



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

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***The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost***  
***July 7, 2024***

**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 #514 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

**God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;  
 He plants His footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm.**

**Deep in unfathomable mines Of never-failing skill  
 He treasures up His bright designs And works His sovereign will.**

**Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread  
 Are big with mercy and shall break In blessings on your head.**

**Judge not the Lord by feeble sense. But trust Him for His grace;  
 Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.**

**His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding every hour;  
 The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flower.**

**Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain;  
 God is His own Interpreter, And He will make it plain. 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, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

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

### **Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

2:1 He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." 2 And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. 4 The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' 5 And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10**

12:1 I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. 3 And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. 5 On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. 6 Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. 7 So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

### **Gradual**

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

**The "Triple Hallelujah":** *[Sung]*

**C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**P:** The Holy Gospel appointed to be read for today is from the Gospel of St. Mark, chapter 6, beginning with verse 1.

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

### **The Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13**

6:1 [Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." 5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. 7 And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— 9 but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. 10 And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. 11 And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12 So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

**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 #518 "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"**

**If thou but suffer God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the Rock that naught can move.**

**What can these anxious cares avail thee, These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help if thou bewail thee O'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press The heavier for our bitterness.**

**Be patient and await His leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.**

**God knows full well when times of gladness Shall be the needful thing for thee.  
When He has tried thy soul with sadness And from all guile has found thee free,  
He comes to thee all unaware And makes thee own His loving care.**

**Nor think amid the fiery trial That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring And sets a bound to everything.**

**All are alike before the Highest; 'Tis easy to our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest, To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought Who setteth up and brings to naught.**

**Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word, though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed. Amen.**

**Sermon: "Perfect in Weakness" Text: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

*(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 #435, Prayer, The Benediction and Closing Hymn – TLH #651.]*

## 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 #435 “My Spirit on Thy Care”**

**My spirit on Thy care, Blest savior, I recline;  
Thou wilt not leave me to despair, For Thou art Love divine.**

**In Thee I place my trust, On Thee I calmly rest;  
I know Thee good, I know Thee just, And count Thy choice the best.**

**Whate'er events betide, Thy will they all perform;  
Safe in Thy breast my head I hide Nor fear the coming storm.**

**Let good or ill befall, It must be good for me;  
Secure of having Thee in all, Of having all in Thee. Amen.**

**TLH #315 “I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table”**

**I come, O Savior, to Thy Table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole.**

**REFRAIN: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!**

**Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now approach Thy heav'nly Board  
And, as I lowly bow before Thee, Look only unto Thee, O Lord! REFRAIN.**

**Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful Shepherd art: REFRAIN.**

**Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul  
That I through willful sinning never May see Thy Judgment take its toll! REFRAIN.**

**Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. REFRAIN.**

**Weary am I and heaven laden, With sin my soul is sore opprest;  
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. REFRAIN**

**Thou here wilt find a heart most lowly That humbly falls before Thy feet,  
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Thy merit pleads, as it is meet. REFRAIN.**

**By faith I call Thy holy Table The testament of Thy deep love;  
For, lo, thereby I now am able To see how love Thy heart doth move. REFRAIN.**

**What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. REFRAIN.**

**This feast is manna, wealth abounding Unto the poor, to weak ones power,  
To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour. REFRAIN.**

**Thy body, given for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed. REFRAIN.**

**With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted It find its only joy in Thee. REFRAIN.**

**Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. REFRAIN.**

**Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the Master With aid and comfort e'er is near. REFRAIN**

**My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. REFRAIN.**

**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 #651 "Be Still, My Soul"

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide; In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'nly friend Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake To guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul, tho' dearest friends depart And all is darkened in the vale of tears;  
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart, Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.  
Be still, my soul; thy Jesus can repay From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past All safe and blessed we shall meet at last. Amen.

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

***Have A Blessed Week!***

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Schubert – David Gibson & Jeff Tynes.  
GUEST PASTOR: Rev. Tony Alter.  
ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Kathy Bauer; Schubert – Keith Bohl.  
USHERS this Sunday: Gene Walkenhorst and Andy Beach.  
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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Russ Mueller.  
ACOLYTE this Sunday: Sawyer Dippold.  
ACOLYTE next Sunday: Landon Marion.

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A WARM WELCOME to each of you in the Name of Jesus. We are glad to have you worshiping with us this morning.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen and refresh you in your Christian walk of faith as we feed together on God’s Word and Sacrament.

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.

A SPECIAL WELCOME and thank you to Pastor Tony Alter, who is leading worship this morning. He is the first of several guest pastors who will lead services over the next five Sundays - up until August 4, the week before Pastor Bart Mueller’s first Sunday as our intentional interim pastor. The faces behind the pulpit may be changing each week – but they will be proclaiming the same, unchanging, eternal Word of God.

If you need pastoral assistance during this transition time, you are welcome to call Pastor Whittle, our circuit visitor: 573-818-2112.

You can also email prayer requests, birthdays, etc. to [stjohnslutheranjcmo@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslutheranjcmo@gmail.com)

SATURDAY: Babbtown VBS, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY: Schubert Voters’ Meeting following worship.

SHAREN GREEN wishes to thank the gentlemen of the congregation who were able to rescue her and the two ladies with her from the elevator when it stalled between floors last Sunday. They were very appreciative.

WE REJOICE with Mark and Sherri Russell, who are pleased to announce the birth of their grandson— Fabian Mark Kosacki—born to proud parents, Mary and Julian Kosacki, on July 5. May God richly bless this new member of the family!

THANKS TO EVERYONE who has delivered items for the rummage sale so far. Items will be accepted until Wednesday, July 17. The sale will be July 19-20. Hours: Friday 7AM-6PM, Saturday 8AM-Noon.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: – Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis confront us with our own weakness. It even leads some to exclude embryos or incapacitated persons from humankind and execute them because of their weakness. Almighty God promises, “My power is made perfect precisely in your weaknesses.” His grace radiates in human frailty, and the blessings He brings in every life more than make up for what we cannot.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: Schubert (Combined Worship), 209.

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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 #514: Scripture: John 13:7; God Moves in a Mysterious Way; Author: William Cowper (1774); Tune: Dundee; Source: "Scottish Psalter", 1615.

Hymn #518: Scripture: Psalm 55:22; Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten; If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee; Author: Georg Neumark (1640); Translator: Catherine Winkworth, (1863, alt.); Tune: Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, O Herr; Composer: Georg Neumark, 1640.

Hymn #435: Scripture: Psalm 31; My Spirit on Thy Care; Author: Henry F. Lyte (1834); Tune: Potsdam; Source: "Church Psalter," 1854; Johann S. Bach, d. 1750 (ad.)

Hymn #315: Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:28; German: Ich komm'zu deinem, Abendmahle; I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table"; Author: Friedrich C. Heyder (1710, cento); Translator: Composite; Tune: Ich Sterbe Taglich; Source: Ms., Municipal Library Leipzig, 1756; Translator: © 1941, Concordia Publishing House.

Hymn #651: Scripture: Psalm 46:10; Be, Still My Soul; Author: Catherina von Schlegel (1752, cento); Tr.: Jane Borthwick (1865); Tune: Finlandia; Composer: Jean Sibelius, b. 1865 (arr.)

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## CALVARY NEWS

**SUMMER HOURS** – Summer hours return July 8 and extend throughout July.

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



**LEAD OUR LIONS** – Calvary Lutheran High School is seeking mission-minded individuals to teach one credit of **Art** for the 2024-2025 school year. Calvary is also seeking a part-time **Outreach Coordinator** and a **Head Golf Coach**. 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 RETREAT DONATIONS** – Calvary’s Summer Retreat is held at Heit’s Point Lutheran Camp in July. It is a favorite for our students and staff. This event would not be possible without the generosity of MANY! One way to help is by donating necessary food items used to prepare meals. If you are interested in what items are needed, please contact Sam Ziegelbein at (573) 638-0228 or ziegelbeins@calvarylhs.org.

**THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS** – Are you a Thrivent member and have Thrivent Action Team grants available? If you would like to help with projects at Calvary, we have a number of upcoming projects including the Back to School BBQ, Survive & Thrive, and the Senior Service Project that could be blessed by an action team grant! Contact John Christman to find out more.

### SAVE THE DATE –

- July 15 Youth Boys Baseball Camp
- Aug 13 Calvary Blood Drive
- Aug 14 First Day of School