



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

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

**September 12, 2021**

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Welcome to each of you as we gather for worship this morning, celebrating God's great gift of salvation to all who place their faith in Christ Jesus. Today is Christian Education Sunday. It is a time to consider the Great

Commission of the Church in which Jesus tells us to go and make disciples by baptizing and teaching. Sometimes we forget just how important the instruction in the Word of God is!

Today we especially honor the Sunday School program of the Church as well as VBS, Weekday, Confirmation and Adult Bible Study. Our volunteer teaching staff will be dedicated and re-dedicated in worship and the service is geared to reflect the Christian Education Celebration with our children in mind.

It is a great time to be reminded of Jesus' words "I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (*Mark 10:15*), and "Whoever receives such a child in my name receives me." (*Mark 9:36*).

Today we also include a special blessing of the backpacks as a reminder of God's presence wherever we go. If you are a guest we greet you with joy and invite you to worship with us regularly. Please sign the guest register. Thanks!

~ **God Bless our Worship** ~

– **God Bless the Christian Education Program of our Congregation** ~

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**The Ringing Of The Bell**

**The Prelude**

**Words Of Welcome**

**Opening Hymn: "Children Of The Heavenly Father"**

**Children of the heav'nly Father, Safely in His bosom gather;  
 Nestling bird nor star in heaven, Such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.  
 From all evil things He spares them, In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever, From the Lord His children sever;  
 Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh.  
 His the loving purpose solely, To preserve them pure and holy.**

**The Invocation And Litany:** *[Please rise]*

Pastor: In the name of our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Cong.: **Amen. In Him we grow together and stand strong.**

P: Through God's holy Word,

C: **We grow together and stand strong.**

P: Through the water of Holy Baptism,

C: **We grow together and stand strong.**

P: Through the body and blood of Jesus, received in the outward forms of bread and wine,

C: **We grow together and stand strong.**

**Confession Of Sin And Promise Of Forgiveness:**

P: Beloved in the Lord, Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**ALL: O most merciful God, since You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

C: **Amen.**

P: Rejoice, your sins are forgiven.

C: **We give thanks and praise to God.**

P: "This is the day the Lord has made.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it."**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**Collect Of The Day:**

**Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever, but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*[Please be seated]*

## Blessing Of the Backpacks

Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"

**Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak, but He is strong.**

**REFRAIN: Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me, He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide.  
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.**

*[Please rise]*

**The Psalmody:** Psalm 1

P: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**C: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers,**

P: but his delight is in the law of the Lord,

**C: and on His law he meditates day and night.**

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

**C: In all that he does, he prospers.**

P: The wicked are not so,

**C: but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**C: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

P: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

**C: but the way of the wicked will perish.**

P: Return, O my soul, to your rest;

**C: for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

*[Please be seated]*

**Song:** "The B-I-B-L-E" (*Sing 2 times*)

**The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, that's the book for me;  
I stand alone on the Word of God; The B-I-B-L-E.**

## Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-10

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup> But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. <sup>10</sup> Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading: James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup> For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup> Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22-30** *[Please rise]*

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup> And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup> But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup> And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**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.**

**The Sermon Hymn: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"**

**Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in His sight;  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

**The Sermon:** "Who Is The Greatest?"

**Text:** Mark 9:30-37

**Christian Education Encouragement**

**The Dedication And Re-dedication Of The Teaching Staff**

**The Prayer:** *[Please rise]*

**Lord Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, You have given the Church the command to bring the children to You that they may find hope in the promise of everlasting life with You. Therefore, help and support our pastors and leaders as they assist our parents in nurturing the baptismal faith of Your little lambs.**

**You alone can preserve them in faith against all the evil influences of this world, yet You have given to us the task, the privilege, and the means to nurture the faith of all our children. You alone can create faith and hope and love in these children, yet You call men and women to teach Your holy Word.**

**Bless the instruction offered in our Sunday School. May Your Word nourish and sustain all who hear it. Bring all teachers to realize not only the importance of their vocation but also that You promise to be with them and that they, too, are children of God redeemed with Your holy, precious blood.**

**Give them the wisdom, understanding, and ability to proclaim to the children entrusted to their care the truths of Your Word that provides the certainty of the salvation You have won for them. May the lives of our teachers so agree with Your instruction that they may always be shining examples of Christian virtue among us. Amen.**

### **The Reception Of New Members**

**Prayer of Blessing** *[Please rise]*

### **The General Prayers**

**Song:** "Make Me A Servant" *[Sing two times]*

**Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant, Make me a servant today.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

### **The Exhortation**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Words Of Institution**

*[Please be seated]*

### **The Distribution**

**Distribution Hymns:** "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

**I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my shepherd gently guides me, Knows my needs and well provides me.  
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home away, Jesus is my staff and stay,  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, he bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.**

**Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.**

“Praise Him, Praise Him”

**Praise Him, praise Him, all you little children. God is love, God is love.  
Praise Him, praise Him, all you little children. God is love, God is love.**

**Love Him, love Him . . . .  
Thank Him, thank Him . . . .  
Serve Him, serve Him. . . .**

“Givin’ My Heart To Jesus”

**Heart, heart, givin’ my heart, Heart, heart, givin’ my heart  
Heart, heart, givin’ my heart, Givin’ my heart to Jesus.**

**Lost in sin, now what’ll I do? Lost in sin, now what’ll I do?  
Lost in sin, now what’ll I do? Givin’ my heart to Jesus.**

**He’s gonna make my heart brand new. He’s gonna make my heart brand new.  
He’s gonna make my heart brand new. Givin’ my heart to Jesus.**

**Goin’ to heaven, how ‘bout you? Goin’ to heaven, how ‘bout you?  
Goin’ to heaven, how ‘bout you? Givin’ my heart to Jesus.**

**Heart, heart, givin’ my heart, Heart, heart, givin’ my heart  
Heart, heart, givin’ my heart, Givin’ my heart to Jesus.**

**The Thanksgiving**

**The Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**The Closing Hymn, “This Little Gospel Light of Mine”**

**This little Gospel light of mine, I’m going to let it shine;  
This little Gospel light of mine, I’m going to let is shine;  
This little Gospel light of mine, I’m going to let is shine;  
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.**

**All around the neighborhood, I’m going to let it shine . . .  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m going to let it shine . . .  
Don’t you try to blow it out, I’m going to let it shine . . .  
It will point the way to heaven, I’m going to let it shine . . .**

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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ORGANISTS: Arline M., Babbtown; Samuel L., Schubert.  
USHERS: Kurt B. and George K.  
USHERS NEXT SUNDAY: Kurt B. and Mike F.  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Allan F.

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown – Joyce J.; Schubert – Jeanette W., Wilma K., Josh K., and Matt K.

A WARM WELCOME to Jeanne and John B., who are being received into communicant membership by re-affirmation of faith. We rejoice that God has led them into our family here at St. John’s and pray that we will bless them and they will be a blessing to us , and that they will be well-fed with God’s Word and Sacraments through the ministry here.

We will have some refreshments following worship outside under the trees and have a chance to visit and greet. Be sure to make them feel at home in our Church family.

TODAY: Pick up your September Newsletters, new quarter “Portals of Prayer”, and September Lutheran Witness.

IF YOU ARE A GUEST joining us today – either online or in person, we greet you with special joy. Please be sure to let us know if we can serve you in any way. Please remember to introduce yourself and sign the guest register. Come back and join us again online every Sunday!

REMINDER: The first four pews on each side are reserved for those who need social distancing. Thanks for your continued patience.

IF REASONS of health prevent you from public worship, please call Pastor for private communion.

YOUTH GROUP ATTENDING NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: Please return the youth participant form and \$150 deposit to Molly Boeckmann today. If you have questions contact Molly at 573-338-4309.

What Are the Age Requirements for Participants?

The LCMS Youth Gathering’s primary focus is for youth participants between the ages of 14 to 19. To register for the 2022 Gathering, youth participants must meet ONE of the two following eligibility requirements at the time of the gathering:

– Must be 14 years old at the time of the Gathering

OR

– Entering his or her ninth-grade year at the time of the Gathering.

While we do allow students from the ages of 14 to 20 to attend, please keep in mind that some of the program content may not be relevant to older youth participants. We suggest that students who are 19 and older, one year out of high school, or have been to at least one previous Gathering apply to be a Young Adult Volunteer.

WEDNESDAY: Confirmation and Week Day School classes, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY: LWML Board Meeting, Church basement, 9:00 a.m.

SHARE THE GOSPEL with all those around. Encourage each other in Christ.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: Even Christian lips can dishonor God and endanger neighbors (James 3:9). When we permit assisted suicide or promote abortion, we cause more destruction than forest fires (James 3:5). But words also serve the Lord’s gracious purposes. Gospel promises have delivered us. Even our sinful tongues can become instruments of His miracles. When we proclaim how God treasures every human life, He changes hearts and saves lives more than any laws or elections.



PLEASE let Pastor or Elders know your spiritual and physical needs so we may be of help to you.  
PAY ATTENTION to your neighbor and help those in need. Show care and concern for others.  
PRAY EARNESTLY for strength and protection that only God can provide. Seek His deliverance from all evil.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: Babbtown – 11; Schubert – 72.

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**Thanks be to God that we can continue to open the church doors for worship.**

**Babbtown**  
**8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship**

**Schubert**  
**Sunday: 9:15 a.m., Sunday School**  
**9:30 a.m. Bible Study**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

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**The Lutheran Hymnal:** St. Louis: Concordia, 1941.

Hymn #648: Text: John 21:15; Weil ich Jesu Schaflein bin; Author: Henriette L. von Hayn, 1778; Tr., Composite; Weil ich Jesu Schaflein bin; "Bruder Choral – Buch", 1784

**Lutheran Service Book:**

#725; Texts: Romans 8:14-17, 35-39; Matthew 6:26-27; Ephesians 5: 25-27; Author: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; Tr., Ernest W. Olson, 1870-1958; Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara; Music: Lofganger och andaliga wisor, Sweden, 1873; Text © Augsburg Publishing House; Music: Public Domain.

**"Jesus Loves Me":** Author: Anna Bartlett Warren, from a poem written by her sister, Susan Warren; Composer and Chorus verse: Written by William Batchelder Bradbury, 1862.

**"The B-I-B-L-E":** The B-I-B-L-E - Hymnary.org; [https://Hymnary.org/text/the\\_b\\_i\\_b\\_l\\_e](https://Hymnary.org/text/the_b_i_b_l_e), Author: Unknown

**"Jesus Loves The Little Children"** Text: Matthew 19:14; Author: Clarence Herbert Woolston, (1856-1927); Tune: 1864 Civil War song "Tramp"

**"Make Me A Servant":** Text: Matthew 20:26; Words and Music by Kelly Willard; Published 1989 in "Sing Joyfully".

**"Praise Him, Praise Him":** Author: Anna B. Warner; Texts: Psalm 148:12-13; 1 John 4:8 Date: 1980.

**"Givin' My Heart To Jesus":** Author and Composer: Ruth Elaine Schram, 1988; Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing; From, "The Ultimate Kids Songbook".

**"This Little Gospel Light Of Mine"** - based on a Negro spiritual, Lyrics written down by: **Harry Dixon Loes**, circa 1920.

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## CALVARY NEWS



### **CALVARY INSIDER – What is happening at Calvary?**

- Calvary was blessed to be visited by Joe Torillo – the last firefighter pulled from the rubble at the Twin Towers on Sept. 11. The student body heard him shared his inspirational story on Thursday.
- Calvary participated in the Patriot Day parade in Jefferson City yesterday.
- Cross Country, Soccer and Volleyball began competitions this week and have a full slate of games in the coming week. Check our website for details.

**DECORATE WITH FALL MUMS!** – Calvary students are selling \$10 certificates for beautiful 9” potted mums. The certificates can be purchased from a Calvary student or picked up from the office and redeemed at Trinklein’s Greenhouse. You can also get your mums directly from Trinklein’s (no certificate needed) located at 7518 Tanner Bridge Rd. Call Diane Trinklein with questions, 573-619-3079. Mums can be picked up through Sept. 25. Limited to quantity on hand – while supplies last!

**POSITION AVAILABLE** - Calvary is seeking a mission-minded individual to fill the stipend position of Head Girls Basketball Coach. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled and may be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101. For more information, please contact Erich Ahlers at 573-638-0228 or [principal@calvarylhs.org](mailto:principal@calvarylhs.org).

**FALL DRAMA CAST ANNOUNCED** – Mark your calendar for our upcoming fall drama production of “The Curious Savage” on October 29-30, 2021. Our fabulous cast was announced last week and rehearsals have already begun. This will be a show to remember!

**CALVARY BOOSTER CLUB APPLE SALES** – The Fall Apple Sale is underway. We offer four varieties of apples: Fuji, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith and Red Delicious. Order sizes range from ½ peck to a full bushel and apple butter is available. The deadline for ordering is Friday, October 8th with a tentative delivery date of the weekend of October 23<sup>rd</sup> (weather dependent). Profits from these sales are used to support a Calvary school programs. Order forms are available in the school office or online. Contact the school at 638-0228 to place your order.

**SURVIVE & THRIVE** – High school is a time of great anticipation and perhaps great anxiety. Calvary is here to help! As 8<sup>th</sup> graders look forward to high school, Calvary will equip them for the next step at Survive and Thrive – a half-day event focused on high school readiness as a redeemed child of God – to not only survive high school, but to thrive! Contact John Christman for interest in attending this event 11:30-2:30 on Tuesday, October 11.

**THRIVENT ACTION TEAM GRANTS** – If you are a Thrivent member and would be interested in submitting an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Calvary, please contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or [administrator@calvarylhs.org](mailto:administrator@calvarylhs.org). This online application takes 10-15 minutes to complete. Every Thrivent member over the age of 16 is eligible to make 2 applications during 2021. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of the school.

**LION ATHLETICS** – Home (or near-home) sporting events for the week of Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>:

- Sept 13 Volleyball v. Columbia Independent, 6pm
- Sept 14 Softball @ Russellville v. St. Elizabeth, 5pm
- Sept 14 Soccer @ Capital City, 6:00pm
- Sept 16 Baseball v. Jamestown, 4:30pm – Home Opener
- Sept 16 Volleyball v. New Haven, 6pm
- Sept 17 Volleyball v. Bunceton/Prairie Home, 6pm
- Sept 18 Cross Country @ South Callaway Invitational

For more dates to support your Calvary Lions, check out our Google calendar or our website: [www.calvarylhs.org/events](http://www.calvarylhs.org/events).