ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Lohman (Stringtown), Missouri**

**Phone (573) 782-3191 Cell: (573) 818-2112**

**Brian Whittle, Pastor**

**Email: stjohnstringtown@gmail.com**

**Website: www.stjohnstringtown.org**

**Facebook: fb.me/stjohnstringtown/**

August 2, 2020 ✞ 9th Sunday after Pentecost

***St. John’s Lutheran Church*** *is a supporting congregation Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City, 638-0228.*

**Today** the paraments are green as we continue the “normal time” of the church year. The readings throughout this non-festival half of the year focus on Jesus’ teaching and our maturing in the faith.

**The Lord’s Supper** is celebrated today. If you have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and believe that with the bread and wine Christ gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins and belong to the LCMS fellowship, you are invited to join in this blessed Sacrament. (If you are desiring to commune for the first time at St. John’s as a Lutheran or you are a non-Lutheran, **please see the pastor prior to the service**).

**Mark your calendar for August 8** and pack your swimsuit! The youth (age limit is 100) will be headed to a river for the annual float trip. Stay tuned for more information.

**Blood Drive at Calvary LHS sponsored by Key Club** on August 11 (after you recover from floating), from 1-7pm. Appointments are encouraged. Contact Ruth Temme (812-480-8505) for more information.

**Trinity Lutheran School . . .** is looking for candidates to fill two teacher roles: 7th Grade Homeroom Teacher (full time) and Art teacher for Grades 5-8 (part time). See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

CALVARY INSIDER – What had been happening the past few weeks….

* “Calvary Summer Retreat” at Heit’s Point Lutheran Camp was a HUGE success! When you see a student that attended, ask them their favorite memory… you may hear free time on the docks, corn hole tournaments, team challenges, the food, and who knows what else! We are so thankful for the many volunteers, donations and generosity it takes to create this incredible “Calvary Tradition!”
* Upon students’ departure for Calvary’s Summer Retreat, parents enjoyed donuts and coffee together. It was a great time for families to get to know one another – to be an integral part of the Calvary family!
* Administration is working diligently to prepare Calvary’s “Re-Entry Plan” for the upcoming school year. It is of utmost importance to keep students, faculty, and families safe and healthy while learning continues. We are blessed to have a school and families that care so much!

SUMMER HOURS – For the month of July, the Calvary school office will be open regularly Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE - As we look forward to the 2020-2021 academic year, Calvary is seeking mission-minded individuals to fill the following part-time or stipend positions: Band, Choir, and Assistant Boys Basketball Coach. Resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled and may be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101. For more information, please contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org.

STAY CONNECTED WITH FACEBOOK! – As we begin our 16th academic year, be sure to “LIKE” and “SHARE” our Calvary Facebook page! You will see the many exciting things happening inside these walls on a daily basis. If you’re not on social media, head to our website and scroll to the bottom for a live feed from our Facebook page!

CHECK OUT THE CALVARY WISH LIST! – A practical and simple way you can make an impact on our school by helping us prepare for the upcoming academic year is by donating items on our “WISH LIST!” Check it out at calvarylhs.org/support

Last Sunday, July 26, 2020:

Attendance: 82

Offerings: $2185 / $244.25 / $140 (electronic)

904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word
 We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
 Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night
 With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.

3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
 Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
 Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

D 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
 Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
 Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

Text: Public domain

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 184*

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.

P 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 You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins *LSB 184*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution *LSB 185*

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit *Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name;\*
 make known his deeds among the | peoples!
**He spread a cloud for a | covering,\*
 and fire to give | light by night.**They asked, and he | brought quail,\*
 and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance.
**He opened the rock, and water | gushed out;\*
 it flowed through the desert like a | river.**For he remembered his holy | promise,\*
 and Abraham, his | servant.
**So he brought his people | out with joy,\*
 his chosen ones with | singing.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**\*
 **and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,**\*
 **is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name;\*
 make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Kyrie *LSB 186*

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

P Glory be to God on high:

C **and on earth peace, goodwill 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 Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 55:1–5*

1“Come, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
2Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
3Incline your ear, and come to me;
 hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
4Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
5Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
 and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 9:1–13*

 1I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. 4They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

 6But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” 8This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. 9For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” 10And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— 12she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” 13As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia *LSB 190*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 14:13–21*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

 13Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” 16But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” 17They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” 18And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed

C **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 Spirit,**

 **born of the virgin Mary,**

 **suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

 **was crucified, died and was buried.**

 **He descended into hell.**

 **The third day He rose again from the dead.**

 **He ascended into heaven**

 **and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

 **From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

 **the holy Christian Church,**

 **the communion of saints,**

 **the forgiveness of sins,**

 **the resurrection of the body,**

 **and the life** T **everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

642 O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O living Bread from heaven,
 How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
 Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
 Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
 With praises overflows.

2 My Lord, You here have led me
 To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
 The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given
 What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
 That now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;
 This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
 The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
 The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
 Bow down before Your throne.

4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
 With heav’nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
 To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
 To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
 Where joys unmingled flow.

Text: Public domain

Sermon

Stand

Offertory *LSB 192*

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.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, You have bidden us to come without money to receive grace beyond price. Hear us as we heed Your call and turn to You in prayer, confident of Your promise to hear and answer us.

*Brief silence*

Father, we have sought meaning, comfort and sustenance from all the wrong places. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that our hearts may be turned to Your Word, that we may hunger for Your Son’s body and blood, and that we may discern truth from error. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, we give You thanks that You have blessed us beyond what we deserve and given to us Your Church. Guard her life by Your Spirit, and strengthen her witness before the nations. Bless all pastors and church workers in their service to us in Your name, and bless those now considering and preparing for church-work vocations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, we too quickly focus on what we lack and not upon Your unlimited grace. Bless all relief agencies and services of Your Church on behalf of the hungry, the homeless, the hurting and those who have lost hope. Bless those visited by disaster and tragedy, and open our hearts to help them recover from their loss. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, we are daily blessed to know abundance and freedom. Bless those who defend us from our enemies, who serve us in government and who protect us in our communities. Be with our president, the Congress, our governor, and our judges and magistrates, that they may discern the right path and lead us with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, we suffer with all manner of ills and afflictions. Hear us and grant to us healing according to Your will, strength in time of trial and peace at the last. We pray especially for *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* and those named in our hearts. Good Lord, deliver us and teach us to depend upon Your grace in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, we know that Your steadfast love and mercy are forever, but our faith is daily tested and tempted. Give us strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in Your sufficient grace. Guide us to seek our consolation in Your Word and Sacraments, and prepare us to receive the Lord’s body and blood in this Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, we are daily and richly surrounded with Your love and care. Grant us eyes to see Your mercies new every morning and grateful hearts, that what we have received we may share with those in need and generously support the work of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, we remember the saints who lived by Your mercy and died in Christ. We long for that day when all divisions will end and the Church in heaven and earth shall be one in Your presence, singing Your praise in Your kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, we ask You to grant us all things needful and to keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation for we trust Your wisdom and Your love. Teach us to pray without fear “Your will be done”; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Preface *LSB 194*

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.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 195*

C **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.**

Lord’s Prayer *LSB 162*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

C **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. Amen.**

Sit

Distribution

633 At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side.
 Alleluia!

2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
 Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
 Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
 Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

D 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

Text: Public domain

573 Lord, ’Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

1 Lord, ’tis not that I did choose Thee;
 That, I know, could never be;
For this heart would still refuse Thee
 Had Thy grace not chosen me.
Thou hast from the sin that stained me
 Washed and cleansed and set me free
And unto this end ordained me,
 That I ever live to Thee.

2 It was grace in Christ that called me,
 Taught my darkened heart and mind;
Else the world had yet enthralled me,
 To Thy heav’nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above Thee;
 For Thy grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love Thee,
 Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.

D 3 Praise the God of all creation;
 Praise the Father’s boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,
 Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation,
 Him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration
 To the great Jehovah give.

Text: Public domain

641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

ref You satisfy the hungry heart
 With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
 The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
 They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam’ly, Lord,
 We follow and rejoice. Refrain

2 With joyful lips we sing to You
 Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord,
 To share this heav’nly food. Refrain

3 Is not the cup we bless and share
 The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
 Our oneness in the Lord? Refrain

4 The myst’ry of Your presence, Lord,
 No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
 Comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain

5 You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
 Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name
 In truth and charity. Refrain

Text: © 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia, admin. International Liturgy Publications. Used by permission: St. John's Lutheran Church no. 75449

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal *LSB 199*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

C **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.**

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Salutation *LSB 201*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus *LSB 202*

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction *LSB 202*

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

774 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

1 Feed Thy children, God most holy;
Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
 O Thou Bread of Life from heaven,
 Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish,
May our souls in graces flourish
 Till with saints in heav’nly splendor
 At Thy feast due thanks we render.

Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: St. John's Lutheran Church no. 75449

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2018 Concordia Publishing House.