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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 green as we focus on our Life in Christ. During this half of the year, the readings look more at Jesus' teaching for us than at the major events in His life and death for us.

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**).

Last Sunday, June 13, 2021:

Attendance: 69 / 4 (livestream connections)


Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 13 / 12 / 1

Offerings: \$1655 / \$31 / \$140 (electronic)

Happening at St. John's:

Ice Cream Social today! LYF will sponsor an ice cream social to raise money for the National Youth Gathering. We encourage donations of ice cream, pies, cakes, and help! Join us between 3:30 and 7:00 and join the fun!

Ends today! Missouri's Largest Diaper Shower, sponsored by Lutherans for Life: From Mothers' Day until Fathers' Day, bring in diapers to donate to the local pregnancy center. LFL will keep track of how many are donated across the state, and they will give an extra donation to pregnancy centers for every congregation which participates! Twice the gift! Diapers and wipes are welcome. Simply bring them in and place them in the Pak-n-Play in the narthex.

 **MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS:** With all praise and thanksgiving to God, the Missouri District is pleased to share that all LCMS schools throughout the District were able to conduct in-person learning during the 2020-2021 academic year. The wisdom and concern demonstrated by our administrators and teachers meant that students would receive a quality education that also included the bold proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God's blessings to all students and staff this summer. See you in the Fall of 2021!

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & TRUTH... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: What I Wish My Non-Lutheran Family Knew about the Word of God, The Nativity of John the Baptist, The Movie "Cruella," LGBTQ+ Pride Month and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

"The dad who keeps his eyes focused on Christ, prays for his children and expresses his unconditional love for his kids, will, in the end, have been a good father and be blessed with adult children who will always be grateful for the dad God gave them." *Abbot Tryphon – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

This week:

Sunday, 6/20	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
	3:30pm	Ice Cream Social

Sunday, 6/27	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service

CALVARY INSIDER – Here's What Is Going On!

SUMMER HOURS – The week of June 28-July 2, the gymnasium floor will be refinished. Calvary will not have office hours and access to the school will be very limited during that week. Otherwise, for the months of June and July, the Calvary school office will be open regularly Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LEND A HAND – There is much to do around the school this summer as we are already preparing for the 2021-2022 school year. If you would like to help out with items on our "to-do list" whether mowing grass or other projects, contact John Christman (573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org).

WISHLIST UPDATED – Check out the updated wish list on our website under the "Support Calvary" link if there are specific areas you would like to bless Calvary this summer!

RETREAT DONATIONS – Calvary's Summer Retreat is held at Heit's Point Lutheran Camp in July and is a favorite for our students and staff. This event would not be possible without the generosity of MANY! One way to help is by donating necessary food items used to prepare meals. If you are interested in what items are needed, please contact Sam Ziegelbein at 573-638-0228 or ziegelbeins@calvarylhs.org.

WHO NEEDS NEW FAMILY ORIENTATIONS? – New Family Orientations are in full swing and new students are getting excited! If you know a family with a high school student that would benefit from Calvary's family atmosphere, safe Christian environment, top academic choices and great access to competitive athletics and extra-curricular activities... now is the time to introduce them to us! Please contact John Christman at 638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org and let's get these families "in the Calvary know!"

DR. KUHLMANN OFFERING SPORTS PHYSICALS – Dr. Gregg Kuhlmann, D.O. is a sports medicine doctor at the Capital Region Center of Orthopedic Excellence. Dr. Kuhlmann has been a long-time supporter of Lutheran education. He has generously volunteered to offer sports physicals to Calvary, Trinity & Immanuel students for a \$15 donation to CLHS Boosters. Students that plan to participate in ANY school sport next school year are required to have a current physical. ***Physicals will be offered on Thursday, August 5 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Calvary.*** Please thank Dr. Kuhlmann for his generosity and partnership.

2nd ANNUAL KELTON SELLARS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held Saturday, July 10 at Railwood Golf Club. Registration at 8 a.m. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Contact the pro shop (896-4653) to sign up a 4-person team. \$75 per person. Proceeds will be used to purchase a new scorer's table at Trinity Lutheran School.

Confession and Absolution

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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Stand

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

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

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.

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.

- 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.

- 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 Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 107:29–32; antiphon: v. 28

Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.
He made the | storm be still,*
and the waves of the | sea were hushed.
Then they were glad that the waters were | quiet,*
and he brought them to their desired | haven.
Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,*
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!
Let them extol him in the congregation of the | people,*
and praise him in the assembly of the | elders.
**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.**
Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.

Kyrie

LSB 186

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

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.

Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; 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

Job 38:1–11

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:35–41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said

to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 \ddagger of the world to come. Amen.

- 1 Evening and morning,
Sunset and dawning,
 Wealth, peace, and gladness,
 Comfort in sadness:
These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine!
Times without number,
Awake or in slumber,
 Thine eye observes us,
 From danger preserves us,
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.

- 2 Father, O hear me,
Pardon and spare me;
 Calm all my terrors,
 Blot out my errors
That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.
Order my goings,
Direct all my doings;
 As it may please Thee,
 Retain or release me;
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.

- 3 Ills that still grieve me
Soon are to leave me;
 Though billows tower,
 And winds gain power,
After the storm the fair sun shows its face.
Joys e'er increasing
And peace never ceasing:
 These shall I treasure
 And share in full measure
When in His mansions God grants me a place.

- 4 To God in heaven
All praise be given!
 Come, let us offer
 And gladly proffer
To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.
He well receiveth
A heart that believeth;
 Hymns that adore Him
 Are precious before Him
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.

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P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

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.

Presentation of Offering

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In thanksgiving for His steadfast love and wondrous works to the children of men, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That in this favorable time and day of salvation ushered in by Christ's incarnation, the grace of God would be received by all; and that God would support His ministers and remove all obstacles from believing the Word they preach, especially for Pastor Morris at Alive in Christ in Columbia, missionaries Cheryl Naumann (6/23) and Andrew Schaff (6/24) and military chaplains Jeremy Davis, Bobby Niemtschk, James Daub, and Timothy Rosenthal, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the endurance of the Gospel with its blessings amid every hardship, struggle and suffering; and for the steady conviction that since we have Christ, we possess everything, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Christian neighbors in our community and in each home, that our Father would open wide our hearts to one another; for love that is genuine, speech that is truthful and patience that is constant; and that He would enable us to commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all noble sciences that plumb the limits of the earth and the order of creation, which God has set; for students, professors and researchers, that the Lord of all knowledge would give them joy in their discoveries and humility before His majesty; and that in everything the Holy Trinity may be acknowledged

as our true God and Judge, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who celebrate the Lord's blessings, especially those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week, including Mike Hagan (6/23), Christen Henderson (6/23), H.F. & Doris Seidel (6/20), and William & Cindy Kautsch (6/22), let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our civil servants, that they would gain respect for and recognition of God's creation and its nature; and that they would use the authority given them from above in accordance with our Lord's good design for the world, not the corruption of sin, which they are to rebuke for the good of their citizens, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those in need, [especially Katie Corrigan, Leigh Fenton, Lois Belshe, Carolyn Walker, Pastor Andry, and Cindy Eggen], that setting their fears aside, they would recognize our Lord's care for all who are perishing; for peace to calm our troubled consciences; and that God would not reject our prayers for their faithlessness, but teach us to trust fully in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church gathered here for the Holy Communion, as we join with the sons of God and shout for joy to receive Christ's true body and blood; and that we would not doubt but firmly believe His Words, that the God who formed our world and its matter knows well how to be present for us and our forgiveness in this Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P These and whatever else You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

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.

- 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 196

- 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 † 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 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

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

LSB 622

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood,
And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see
Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,

- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined
To any habitation;
But You are present even now
Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.
- 5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessèd comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

- 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain,
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand
From ev'ry peril on the land.

- 2a O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

- 3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care
From ev'ry peril in the air.

- 3a Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB 729

- 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.
- 2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.
- 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.
- 4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.
- 5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

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Stand

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.

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.

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 † give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

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