



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

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**The 11th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**August 24, 2025**

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

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:** TLH #518 "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" vs. 1-3

**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.**

**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: p.19**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: [Sung] And with thy spirit!**

**Collect of the Day**

**(Prayed together): O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Response: [Sung] Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 66:18-23*

"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

"For as the new heavens and the new earth  
that I make  
shall remain before me, says the Lord,  
so shall your offspring and your name remain.  
From new moon to new moon,  
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,  
all flesh shall come to worship before me,  
declares the Lord."

## Epistle Reading

*Hebrews 12:4-24*

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,  
nor be weary when reproved by him.  
For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and chastises every son whom he receives."

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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

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

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

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

## **The Holy Gospel**

*Luke 13:22-30*

[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

*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 #421 "Come Follow Me, the Savior Spake"**

**Come, follow Me, the Savior spake, All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.  
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.**

**I am the Light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day, I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the Way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.**

**My heart bounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,  
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.**

**I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation,  
Your heart from every guile to free, From sin and its temptation.  
I am the Refuge of the soul And lead you to your heavenly goal.**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suffering be undaunted.  
For who bears not the battle's strain The crown of life shall not obtain. Amen.**

**The Sermon** – Text: Luke 13:22-30

*(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 #395 "O God, Thou Faithful God"**

**O God, Thou faithful God, Thou Fountain ever flowing,  
Who good and perfect gifts In mercy art bestowing,  
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame, A soul unhurt by sin!**

**Grant Thou me strength to do With ready heart and willing  
What-e'er Thou shalt command, My calling here fulfilling;  
To do it when I ought, With all my might, and bless  
The work I thus have wrought, For Thou must give success.**

**O, let me never speak What bounds of truth exceedeth;  
Grant that no idle word From out my mouth proceedeth;  
And then, when in my place I must and ought to speak,  
My words grant pow'r and grace Lest I offend the weak.**

**If dangers gather round, Still keep me calm and fearless;  
Help me to bear the cross When life is dark and cheerless;  
And let me win my foe With words and actions kind.  
When counsel I would know, Good counsel let me find.**

**And let me with all men, As far as in me lieth,  
In peace and friendship live. And if Thy gift supplieth  
Great wealth and honor fair, Then this refuse me not,  
That naught be mingled there Of goods unjustly got.**

**If Thou a longer life Hast here on earth decreed me;  
If Thou through many ills To age at length wilt lead me,  
Thy patience on me shed. Avert all sin and shame  
And crown my hoary head With honor free from blame.**

**Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior;  
Do Thou my soul receive That it may live forever;  
And let my body have A quiet resting-place  
Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.**

**And on that solemn Day When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch o'er my grave Thy hand, Thyself my slumbers breaking.  
Then let me hear Thy voice, Change Thou this earthly frame,  
And bid me aye rejoice With those who love Thy name. Amen.**

TLH #314 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feed on Thee today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Thy grace divine.**

**The chastened peace of sin forgiv'n, The fellowship of heirs of heav'n,  
Grant as we share this wondrous food, Thy body broken and Thy blood.**

**Our trembling hearts cleave to Thy Word; All Thou hast said Thou dost afford,  
All that Thou art we here receive, And all we are to Thee we give.**

**One bread, one cup, one body, we, United by our life in Thee,  
Thy love proclaim till Thou shalt come To bring Thy scattered loved ones home.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray To keep us steadfast to that day  
That each may be Thy welcomed guest When Thou shalt spread Thy heavenly feast. 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 #518 “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee” vs. 4-7

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.

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

***Have A Blessed Week!***

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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 #421: Scripture: Matthew 16:24; Mir nach, spricht Christus; Come Follow Me, The Savior Spake; Author: Johann Scheffler (1668, cento); Translator: Charles W. Schaeffer († 1896, alt.) Tune: Mach's mit mir, Gott; Composer: J. Hermann Schein (1628).

Hymn #395: Text: 1 Kings 3:5; O Gott, du frommer Gott; ; Author: Johann Heermann, 1630; Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.; O Gott, du frommer Gott; “Newvermehrtes Gesangbuch”; Meiningen, 1693.

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