



# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

## Babbtown (Meta 8 am)

## Schubert (Jefferson City 10 am)

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### Worship Bulletin - July 6, 2025

### 4th Sunday After Pentecost

### The Order of Matins

found on page 32 in The Lutheran Hymnal *TLH*

℣: - stands for Versicle (*spoken or sung by Pastor*)

℟: - stands for Response (*sung by Congregation*)

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### The Ringing Of The Bell - Prelude - Words of Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: TLH #480 "Lord of the Worlds Above"

Lord of the worlds above, How pleasant and how fair  
The dwellings of Thy love, Thine earthly temples are!  
To Thine abode My heart aspires With warm desires To see my God.

The sparrow, for her young, With pleasure seeks her nest,  
And wandering swallows long To find their wonted rest.  
My spirit faints With equal zeal To rise and dwell Among Thy saints.

Oh, happy souls who pray Where God appoints to hear!  
Oh, happy men who pay Their constant service there!  
They praise Thee still; And happy they Who love the way To Zion's hill.

They go from strength to strength Through this dark vale of tears  
Till each arrives at length, Till each in heaven appears,  
Oh, glorious seat When God, our King, Shall thither bring Our willing feet! Amen.

℣: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

℟: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

℣: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

℟: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

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. Hallelujah!

### The Invitatory and Venite – *TLH* Pages 33-34

℣: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

℟: For He is our Maker.

## The Venite

1. Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
  2. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.
  3. For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.
  4. In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.
  5. The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.
  6. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
  7. For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 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 Psalmody - Psalm 66 (*spoken responsively*)

℣: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

℟: **Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you."**

℣: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

℟: **Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.**

℣: He turned the sea to dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him -

℟: **Who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

## The Lesson – (The Scripture Readings) *After each Lesson is sung:*

℣: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟: **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

## The Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 66:10-14*

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance." For thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.

℣: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟: **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

## The Epistle Lesson *Galatians 6:1-10*

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load. Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

℣: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟: **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

**The Gospel Lesson***Luke 9:51-62**(Please stand)*

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

℣: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟: **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

**Hymn of the Day:** TLH #611 "The Day is Surely Drawing Near" vs. 1-4

**The day is surely drawing near When God's Son, the Anointed,  
Shall with great majesty appear As Judge of all appointed.  
All mirth and laughter then shall cease When flames on flames will still increase,  
As Scripture truly teacheth.**

**A trumpet loud shall then resound And all the earth be shaken.  
Then all who in their graves are found Shall from their sleep awaken;  
But all that live shall in that hour By the Almighty's boundless pow'r  
Be changed at His commanding.**

**A book is opened then to all, A record truly telling  
What each hath done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling;  
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been  
In thoughts and words and actions.**

**Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised His precious Word And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand And at the Judge's stern command  
To Satan be delivered.**

**The Sermon** – "When Will We See?" - Isaiah 66:14

**Hymn of the Day:** TLH #611 "The Day is Surely Drawing Near" vs. 1-4

**O Jesus, who my debt didst pay And for my sin wast smitten,  
Within the Book of Life, oh, may My name be also written!  
I will not doubt; I trust in Thee, From Satan Thou hast made me free  
And from all condemnation.**

**Therefore my Intercessor be And for Thy blood and merit  
Declare my name from judgment free With all who life inherit,  
That I may see Thee face to face With all Thy saints in that blest place  
Which Thou for us hast purchased.**

**O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.  
Then hear us when we cry to Thee; Come, mighty Judge, and make us free  
From every evil! Amen.**

## The Prayers & The Lord's Prayer (spoken together)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil;  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Children's Message and Sending to the Youth Gathering

Members of St. John's will attend the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod National Youth Gathering July 19-23 in New Orleans. Together with 20,000 high school age youth and chaperones, they will study, serve, and worship in large and small groups through the week. We spend a few moments during worship "sending" them with our blessing of support and prayer.



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."  
(Hebrews 12:1-3)

## THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

*[We invite those who are communicant members of sister Lutheran Congregations, in the fellowship of LC-MS, and are repentant, to commune with us.]*

✠: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

✠: **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Most merciful God, We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

✠: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As the undershepherd of our Good Shepherd, Jesus himself, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

✠: **Amen.**

✠: Come to receive the grace of our Lord Jesus as we eat and drink together in communion with Him and with one another, the body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of all our sins.

## **The Distribution**

### **Distribution Hymns: TLH #613 "Jerusalem the Golden"**

Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest,  
Beneath thy contemplation Sink heart and voice opprest.  
I know not, oh, I know not, What joys await us there,  
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion, All jubilant with song  
And bright with many an angel And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever in them; The daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessed Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David; And there, from care released,  
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast;  
And they who with their Leader Have conquered in the fight  
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect!  
Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest,  
Who art, with God the Father And Spirit, ever blest. Amen.

### **TLH #485 "Lord Jesus, Who Art Come"**

Lord Jesus, who art come A Teacher sent from heaven  
And by both word and deed God's truth to us hast given,  
Thou wisely hast ordained The holy ministry  
That we, Thy flock, may know The way to God through thee.

Thou hast, O Lord, returned, To God's right hand ascending;  
Yet Thou art in the world, Thy kingdom here extending.  
Through preaching of Thy Word In every land and clime  
Thy people's faith is kept Until the end of time.

O blessed ministry Of reconciliation,  
That shows the way to God And brings to us salvation!  
By Thine evangel pure, Lord, Thou preserv'st Thy fold,  
Dost call, enlighten, keep, Dost comfort and uphold.

Preserve this ministry While harvest-days are keeping;  
And since the fields are white And hands are few for reaping,  
Send workers forth, O Lord, The sheaves to gather in  
That not a soul be lost Which Thou art come to win.

The servants Thou hast called And to Thy Church art giving  
Preserve in doctrine pure And holiness of living.  
Thy Spirit fill their hearts, Endue their tongues with power;  
What they should boldly speak, Oh, give them in that hour!

Yea, bless Thy Word alway, Our souls forever feeding;  
And may we never lack A faithful shepherd's leading!

**Seek Thou the wandering sheep, Bind up the sore opprest,  
Lift up the fallen ones, And grant the weary rest.**

**Bring those into Thy fold Who still to Thee are strangers;  
Guard those who are within Against offense and dangers.  
Press onward with Thy Word Till pastor and his fold  
Through faith in Thee, O Christ, Thy glory shall behold. Amen.**

#### **Prayer of Thanks**

**The Salutation – TLH Page 40 (*sung*)**

**℣: The Lord be with you.**

**℟: And with thy spirit.**

#### **The Collect For Grace**

**℣. O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.**

**℟: Amen.**

#### **The Benedicamus**

**℣: Bless we the Lord.**

**℟: Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Benediction**

**℣: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.**

**℟: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: TLH #497 “The Morning Light is Breaking”**

**The morning light is breaking, The darkness disappears;  
The sons of earth are waking To penitential tears.  
Each breeze that sweeps the ocean Brings tidings from afar  
Of nations in commotion, Prepared for Zion’s war.  
See heathen nations bending Before the God we love  
And thousand hearts ascending In gratitude above,  
While sinners, now confessing, The Gospel-call obey  
And seek the Savior’s blessing, A nation in a day.  
Blest river of salvation, Pursue thine onward way;  
Flow thou to ev’ry nation Nor in thy richness stay;  
Stay not till all the lowly Triumphant reach their home;  
Stay not till all the holy Proclaim, “The Lord is come.” Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

***Have A Blessed Week!***

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The LORD bless you and keep you; the  
LORD make his face to shine upon you and  
be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his  
countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Numbers 6:24-26**