



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

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 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 609 "Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying"

**"Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watch-men on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Hallelujah!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."**

**Zion hears the watch-men singing, And all her heart with joy is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom; For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious, Her star is ris'n, her Light is come.
"Now come, Thou Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna!
The joyful call We answer all And follow to the nuptial hall."**

**Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee, Let men and angels sing before Thee,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone. Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal, we gather round Thy radiant throne.
No vision ever brought, No ear hath ever caught, Such great glory;
Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee. 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]

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Response *[Sung]*: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25, beginning with the first verse.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamp and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P: Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.

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

Apostle’s Creed, p. 22: *[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, “Give Me Oil For My Lamp”

**Give me oil for my lamp, keep me burning, Give me oil in my lamp , I pray;
Give oil in my lamp, keep me burning, Keep me burning till the break of day.**

**REFRAIN: Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King!**

Children’s Message: “Ready And Waiting”

Sermon Hymn: TLH 262, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**A mighty Fortress is our God, A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need That hath us now o’ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.**

**With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.**

**Tho' devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not over-pow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.**

**The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won; The Kingdom ours remaineth. Amen.**

Sermon: "They Yet Have Nothing Won" Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

(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 341, vs. 1 & 5 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

**Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King Thro' all eternity.**

Crown Him the Lord of Heaven, Enthroned in worlds above,

**Crown Him the King to whom is given The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is King of all. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown – Richard J.; Schubert – Gene W.
NOTE: Please call or text Pastor with prayer requests and birthdays.

ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Arline M.; Schubert – Keith B.
USHERS this Sunday: Jim F. and George K.
USHERS next Sunday: Jim F. and Mike F.

Have A Blessed Week!

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WELCOME in the Name of Jesus, Who has rescued us from sin, death and the devil. He has given us eternal life and has guaranteed our resurrection through His resurrection.

TODAY: Sunday School is in session.
Grades 1-8 will meet social distanced in the church basement.

Our Early Learning Sunday School class is family centered. We encourage parents to come with their children and learn alongside them. This class is appropriate for 2-5 year olds with age appropriate lessons for each level. You can expect hands on activities, music and movement, and outside time as weather permits! Class begins at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish House.

WE REJOICE with Jacob K. who was baptized at home last Sunday. We pray for God’s special blessing on him and his whole family as they rejoice in his gift of salvation.

HOSPITALIZED: Ron V. Remember him in your prayers.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Pam Bohl whose brother, Mark, died this past week. We offer the comfort of our crucified and risen Lord who conquered the power of death.

TODAY: Our drive-thru chili supper, from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. in our upper parking lot. Chili can be purchased by the congregation following worship.

WEDNESDAY: Confirmation Class, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

BEGIN PLANNING NOW to sign up for participation in our Christmas Eve services. (See back page.)

REMEMBER: We are encouraging all who are in high risk groups, and that are hesitant, to remain at home and continue worshipping 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: Pregnancies bring real burdens. Terminal diagnoses come with genuine hurts. But we need not grieve them like those who have no hope (2 Thessalonians 4:13b). Whenever anyone's oil runs out, there Jesus our Lord arrives and intervenes (Matthew 25:6). Until then we encourage each other with compassion and courageously carry crosses together rather than seeking cheap escapes.

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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!

Babbtown

8:00 a.m., Sunday Worship

Schubert

Saturday: 6:00 p.m., Mask-Only Worship

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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 #609: Text: Matt. 25:1-13; Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme; Author: Philipp Nicolai, 1599; Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt; Tune: Wachet auf; Composer: Philipp Nicolai, 1599.

Hymn #262: Text: Ps. 46; Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott; Author: Martin Luther, 1529; Tr.: Composite; Tune: Ein feste Burg; Composer: Martin Luther, 1529.

Hymn # 341: Text: Revelation 19:12; Author: Matthew Bridges, 1851, cento, alt.; Tune: Diademata ; Composer, George J.Elvey, 1868.

"Give Me Oil For My Lamp": Text: Matt. 15:1-13; Author: Unknown; Traditional hymn based on the parable of the ten virgins.

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CALVARY NEWS



CALVARY INSIDER – November 8, 2020

LIONS AT STATE! – Last Saturday, the Boys Cross Country team won their District championship! Baileigh Morris and Maddie Homfeldt medaled individually for the girls. This is the second year in a row that Calvary has sent this team and these individuals to State! They competed in the state championship yesterday. Check out the newspaper today or stay tuned for the outcome here next week. We are proud of the hard work, dedication, and witness they've shown throughout the season. GO LIONS! #LionsRunFast

CRIMSON & SILVER VIRTUAL AUCTION HAPPENING NOW! – Thank you for prayerfully supporting Calvary students through our virtual auction – our largest fundraiser of the year! Sign up at the link <https://calvarylutheran.schoolauction.net/crimsonsilverauction/> Check out the schedule below:

NOW - Wed, Nov 11: PREVIEW of ALL ITEMS

Thurs, Nov 12 - Sat, Nov 14: Virtual Auction BIDDING IS ON!

ALL AUCTION categories will close by 7:00 p.m. THIS Saturday, November 14

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS SOUGHT – Calvary's six association churches each have one representative on Calvary's board of directors. To make an odd number, the board elects an at-large member for a one-year term. If you are a member of an association church and interested in serving in this capacity or know of someone who would be a blessing, contact John Christman, your pastor or your congregation's president. Nominations will be made at Calvary's next Delegate Meeting on Monday, November 16.

2nd ANNUAL GIVING WEEK CHALLENGE – Over the past 16 years, many students have "found their place" at Calvary through unparalleled opportunities. We would like to celebrate their stories through an exciting week of giving. If you have been a part of Calvary in any way over the past 16 years, we would love to hear from you. No matter the size, all donations will go to helping the next student "FIND THEIR PLACE" at Calvary. Gifts can be made in-person, through the mail or online Nov. 16-20.

CALVARY'S GIFT CLOSED THROUGH NOV 14 – For the safety & health of volunteers and customers, Calvary's Gift is temporarily closed. However, they are seeking volunteers after November 18, including the week of Thanksgiving. Please consider spending a half day as a volunteer. It is sure to be a fun day to be a blessing to this incredible ministry! To volunteer, sign up at the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9ab28aafcc52-volunteer>

FUTURE LION SHADOW DAYS- We have been thrilled to already have several future Lions join us for shadow days, and we invite all prospective students to consider joining us to experience what it is like to be a Lion! These shadow days allow potential students to see what a day in the life of a Calvary student looks like. To learn more or schedule your student's Calvary experience, contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



Time to sign up - Help us plan our program!

Each year, children ages 3 and up through college-age students, are invited to participate in presenting St. John's Christmas Eve Service.

Out of health concerns and considerations for social distancing, we have adjusted the schedule and format. This year we will be holding **TWO CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** at Schubert, as well as one at Babbtown. We are asking families to sign up for one of the services ahead of time to help us plan the program.

Times: 2:30 pm Early Christmas Eve Service - Schubert
5:30 pm Babbtown Christmas Eve Service
7:30 pm Late Christmas Eve Service - Schubert

This year's program will be the same at all services, but with different students at each service. We will plan for families to attend the same service their child is participating in. We hope to have the same number of students participating at each service.

We are planning to hold ONE PRACTICE ONLY for each group. All parts will be reading parts (short memorization or actions only for those that don't yet read.)

St. John's Christmas Eve Service Sign Up

Names:	Ages & Grades:
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Which service will your student be participating in?

___ 2:30 pm Early Service - Schubert

___ 7:30 pm Late Service - Schubert

___ No preference - whenever needed !

*Babbtown Service:
Contact Diane Schubert)*