



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

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2020

Order of Worship: Printed below
(with P for Pastor, C for Congregation)

OR
found on page 15 in The Lutheran Hymnal TLH

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The Ringing Of The Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: TLH 243 "Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices"

**Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God hath done for me.**

**Dear Father, endless praise I render For soul and body, strangely joined;
I praise Thee, Guardian kind and tender, For all the noble joys I find
So richly spread on ev'ry side And freely for my use supplied.**

**I praise Thee, Savior, whose compassion Did bring Thee down to ransom me;
Thy pitying heart sought my salvation Though keenest woes were heaped on Thee,
Bro't me from bondage full release, Made me Thine own, and gave me peace.**

**Glory and praise, still onward reaching, Be Thine, O Spirit of all grace,
Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching Give me among Thy saints a place.
Whate'er of good by me is done Is wrought by grace divine alone.**

**Shall I not, then, be filled with gladness? Shall I not praise Thee evermore
And triumph over fear and sadness, E'en when my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heaven and earth shall pass away, Thy loving-kindness stands for aye.**

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]*

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.**

The 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]

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You, relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Response *[Sung]*: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear...

¹⁹ For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Gradual

The “Triple Hallelujah”: *[Sung]*

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

P: The Holy Gospel that is appointed to be read for today is from the gospel of St. Matthew Chapter 20.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P: Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.

C: *[Sung]* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

Apostles' Creed p. 12: *[Spoken by all]*

**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.**

Children's Song: “Two Little Eyes”

**Two little eyes to look to God, Two little ears to hear His word;
Two little feet to walk His way. Hands to serve Him, all my days.**

**One little tongue to speak His truth, One little heart for Him in youth.
Take them, Oh Jesus and let them be. Always, willing, true to thee.**

Children's Message: “In God's Hands”

Sermon Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way!"

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mould me and make me, After Thy will While I am waiting, Yielded and still.**

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, Wash me just now. As in Thy presence, Humbly I bow.**

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way! Wounded and weary, Help me, I pray!
Power, all power, Surely is Thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!**

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being, Absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit, Till all shall see Christ only, always, Living in me!**

Amen

Sermon: "My Way Or The High Way" Text: Isaiah 55:6-9

(Usual time for The Offering – Offering plates are at the entrances or can be mailed or given online.)

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 Lord's Prayer:

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.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face 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 514 "God Moves In A Mysterious Way"

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;

He plants His foot-steps in the sea And rides upon the storm.

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.**

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

**Silent Prayer
Announcements**

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown – Ava B., Ricky J., and Ron S.;
Schubert – Ronda W. and Ashley M.

NOTE: Please call or text Pastor with prayer requests and birthdays.

ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Arline M.; Schubert – Samuel L.
USHERS this Sunday: Kurt B. and Mike F.
USHERS next Sunday: Kurt B. and Kevin L.

Have A Blessed Week!

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for a loving father, Monroe S., on the 20th anniversary of his death by Patti S.

TODAY: October Newsletter items are due.

WEDNESDAY: Confirmation Class is scheduled to begin, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Parents, please attend. We will meet in the church basement.

SATURDAY: Mask-Only worship service, 6:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Bible Class begins at 9:30 a.m. before worship in the sanctuary.

REMEMBER: We are encouraging all who are in high risk groups, and that are hesitant, to remain at home and continue worshiping online. If attending live worship services, the wearing of masks is encouraged. Call if you wish to have private communion.

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

WE ARE TRYING TO get all of our email and phone information updated. Please let us know if you are not getting the congregational emails. Be sure to check your “junk” mail if you are not getting it. Also contact Pastor to see what might be the issue. Thanks!

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: The Apostle St. Paul must have felt like a burden and better off dead (Philippians 1:21). Persecution caused him almost constant pain. Imprisoned in Rome, perhaps awaiting execution, he only ate, bathed, and was clothed at someone else’s pleasure. Yet though he couldn’t work, God made him a witness who blessed untold multitudes throughout history (Philippians 1:24). And what great worth and purpose likewise shines in our lives even when confined to hospital beds or completely incapacitated!

OFFERING PLATES are placed at entrances for worship; or offerings can be mailed::

Schubert: St. John's Lutheran Church
4409 St John's Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Babbtown: Dianna Schubert, Treasurer
24 Evergreen Lane
Meta, MO 65058

ONLINE OFFERINGS can now also be accepted online through a link posted on our website! Our new e-Giving service, Vanco, provides tools to make giving simple even when you're unable to attend church. Their e-Giving is safe and secure, and it allows you to continue your contributions. The link for our St. John's website Vanco page where you can create your own password and login. If you have any questions, contact Terry Walkenhorst.

NOTE: If you donate from a checking or savings account there are no charges. But, if you donate from a credit or debit card there will be charges from Vanco deducted from the donation amount.

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Thanks be to God that we can continue to open the church doors for worship on Sundays!

8:00 a.m. Babbtown - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Schubert - Sanctuary

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.

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Hymn #514: Text: John 13-7; Author: William Cowper, 1774; Tune: Dundee; Composer: "Scottish Psalter", 1615.

"Two Little Eyes" Author: Anonymous; Composer: S.V.R. Ford. © 1891 by Hunt and Eaton, New York.

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" Text: Jeremiah 18:3-4; Author: Adelaide A. Pollard (1862-1934); Tune: "Adelaide"; Composer: George C. Stebbins (1846-1945).

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CALVARY NEWS



CALVARY INSIDER – What is happening at Calvary?

- And we're back!! It was awesome to welcome back so many students to in-person classes this week! Calvary teachers are continuing to provide a virtual option for students who are home, but we anticipate being full strength this coming week. Thank you to all the health professionals who guided us through this time. We also appreciate your prayers of support for our families and school.

IT'S APPLE TIME! – What a delicious way to support student activities at Calvary and be ready for fall baking! The Calvary Booster Association is taking orders for apples from Rasa Orchards in Lexington, MO. Contact the school office to place your order. Orders are due Friday, October 2 and projected delivery is the weekend of October 17 dependent on apple maturation.

GET YOUR FALL MUMS! – Calvary students are selling \$10 certificates for beautiful 9" potted mums. The certificates can be 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. 30. Happy Fall!

FUTURE LION SHADOW DAYS – We invite 8th grade students to experience "being a lion" for a day by scheduling a Shadow Day. Late fall or early spring are great times to schedule these to coordinate fall breaks or other middle school scheduled days off. Please contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org to schedule your student's Calvary experience.

CALVARY'S GIFT HOURS OF OPPORTUNITY - Please stop by this amazing ministry to shop and thank the Calvary's Gift volunteers (an extension of our Calvary family). Business hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 9AM – 1PM. Donations are received on these days from 9:00AM – 12:30PM. Calvary's Gift is located at 722 Jefferson Street and the phone number is 573-659-8176. To volunteer a few hours, even outside the above times, sign up for a spot on the SignUp Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9ab28aafcc52-volunteer>

GIFTING STOCK – If you are seeking a unique, tax-preferred way to give to Calvary, consider gifting investments directly to the school. This can help offset capital gains that have accumulated on the cost basis of a specific investment. Call John Christman for more information.

CRIMSON & SILVER DINNER AUCTION UPDATE – After much deliberation and thought, the Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction rescheduled for September 26th has been changed to a completely **VIRTUAL AUCTION and will happen in November**. This event is the single largest annual fundraiser that Calvary hosts and solely supports bridging the gap of the cost of education verses the price of tuition. Please be watching for important details for the "online virtual event" because this new format has the potential to meet and even exceed our typical fundraising goals. More information to come!

SAVE THE DATES –

Oct. 22-24 Fall Drama Production – "Orphan Train"
Dec. 11 Christmas Concert