

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 2021

Order of Worship: Printed below (with P for Pastor, C for Congregation) or found on page 15 in The Lutheran Hymnal TLH

The Ringing Of The Bell Prelude Welcome Opening Hymn: TLH 4 "God Himself Is Present"

God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him. God is in His temple—All within keep silence, Prostrate lie with deepest rev'rence. Him alone God we own, Him, our God and Savior; Praise His name forever.

God himself is present: Hear the harps resounding; See the hosts the throne surrounding! "Holy, holy, holy"— Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending. Bow thine ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises That Thy Church now raises.

O Thou Fount of blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in Thy merit. Like the holy angels, Who behold Thy glory, May I ceaselessly adore Thee. Let Thy will Ever still Rule Thy Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial. 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]

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]

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; 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: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶ But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ¹⁰ Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹ Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹² Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' 14 I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness." ¹⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. ²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp.²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Epistle Reading: James 5:1-20

¹Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ² Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴ Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter, ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist ⁷ Be patient. therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. ¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Gradual

The Sentence Of The Season

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. Mark, chapter 9, beginning with the 38th verse.

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

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. ⁴² "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

- P: Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.
- C: [Sung] 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 425 "All Depends On Our Possessing"

All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing, Tho' all earthly wealth depart. He who trusts with faith unshaken In his God is not forsaken And e'er keeps a dauntless heart.

He who hitherto hath fed me And to many joys hath led me, Is and ever shall be mine. He who did so gently school me, He who still doth guide and rule me, Will remain my Help divine.

Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure That will bring me lasting pleasure And that now is seldom found.

When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope my heart anew will quicken, All my longing shall be stilled. To His loving-kindness tender Soul and body I surrender; For in Him alone I build.

Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me, Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never God wills, so be it ever—I to Him commit my way.

If on earth my days He lengthen, He my weary soul will strengthen; All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace. Amen.

Sermon: "Sin Is Serious! " Text: Mark 9:38-50

(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 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 Hymn: TLH 430 "What Is The World To Me?"

What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure When Thou, and Thou alone, Lord Jesus, art my Treasure! Thou only, dearest Lord, My soul's Delight shalt be; Thou art my Peace, my Rest—What is the world to me!

The world is like a cloud And like a vapor fleeting, A shadow that declines, Swift to its end retreating. My Jesus doth abide, Tho' all things fade and flee; My everlasting Rock—What is the world to me!

The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty, Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty. But what I truly prize Above all things is He, My Jesus, He alone—What is the world to me!

The world seeks after wealth And all that Mammon offers, Yet never is content Tho' gold should fill its coffers. I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be: My Jesus is my Wealth—What is the world to me!

The world is sorely grieved Whenever it is slighted Or when its hollow fame And honor have been blighted. Christ, Thy reproach I bear Long as it pleaseth Thee; I'm honored by my Lord—What is the world to me!

The world with wanton pride Exalts its sinful pleasures And for them foolishly Gives up the heavenly treasures. Let others love the world With all its vanity; I love the Lord, my God—What is the world to me!

The world abideth not; Lo, like a flash 'twill vanish; With all its gorgeous pomp Pale death it cannot banish; Its riches pass away, And all its joys must flee; But Jesus doth abide—What is the world to me!

What is the world to me! My Jesus is my Treasure, My Life, my Health, my Wealth, My Friend, my Love, my Pleasure, My Joy, my Crown, my All, My Bliss eternally. Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me! 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: p. 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 Your 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.

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 644 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: <u>Schubert</u>: Michael D. and Henry M. (NOTE: Please call or text Pastor with prayer requests and birthdays.)

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 40th wedding anniversary of Gene and Terry W. We rejoice with them and offer prayers of blessing for them.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Walter Schubert who died Wednesday. We remember Toni and the rest of their family in our prayers, reminding them of the comfort that comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Visitation is Today at Houser Millard from 2:00-4:30 and the Funeral is tomorrow morning here at Church 11:00

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (preschool and elementary) have started after summer break. We encourage everyone to take advantage of our Sunday School classes for children and adults.

TODAY: Pick up your October Newsletter.

MONDAY: Babbtown Bible Class, 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY: Men's Bible Study / Supper. 6:00 p.m. Come, join us and bring your sons and friends.

WEDNESDAY: Weekday/Confirmation Classes, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 2: The LWML Rally has been cancelled.

OCTOBER 2: Liberty Senior Citizens, 5105 Senior Ct., Jefferson City, will be having a Crafts and More Show.

SIGN UP sheets (yellow) are at each entrance for Calvary's Apple Sale.

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

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: Decisions about manner and timing of death —either our own or anyone else's—are difficult and dangerous. We cannot anticipate all its effects and consequences. Our Lord relieves us from playing God by reserving for Himself the right to determine how human beings live and when we die (Psalm 104:29-30). And He assures us that we may flee the likes of abortion and assisted suicide by taking refuge in His kingdom of forgiveness and faith (Mark 9:43-47).

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: <u>Babbtown</u> – 25; <u>Schubert</u> – 97.

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

Babbtown

Schubert

8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m., Bible Study & Sunday School

| Sunday: | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School |
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| - | 9:30 a.m. Bible Study |
| | 10:00 a.m. Worship Service |

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Hymn # 4: Text: Habakkuk 2:20; Gott is gegenwartig; Author: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729, cent.; Tr., Frederick W. Foster, c. 1826, alt; Wunderbarer Konig; Composer: Joachim Neander, 1680.

Hymn #425: Text: Proverbs 10:22; Allein is an Gottes Segen; Author: Unknown; Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.; Alles Is An Gottes Segen; Composer: Johann B. Konig, 1738.

Hymn #430: Text: 1 John 2:15-17; Was frag' ich nach der Welt; Author: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1667; Tr., August Crull, 1923, alt.; Ws frag' ich nach der Welt; C: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1679.

Hymn #644: Text: Psalm 150: 1; Author: Thomas Ken, 1695; Old Hundredth; "Genevan Psalter", 1551.

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CALVARY NEWS



EXCITING NEWS! – Thanks to the generosity of a Calvary supporter, we get to scratch off an item that has been on our wish list for a long time. This past week, installation of side basketball goals began at Calvary. These goals have been on our wish list since we opened the 2nd phase of the building over seven years ago! We are excited that our basketball teams will have this increased opportunity for practice and growth! If you have interest in making other dreams a reality, our wish list can be found at http://www.calvarylhs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Wish-List-Sep-21-22.pdf.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS – Ever feel like you're saying words but they're not getting through? Communication is a key survival skill for high school. Collaboration is a skill that will ensure that you thrive! At Survive and Thrive, you will learn about both in preparation for high school. This half-day event hosted by Calvary will focus on equipping you for the next step! Contact John Christman for interest in attending 11:30-2:30, Tuesday, October 12.

FALL BREAKS MAKE GOOD SHADOW DAYS – Shadow Days are a fantastic way to experience the advantage of being a student at Calvary. As October is around the corner, you may consider scheduling a shadow day when you are out-of-school, but Calvary is in-session. Call the school office (573-638-0228) with dates that work well for you.

LION ATHLETICS - Home (or near-home) sporting events for the week of Sept. 26th:

- Tuesday, Sept 28 Baseball @ Eugene, 4:30pm
- Tuesday, Sept 28 Soccer @ Battle, 5:30pm
- Tuesday, Sept 28 Softball @ Russellville, vs Linn, 5pm, SENIOR NIGHT

For more dates to support your Calvary Lions, check out our Google calendar or our website: <u>www.calvarylhs.org/</u><u>events</u>.

POSITION AVAILABLE - Calvary is a seeking 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.

GET YOUR FRESH APPLES – 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 23rd (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.

CALVARY'S GIFT – Our amazing, upscale second-hand store at the corner of Jefferson & Ashley has openings for servant-hearted volunteers. Especially on Saturdays, but if you are interested in helping any day Wednesday through Saturday, 9-1, call John Meisel (821-8875) with your availability.