



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

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The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Father's Day
June 16, 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 #17 "O Worship The King"

Oh, worship the King, All-glorious above,
Oh, gratefully sing His pow'r and His love,
Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor And girded with praise.

Oh, tell of His might, Oh, sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath The deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path On the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store Of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r Hath founded of old,
Hath stablished it fast By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, Like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care What tongues can recite?
It breathes in the air, It shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills In the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust And feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, Nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, How firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, Ineffable Love,
While angels delight To hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration Shall sing to Thy praise. 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]*

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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: Ezekiel 17:22-24

²² Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴ And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

Schubert: Special Music

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (11-17)

^{5:1} For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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. Mark, chapter 4, beginning with verse 26.

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

The Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

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 #660 "I'm But A Stranger Here"

I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.

There at my Savior's side Heav'n is my home;
I shall be glorified; Heav'n is my home.
There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best;
And there I, too, shall rest, Heav'n is my home.

Therefore I murmur not; Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand.
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home. Amen.

Sermon: "How Is Your Aim?" Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1-17

(The Offerings are brought forward. Offering plates are at the entrances.)

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

[Babbtown will conclude with The Lord's Prayer, Hymn – TLH #394, Prayer, The Benediction and Closing Hymn – TLH #49.]

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 #394 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul! Amen.

TLH #399 "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"

Thee will I love, my Strength, my Tower; Thee will I love, my Hope, my Joy;
Thee will I love with all my power, With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
Thee will I love, O Light Divine, So long as life is mine.

Thee will I love, my Life, my Savior, Who art my best and truest Friend.
Thee will I love and praise forever, For never shall Thy kindness end;
Thee will I love with all my heart, Thou my Redeemer art.

I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven, Whose radiance hath bro't light to me;
I thank Thee, who hast richly given All that could make me glad and free;
I thank Thee that my soul is healed By what Thy lips revealed.

Oh, keep me watchful, then, and humble; And suffer me no more to stray;
Uphold me when my feet would stumble, Nor let me loiter by the way.
Fill all my nature with Thy light, O Radiance strong and bright!

Oh, teach me, Lord, to love Thee truly With soul and body, head and heart,
And grant me grace that I may duly Practice fore'er love's sacred art.
Grant that my ev'ry thought may be Directed e'er to Thee.

Thee will I love, my Crown of gladness, Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness, Not for the hope of high reward--
For Thine own sake, O Light Divine, So long as life is mine. 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 You, 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
lives and reigns with You 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 #49 “Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast”

**Almighty God, Thy Word is cast Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.**

**Let not the foe of Christ and man This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.**

**Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.**

**Oft as the precious seed is sown, Thy quickening grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving power may know. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAY: Schubert – Jerry Bartel, Carl Brandenburg, Keegan Huckfeldt and Gary Rademan.

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

PASTOR: Rev. Gerald Scheperle; Office phone: 573-395-4591; Cell: 573-353-9540.

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

USHERS this Sunday: Gary Stroup and Mike Forbis.

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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Mark Russell.

ACOLYTE this Sunday: Haley Titus.

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A WARM WELCOME to each of you in the Name of Jesus AND A BLESSED Father's Day to all of our dads and spiritual fathers, may God strengthen all fathers in true faith and Godly living. We are glad to have you with us in worship and online.

We pray that you will be blessed and refreshed by the Spirit's power through the Word that we share.

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.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Jennifer Murray who is recovering from her injuries. If you wish to send her a card, please give it to Pastor. He will deliver it.

TODAY: Pick up your June Newsletter, Lutheran Witness and new quarter's Portals of Prayer.

- Ice Cream Social at Stringtown, 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. It's a great way to celebrate Father's Day.

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: July Newsletter items are due.

- Trinity Men’s Club BBQ Rib Sale. Carry out ribs are cooked and frozen. They must be pre-ordered by this Wednesday. Pick up a flier for all the info or call Jay Wunderlich at 573-508-5750.

A BIG THANKS FOR the special offering of treasures at VBS for the Gideons Bibles, it totaled \$223.60!!!

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: Fathers embody how much difference the little things make. What seems just a personal choice at first quickly affects everyone around with its repercussions. The devil uses privacy and independence as deceptions. But salvation also only starts small (Mark 4:30-32). An embryo soon grows into the Savior of the universe, and one word spoken in courage and compassion changes untold hearts and saves countless lives.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: Babbtown, 18; Schubert, 128.

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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 # 17: Scripture: Psalm 104; Oh, Worship The King; Author: Robert Grant (1833, alt.); Tune: Hanover; Source: “New Version,” Supplement (1708).

Hymn #660: Scripture: Hebrews 4:9; I’m But A Stranger Here; Author: T. R. Taylor (1836, alt.); Tune: Heaven Is My Home; Composer: Arthur S. Sullivan (1872).

Hymn #394: Scripture: Ephesians 3:12; My Faith Looks Up To Thee; Author: Ray Palmer (1830); Tune: Olivet; Composer: Lowell Mason (1831).

Hymn #399: Scripture: John 14:23; Ich will dich lieben, meine Starke; Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower; Author: Johann Scheffler (1657, cento); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1763, alt.); Tune: Ich will dich lieben; Source: “Harmonischer Liederschatz” Frankfurt, 1738.

Hymn # 49: Mark 4:3-9; Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast; Author: John Cawood (1819); Tune: Dundee; Source: “Scottish Psalter,” 1615.

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CALVARY NEWS



SUMMER HAPPENINGS: What is going on at Calvary over the summer?

- Open gyms have been helping our student-athletes stay ready for their upcoming seasons this upcoming school year.
- Tuesday evening was the first Lemonade League of the year! Students past and present joined together to play Ultimate Frisbee.
- Yesterday was the highly anticipated Nerf Event! Games were arranged featuring Nerf Blasters (and safety glasses).

READY TO BE A LION! – As we prepare for the 2024-2025 academic year, we look forward to greeting many new students on campus! We offer an awesome high school experience with our caring faculty, safe Christian atmosphere, strong academics, and numerous activities and athletics. If you know a family with a high school student that would thrive in this environment, please reach out to them and us! The first new family orientation is tomorrow, Monday, June 17 at 7 p.m. We would love to share more about Calvary! Contact our office at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org.

LEADING LIONS – Calvary Lutheran High School is seeking mission-minded individuals to serve as an Outreach Coordinator and another person to teach one credit of Art for the 2024-2025 school year. Interested applicants can contact the Calvary office at 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.

SUMMER FINDS AT CALVARY'S GIFT – Stay in the loop on items currently available or on sale at Calvary's Gift by following on Facebook! Their patriotic spread is ready to greet you! Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. As you have time this summer new volunteers are always greatly appreciated! If you would like more information, stop in to talk to any of the volunteers.

SUMMER HOURS – Summer hours extend through July.

Summer Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9a.m. – 3p.m. and Friday, 9a.m. – 1p.m.

SAVE THE DATE –

July 15 Youth Boys Baseball Camp *NEW DATE*