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

Today the paraments are white. We celebrate the Crucified and Risen Christ, dead for our sins and alive for our righteousness! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

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**).

Today we welcome Pastor Roger James from the International Lutheran Council. Pastor James previously served as a missionary in the Philippines. He is the father of Eli James. Besides teaching during Adult Bible Study and preaching at the Divine Service, he will be giving a presentation at the congregational dinner after church!

Last Sunday, April 11, 2021:

Attendance: 70 / 4 (livestream connections)
Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: ? / 24 / 4
Offerings: \$2609 / \$75 / \$340 (electronic)

Happening at St. John's:

Return to Acts! Wednesday night, we continue our study of Acts. Join us from 7-9 for the next few weeks. Copies of this week's study will be posted online.

Calling all golfers! Would you like to gather together for a team to represent St. John's at Calvary's golf tournament on June 4? Talk to Greg Scheperle if you are interested.

It is not trivial if it helps you win! Come and join the fun at our first-ever St. John's trivia and fellowship night. We will gather together Saturday evening, April 24, at 6pm. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

This week:

Sunday, 4/18	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service (Pastor James preaches)
	11:45	Fellowship meal with presentation by Pastor James from ILC
Monday	7pm	Confirmation class
Wednesday	7pm	Acts Bible Study
Saturday	10am	Set up for Service Event
	11-3	Serve food!
	6-9	Trivia Night!!
Sunday, 4/25	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service

CALVARY INSIDER – Here’s What Is Going On!

CALVARY INSIDER – What happened at Calvary this week?

- Calvary students, faculty and staff participated in the Missouri March for Life on Wednesday. This was a great opportunity for our Calvary students to stand up as Christian leaders in our community and show their support for the lives of the unborn.
- The Scholar Bowl team hosted Districts yesterday.... keeping their eyes fixed on the state title!
- Spring golf and track athletes had a busy week with multiple away contests.
- Calvary baseball hosted its home tournament this weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tuesday, May 4 – Blood Drive
- Friday, May 14 – Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 29 – Graduation, 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, June 4 – 17th Annual Calvary Golf Tournament

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR KELTON SELLARS – To honor the memory of Kelton Sellars and all the special people he brought together, his family will celebrate his life with a day of remembrance at Binder Park *TODAY* Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m.

SPEND TIME @ CALVARY’S GIFT – Calvary’s Gift has returned to being open 4 days per week: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Donations will be accepted during these hours as well. In addition to shopping, if you would like to be a part of a supportive volunteer community, contact Doris Propst (573-338-1980) about opportunities.

SPRING DELEGATE ASSEMBLY TOMORROW – Every association congregation has at least three delegates who serve as ambassadors for Calvary in their church community. They meet twice annually to get an update on the “state of the school.” The meeting is *open to all*. If you would like to know more about the great things God is doing at Calvary, join us tomorrow (Monday) night at 7 p.m.

POSITION AVAILABLE – Calvary Lutheran High School is seeking a mission-minded individual as a full-time science teacher (inc. Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology) for next school year. Interested applicants can contact Principal Erich Ahlers (573- 638-0228) or email resumes to principal@calvarylhs.org. They may also be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Resumes will be accepted until April 19.

A Historical Day, 500 years ago!

In 1520, Emperor Charles V of the Holy Roman Empire chose to call an Imperial diet (a formal assembly to conduct business of the empire) at the Imperial Free City of Worms. As one order of business, he called Martin Luther there to smooth the conflict that was disrupting the Empire that was resulting from the disagreements between Martin Luther and representatives of Pope Leo X.

Pope Leo X had issued a Papal bull (a public decree by the Pope) which called on Luther to renounce his views and writings (which were already many). If he refused to recant, he would be labeled a heretic and excommunicated from the church, which could also bring punishment and even death from civil authorities.

It probably did not help Luther's case before the Emperor that he had publicly burned the bull and spoke out against the Pope.

Though the Diet began in late January of 1521, Luther was called to address the Emperor on April 17 of the same year. When told to recant of his writings, he made a political move and said that because there were so many writings, he needed time to give an appropriate answer. Charles gave him 24 hours.

The next day, he said of the first group of writings that they were commentaries on the Scripture and were not controversial – therefore he could not renounce them. A second group of writings outlined the abuse and errors of the Papacy, and therefore he could not in good conscience renounce them.

Though the Emperor tried to use a diplomatic approach to calm Luther's influence, the people regarded him as a hero. Finally, Charles allowed him safe passage home, even though he labeled him a heretic and made it unlawful for anyone to possess any of Luther's writings.

Luther's influence did not diminish, but just grew over time. Due to many other factors, the church finally had to turn its attention to other matters, and Luther survived to lead more people to understand the mercy and grace of a God who would sacrifice His Son for our sins.

Confession and Absolution

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

LSB 464

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun.
Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.
Alleluia! Refrain

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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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 151

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy,*

at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

**I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.

**O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

**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.**

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy,*
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the

presence of you all.

¹⁷“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 3:1–7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

With High Delight Let Us Unite

LSB 483

- 1 With high delight
Let us unite
In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart,
All bear your part,
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free
Forever, He
Is ris'n and sends
To all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
- 2 True God, He first
From death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy
Doth vanquished lie;
His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be
Like victory
O'er death and grave,"
Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.
- 3 Let praises ring;
Give thanks, and bring
To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed
By word and deed
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love
Give us above,
From misery

And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In thanksgiving for the constant presence of Christ with His Church, in which we find fullness of joy; in praise of His right hand, Christ Jesus, whose resurrected body has won peace forevermore; and for a lively hope in the resurrection of the dead, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church and her members, now made children of God through the incarnation of Christ and the reconciliation of His cross, that God would preserve the preaching of His Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world, and especially for Pastor Gledhill, missionaries Gerald Paul (4/19) and Martin Schultheis (4/24), and military chaplains David Wurdeman, Douglas Ochner, and Paul Weber, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our homes, that Christ would give them peace and enliven them with His resurrected life; that He would cause the forgiveness of sins to reign among husband and wives, parents and children; and that He would assure those who live alone that they, too, are His children, upheld by His right hand, and especially for Sharon Fischer (4/18) and all the children of God who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our nation and its leaders, especially Joseph, our president, and Michael, our governor; that God would preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands; and that He would restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless so we may practice righteousness while awaiting that eternal peace found only in Christ's wounds, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the troubled in our midst, that Christ's wounds would continue to bring His gladness, peace and comforting presence to His disciples [especially Katie Corrigan, Jen Schmitt, Leigh Fenton, Lois Belshe, Carolyn Walker, Carrie Whittle, Joy Heidbreder, and Lauren Laird]; and for those who weep, [especially _____] that in the difficult night of this world they would confidently expect the blessed joy of Easter morning, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who commune, that Christ, who has blotted out our sins by His crucifixion, would send us the blessed refreshment of His bodily presence in the Sacrament of the Altar and make us fit partakers in repentance for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

LSB 159

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 161

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our

sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

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 † 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 † 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 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Sit

Distribution

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

LSB 634

- 1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress,
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.
- 2 He blotted out with His own blood
The judgment that against us stood;
For us He full atonement made,
And all our debt He fully paid.
- 3 That this forever true shall be
He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here
We taste His love so sweet, so near.
- 4 His Word proclaims and we believe
That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said,
His very blood for sinners shed.
- 5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
"Given and shed for all your sins."
- 6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call
To His heav'nly banquet hall.
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave
Us from sin and death to save.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.
- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
 Hence will I, to Jesus living,
 Pure in heart and act abide,
 Praise to Him and glory giving.
 All I need God will dispense;
 This shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well
 Nothing me from Him shall sever.
 Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
 Part me now from Christ forever.
 God will be my sure defense;
 This shall be my confidence.
- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death
 But the gate of life immortal;
 This shall calm my trembling breath
 When I pass its gloomy portal.
 Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
 Jesus is my confidence!

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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165

- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
 A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.

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