



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

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**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 19, 2023**

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

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**Ringin'g Of The Bell**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:** TLH 151 "Christ, The Life Of All The Living"

Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe,--  
Thro' thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit:  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn  
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne  
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heavenly glory crown me.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee That from pain I might be free;  
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee,--Thence I gain security;  
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

**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 Prayer Of The Day:** *[Spoken by all]*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, or Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

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

*[Please be seated]*

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 42:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. <sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." <sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

### **Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

### **The Gospel Reading: John 9:1-7, 14-17, 34-39 [Please rise]**

<sup>1</sup>As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup> and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

**The Sermon: "The Questioning"      Text: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39**

### **Hymn: "Amazing Grace"**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound    that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;    Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,    and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear    The hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares    I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far    And grace will lead me home.**

### **Schubert – Confirmation Examination, Part I**

#### **Offertory:**

**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.**

*[The offering plates will be collected from the entrances and brought forward for dedication.]*

### **Prayers**

(Babbtown) **The Apostles' Creed**, p. 12 *[Below]*

**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.**

*[Babbtown will conclude with The Lord's Prayer, Hymn – TLH 409, The Benediction and Closing Hymn, TLH 148, vs. 7 & 8.]*

### **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 409 "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"**

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Flee the world, which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in His footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

Let us suffer here with Jesus, To His image e'er conform;  
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.  
Tho' we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap with heav'nly joy;  
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.  
Christ, I suffer here with Thee; There, oh, share Thy joy with me!

Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,  
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.  
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here I die to Thee There to live eternally.

Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since He's risen from the dead,  
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, Thou art now our Head,  
We are truly Thine own members; Where Thou livest, there live we.  
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.  
Jesus, here I live to Thee, Also there eternally. Amen.

**Distribution Hymn: TLH 310 “Thy Table I Approach”**

**Thy Table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer;  
Oh, let no unrepented sin Prove hurtful to me there!**

**Lo, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Thy hands.**

**Thy body and Thy blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken here with mouth and soul, In blest reality.**

**Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than seemeth plain to thee.**

**Vouchsafe, O blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May ne'er about this Sacrament A doubt raise in my mind.**

**Oh, may I never fail To thank Thee day and night  
For Thy true body and true blood, O God, my Peace and Light! 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: pp, 30-31**

**P: We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith towards You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, 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. 31**

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to 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 148, vs. 7 & 8 “Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light”

**Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read That Thou to save me hast decreed  
And grant that in Thine opened side My troubled soul may ever hide.**

**Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just, I take my homeward way in trust.  
The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide When here I may no more abide.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

***Have A Blessed Week!***

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Babbtown – Blakely Nilges and Declan Mueller; Schubert – Corra Lofton, Tristan Marble, Mary Kuhlmann, Taylor Eisenhart, and Devin Dippold  
(NOTE: Please call or text Pastor with prayer requests and birthdays.)

ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Kathy Bauer; Schubert – Keith Bohl.  
USHERS this Sunday: Jerry Bartel and Mike Forbis.  
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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis and Mark Russell  
ACOLYTE this Sunday: Claire Prohaska.  
ACOLYTE next Sunday: Matthew Kollmeyer.

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A WARM WELCOME to each of you as we gather for worship this morning, both in person, and the Lord willing, online. We continue in the Season of Lent with our eyes focused upon the Passion of Jesus Christ, and the cross and the empty tomb.

Today at Schubert we observe Part 1 of the examination of our Confirmand, Isabella Larkins. We pray for, listen to, and learn from her witness to us this morning.

If you are a guest we greet you with special joy. Please be sure to sign the guest register and come back soon.

WE EXTEND our Christian sympathy to Bobby Dippold and his family on the death of his son Richard. We remember them in our prayers and are reminded once again of the victory over death that Jesus, our risen, living Lord has obtained for us.

TODAY: Pick up your March Lutheran Witness and April-June Portals of Prayer.  
• Newsletter items for April are due.

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

TUESDAY: Special Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Week Day / Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m.  
• Lenten Worship, 7:00 p.m. Theme: Glittering Vices – Envy and Kindness.



**SATURDAY:**  
Community Easter Egg Hunt, 3:00-7:00 p.m. ,  
here on St. John's grounds.  
Hop on over and join us!

Here's what to expect:  
Easter Egg Hunting (Ages 1-10);  
inflatables and yard games;  
Art zone; and barbeque dinner (free-will offering).

RSVP to 573-338-0505.

**SIGN UP FOR:** Lilies, Easter Breakfast and Seder(See sheet attached).

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR:** Jesus clearly instructs us not to regard physical impairment as reason for condemnation to death (John 9:3). Yet our culture often uses disability as excuse for abortion and euthanasia. The Lord our God works wonders through our neighbors' brokennesses just as He does through our own. So we may cheerfully, compassionately, courageously persuade our communities to turn away from doctor-assisted deaths.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Sunday: Babbtown, 18; Schubert, 131; Wednesday, 52.

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**Thanks be to God that we have the opportunity to gather in worship each week.  
Make worship and Bible Study and the Lord's Supper a high priority in your life.**

**Babbtown**

**8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship  
9:10 a.m. Sunday School  
and Adult Bible Study**

**Schubert**

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

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Hymn #151: Scripture: Matthew 26:64-67; Jesu, meines Lebens Leben; Christ, The Life Of All The Living; Author: Ernst C. Homburg (1659, ab); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863, alt.) Tune: Jesu, meines Lebens Leben; Source: "Kirchengesangbuch" Darmstadt, 1687.

Hymn #409: Scripture: John 11:16; Lasset uns mit Jesu; Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus; Author: Sigismundt von Birkum (1863) Translator: J. Adam Rimbach (1900); Tune: Lasset un smit Jesu; Composer: Georg G. Bolt (1788).

Hymn #310: Scripture: Mark 14:22-25; Ich trete Frisch; Thy Table I Approach; Author: Gerhard W. Molanus (1673, cento.) Translator: Matthias Loy (1880, alt.) Tune: St. MichaelSource: "Genevan Psalter", 1551,

Hymn #148: Scripture: Luke 23:33; O Jesu Christ, mein's Liebens Licht; Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light; Author: Martin Behm (1610, cento); Tanslator: Catherine Winkworth (1858, 1863, alt.); Tune: O Jesu Christ, Mein's; Source: "Nurnbergisches Gesangbuch," 1676.

**"Amazing Grace":** Author: John Newton (1773), a former slave trader turned English Clergyman; Tune: New Britain; Composer: William Walker (1835).

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## CALVARY NEWS

### **CALVARY INSIDER –** What happened at Calvary in the past week?

- Congratulations to the One-Act participants who finished Runner-up in Districts! They are State Bound!
- Thirteen students were inducted into NHS on Tuesday evening.
- Pastor Hobratschk led chapel with a message on the Greatest Commandment.
- The Calvary Choir shared music and a message for chapel at Trinity Lutheran.

### **LION ATHLETICS – Spring Season baseball is here!**

#### **Upcoming Home Baseball Games:**

**Tuesday, March 21 – Home vs Linn – 4:30PM**

**Thursday, March 23 – Home vs Crocker – 4:30PM**

**CRIMSON and SILVER DINNER AUCTION –** Tickets are now available for the 2023 Crimson and Silver Dinner Auction at the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, April 29, beginning at 4:00pm. Ticket price is \$50 per person, and tables of 8 are available for \$375. Purchase tickets online at [www.calvarylhs.org/auction](http://www.calvarylhs.org/auction).

**CALVARY'S GIFT OPPORTUNITIES –** Calvary's Gift is a unique upscale thrift store located at 722 Jefferson Street, 100% volunteer run, and help is needed! Calvary's Gift benefits EVERY Calvary student in the form of "bridging the gap" of the cost of education and the price of tuition. If you have a few hours each month and would like to be a part of a dynamic group of people, reach out to John at Calvary's Gift at 573-821-8875 for more information or to apply.

**CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENT –** We're ready for warmer weather so we can hit the greens for the 19th annual Calvary Golf Tournament Friday, June 2, 2023 at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton! Whether you're interested in entering a team, sponsoring a hole, or being a part of the committee, we would love to have you! Contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or [administrator@calvarylhs.org](mailto:administrator@calvarylhs.org) with your interest. To register your team, go to [calvarylhs.org/golftournament](http://calvarylhs.org/golftournament) Space is Limited!

**THRIVENT CHOICE –** Please consider designated Thrivent Choice dollars to Calvary Lutheran High School. Thousands of available dollars in Mid-Missouri go undesignated every year. All 2022 Choice Dollars must be designated by March 31. Contact your Thrivent representative if you are unsure how you can support your favorite ministry.

### **SAVE THE DATE –**

**April 25 Calvary Blood Drive**

**April 29 Crimson and Silver Dinner Auction**

**May 27 Graduation, 10 AM**

**June 2 19th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament**

**June 10 Alumni Basketball Game**