



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

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 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 27 "Oh, Bless The Lord, My Soul"

**Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
 And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.**

**Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
 Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!**

**'Tis He forgives thy sins; 'Tis He relieves thy pain;
 'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.**

**He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;
 He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.**

**He fills the poor with good; He gives the sufferers rest:
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th' opprest.**

**His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,
 But sent the world His truth and grace By His beloved Son.**

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]

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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: Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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 18.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:1-20

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell or fire.

¹⁰ “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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 Hymn: "Jesus Loves The Little Children" (2 times)

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.

Children's Message: "Children"

Sermon Hymn: "Children of the Heav'nly 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.

Sermon: "Truly Great" Text: Matthew 18:1-20

(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 629 “Let Children Hear The Mighty Deeds”
Let children hear the mighty deeds Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger years we saw, And which our fathers told.**

**Make unto them His glories known, His works of pow’r and grace;
And we’ll convey His wonders down Thro’ ev’ry rising race.**

**Our lips shall tell them to our sons And they again to theirs’
That generations yet unborn May teach them to their heirs.**

**Oh, teach them with all diligence The truths of God’s own Word,
To place in Him their confidence, To fear and trust their Lord.**

**To learn that in our God alone Their hope securely stands,
That they may ne’er forget His works, But walk in His commands.**

**Silent Prayer
Announcements**

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Schubert – Alexis K., Autumn K., Samuel L., Silas L.

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

ORGANISTS: Babtown – Arline M.; Schubert – Keith B.

USHERS this Sunday: Kurt B. and Andy Beach.

Have A Blessed Week!

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WEDNESDAY: The Lord willing we will have live and live stream Bible Study this week, 7:00 p.m.
Evangelism Committee will meet following Bible Study.

WE ARE PLANNING a mask-only, Saturday evening worship service. The first one is planned for September 12 at 6:00 p.m..

CONFIRMATION CLASS is scheduled to begin Wednesday, September 23; 6-7:30 p.m. We will meet in the church basement.

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: One Gospel-motivated voice For Life said, “No one wants an abortion as she wants an ice cream cone or a new car. She wants an abortion as an animal, caught in a trap, wants to gnaw off its own leg.” Poverty and pain, disability and disease, abuse and abandonment take away a lot. But incarnate, crucified, and risen-again Lord Jesus guarantees suffering cannot take everything. Even amid afflictions we overcome these evils not with death but with His joy and hope, courage and compassion (Romans 12:21).

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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.

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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
No Sunday School or Bible Study

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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CALVARY NEWS



CALVARY INSIDER – What is happening at Calvary?

- Our volleyball, cross country, baseball and co-op softball teams all started their seasons
- this week with strong performances!
- Calvary students smiled for the camera on school picture day.
- Students enjoyed an evening of camaraderie at the first Game Night of the school year.
- Seniors led chapel on Wednesday centered around our theme verse of the year, “speak HIS truth,” Colossians 4:3.

HELP NEEDED AT CALVARY’S GIFT – Calvary’s Gift, a unique upscale thrift store located at 722 Jefferson Street, benefits EVERY Calvary student in the form of “bridging the gap” of the cost of education and the price of tuition. Calvary’s Gift is 100% volunteer run and help is needed! To volunteer a few hours, sign up for a spot on the SignUp Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9ab28aafcc52-volunteer> You may also contact John Meisel at 821-8875 with your interest and inquiries.

NEW APPROACH TO FALL SPORTS – To keep athletes, coaches, and fans as safe as possible, there will be a new look to fall athletic events at Calvary. Baseball, cross country, and softball, because they are outdoors, will still be open to all spectators. For baseball & softball, we ask that everyone bring lawn chairs to stay socially distanced. Due to the limited space available to socially distance indoors, volleyball games will not be open to the public. Spectators will have designated seats to sit within family groups. Preference will be given to Calvary school families first, but if you would like to attend these games, please contact the office to see if any reserved seating is available. If you are not able to attend volleyball games, you are welcome to watch live via [twitch.tv/calvarylhs](https://www.twitch.tv/calvarylhs)(must be lowercase) when available. Admission to these events will be \$3/ adults, \$2/ students, seniors citizens are free. Tune in for the volleyball team’s home opener Thursday v. LaMonte at 6 p.m.

...AND FOR 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. 26. Limited to quantity on hand – while supplies last!

POSITION AVAILABLE – Calvary is immediately seeking a mission-minded, enthusiastic individual with a passion for promoting Calvary to the greater Mid-Missouri region. This is a part-time administrative assistant position, 15-hrs per week (3 hrs/day, M-F) with an emphasis on school communications & public relations: newsletters, social media & slide shows. Resumes are to be submitted to Calvary, 2525 Rte B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

UPCOMING CALVARY DATES –
September 7 No School for Labor Day