



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

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**The 2nd Sunday After Pentecost**  
**June 22, 2025**

**Order of Worship:** Printed below  
 (with P for Pastor, C for Congregation)  
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**The Ringing Of The Bell - Prelude - Welcome**

**Opening 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.**

**The Order of Worship, Page 15**

**Invocation:** p. 15 [*Responses Sung*]

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**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 of Sins** p. 16

**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 Spirit.

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!**

**Collect (*Prayed together*):** Everlasting Lord, You have been faithful to us, who deserved none of Your mercies. Lead us to receive them with grateful hearts and to be faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of everlasting life. Hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom be all honor and glory, both now and forever.

**Response:** *[Sung]* **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 65:1-9*

"I was ready to respond, but no one asked for help. I was ready to be found, but no one was looking for me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am!' to a nation that did not call on my name. All day long I opened my arms to a rebellious people. But they follow their own evil paths and their own crooked schemes. All day long they insult me to my face by worshipping idols in their sacred gardens. They burn incense on pagan altars. At night they go out among the graves, worshipping the dead. They eat the flesh of pigs and make stews with other forbidden foods. Yet they say to each other, 'Don't come too close or you will defile me! I am holier than you!' These people are a stench in my nostrils, an acrid smell that never goes away. "Look, my decree is written out in front of me: I will not stand silent; I will repay them in full! Yes, I will repay them— both for their own sins and for those of their ancestors," says the Lord. "For they also burned incense on the mountains and insulted me on the hills. I will pay them back in full! "But I will not destroy them all," says the Lord. "For just as good grapes are found among a cluster of bad ones (and someone will say, 'Don't throw them all away— some of those grapes are good!'), so I will not destroy all Israel. For I still have true servants there. I will preserve a remnant of the people of Israel and of Judah to possess my land. Those I choose will inherit it, and my servants will live there.

**Epistle Reading***Galatians 3:26-4:7*

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

**The Gradual** *(The congregation responds with "Halleluiahs!")*

P: In my trouble I cried to the Lord, and He heard me. O Lord, deliver my soul from wicked lips and a deceitful tongue. Lord, my God, in Thee have I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me. Hallelujah! -*Psalm 119 : 1-2*

*As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...*

**C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!**

**The Holy Gospel***Luke 8:26-39*

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got in the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

*The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...*

**C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!**

**The Nicene Creed** p. 22

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Sermon Hymn:** TLH #475 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms, pow’rs,  
Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou Bearer of th’eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

△ **O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

**The Sermon** – We all have the same promise and life in Christ

Sermon Theme: “**No Comparison**”

Sermon Text: Galatians 3:25-26

*(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**

### **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 good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**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:**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you 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 #467 "Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand"**

**Built on the Rock the Church doth stand, Even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the soul distrest,  
Longing for rest everlasting.**

**Surely in temples made with hands, God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He whom heav'ns cannot contain Chose to abide on earth with men,  
Built in our bodies His temple.**

**We are God's house of living stones, Builded for His habitation;  
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell,  
With all His grace and His favor.**

**Now we may gather with our King E'en in the lowliest dwelling;  
Praises to Him we there may bring, His wondrous mercy forth telling.  
Jesus His grace to us accords; Spirit and life are all His words;  
His truth doth hallow the temple.**

**Still we our earthly temples rear That we may herald His praises;  
They are the homes where He draws near And little children embraces.  
Beautiful things in them are said; God there with us His covenant made,  
Making us heirs of His kingdom.**

Here stands the font before our eyes Telling how God did receive us;  
Th' altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His table doth give us;  
Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
Yea, and for aye our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, where'er men roam, That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know Mine own, Mine own know Me; Ye, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you." Amen.

TLH #356 "Jesus, Savior, Come to Me"

Jesus, Savior, come to me; Let me ever be with Thee.  
Come and nevermore depart, Thou who reignest in my heart.

Lord, for Thee I ever sigh, Nothing else can satisfy.  
Ever do I cry to Thee: Jesus, Jesus, come to me!

Earthly joys can give no peace, Cannot bid my longing cease;  
Still to have my Jesus near, This is all my pleasure here.

All that makes the angels glad, In their garb of glory clad,  
Only fills me with distress If Thy presence does not bless.

Thou alone, my God and Lord, Art my Glory and Reward.  
Thou hast bled for me and died; In Thy wounds I safely hide.

Come, then, Lamb for sinners slain, Come and ease me of my pain.  
Evermore I cry to Thee: Jesus, Jesus, come to me!

Patiently I wait Thy Day; For this gift, O Lord, I pray,  
That, when death shall come to me, My dear Jesus Thou wilt be. 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 Spirit, 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 #261 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word; Curb those who fain by craft and sword  
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son And set at naught all He hath done**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow’r make known, For Thou art Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Thy Christendom that we May evermore sing praise to Thee.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

*This is the day that the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it! -  
Psalm 118:24*

***Have A Blessed Week!***

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Hymn # 475: Scripture: Psalm 148; Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones; Author: John A. L. Riley (1906); Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen; Source: “Geistlich Kirchengesang”, Cologne, 1623.

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