: Romans 4:25; Han er opstanden! Store Bud!; He Is Arisen! Glorius Word!; Author: Brigitte K. Boye (1778); Translator: George T. Rygh (1909); Tune: Wie schon leuchtet; Composer: Philipp Nicolai (1599).

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# **CALVARY NEWS**

**CALVARY INSIDER –** Wondering what went on at Calvary this week?

- Baseball lions celebrated their seniors at Tuesday's game against Tuscumbia.
- Wednesday began with students filling the bus to attend the Missouri March for Life at the Capitol. Afternoon classes followed.
- FFA Lions hosted a Petting Zoo and Agriculture Day on Thursday.
- Thank you to everyone who came out to the Spring Concert! Calvary's band, choirs, soloists, dancers, and artists presented a beautiful night of entertainment.
- Following the concert, students past and present joined together for the final Game Night of the year!

**POSITION AVAILABLE** – Calvary Lutheran High School is seeking a mission-minded individual to teach one credit of Art for the 2024-2025 school year. Interested applicants can contact Principal Erich Ahlers at (principal@calvarylhs.org) or 573-638-0228. Resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled. They may also be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

**TWENTY YEARS OF CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENTS!** – Assemble your team and shine your clubs! The **20**<sup>th</sup> annual Calvary Benefit Golf Tournament is *Friday, May 31, 2024* at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton! Consider entering a team, sponsoring a hole, or volunteering your time to help! 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!

**DONATE. SHOP. VOLUNTEER.** – It's a great time to visit Calvary's Gift! Donate your gently-used items. Then, do some shopping for decorations, gifts, and more. You are also invited to come and volunteer at the store. This could mean sorting items, handling donations, or ringing up sales. Reach out by calling (573) 821-8875 to see where & when you can best fit. Stop by to donate and shop at 722 Jefferson Street!

**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 (573-638-0228) or your financial advisor today to learn more.

# SAVE THE DATE -

May 25 Graduation of the Class of 2024

May 31 20th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament calvarylhs.org/golftournament

