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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 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 19, 2020:

Attendance: 82

Offerings: $2130 / $267 / $140 (electronic)

554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

1 O Jesus, King most wonderful!
 O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable,
 In whom all joys are found:

2 When once You visit darkened hearts,
 Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs,
 Then kindles love divine.

3 O Jesus, light of all below,
 The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
 All that we can desire:

4 May ev’ry heart confess Your name,
 Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame
 To seek You more and more!

5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless,
 May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express
 The image of Your own!

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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 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 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name;\*
 make known his deeds among the | peoples!
**Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;\*
 tell of all his | wondrous works!**
Glory in his | holy name;\*
 let the hearts of those who seek the |Lord rejoice!
**Seek the Lord| and his strength;\*
 seek his presence con- | tinually!**
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*
 his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
**O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,\*
 children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**
**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.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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 *Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

 6“You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:28–39*

 28We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

 31What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
 we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia *LSB 190*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 13:44–52*

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

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

 44[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

 45“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

 47“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. 48When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. 49So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

 51“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” 52And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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** T **of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

1 From God can nothing move me;
 He will not step aside
But gently will reprove me
 And be my constant guide.
 He stretches out His hand
In evening and in morning,
My life with grace adorning
 Wherever I may stand.

2 When those whom I regarded
 As trustworthy and sure
Have long from me departed,
 God’s grace shall still endure.
 He rescues me from sin
And breaks the chains that bind me.
I leave death’s fear behind me;
 His peace I have within.

3 The Lord my life arranges;
 Who can His work destroy?
In His good time He changes
 All sorrow into joy.
 So let me then be still:
My body, soul, and spirit
His tender care inherit
 According to His will.

4 Each day at His good pleasure
 God’s gracious will is done.
He sent His greatest treasure
 In Jesus Christ, His Son.
 He ev’ry gift imparts.
The bread of earth and heaven
Are by His kindness given.
 Praise Him with thankful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation
 And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation
 Responding to His voice.
 Soon years on earth are past;
But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing
 That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer
 The world’s unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher
 And bring me great distress,
 That day of bliss divine,
Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure,
 Forever shall be mine.

D 7 For thus the Father willed it,
 Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it
 And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come,
 To us true faith has given;
 He leads us home to heaven.
O praise the Three in One!

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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 O Lord, we are Your people, chosen by Your grace to be Your own possession and granted mercy upon mercy. Hear Your people who cry to You in need, and remember us according to the favor You have shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Brief silence*

That the Lord may open our hearts to prayer and guide us in this holy conversation so that we may know those things for which we ought to pray and seek them according to His grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Church may prosper, the good news of Jesus Christ go forth unhindered, and the Spirit bring many into the fellowship of the redeemed, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord may grant to us good and faithful pastors to preach and teach the whole counsel of His Word, that we may receive their words with joy and thanksgiving, and that He would especially strengthen Pastors Lehenbauer and Morris for His service at the Lake, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That He who has called us to faith would also work through missionaries around the world to call still more into His kingdom, blessing especially Jennie Asher (7/26), James Krikava (7/28), Kali Wood (7/29), Kathy Conrad (7/30) and, Connie Cortright (7/31), as well as military chaplains Edward Wright and Phillip Callahan, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we may remember our Baptism into Christ and live boldly in our vocation as His children no matter the difficulties of this fallen world, within our families, in our neighborhoods and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord may bless our nation and those who govern us, and that we may use the gift of freedom to live holy, upright and godly lives, to the praise of His glory, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord may bless all lawful occupations and professions, and that we may pursue honesty and virtue in all things, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That God’s people may recognize the true treasure of the cross and rejoice in the resurrection, pursuing with all their hearts, minds, bodies and souls the things of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the sick may be healed, the troubled granted peace, the grieving comforted and the dying kept in peace, *and especially do we pray for* for *Melanie (nee Jungmeyer), Larry Denny,* Katie Corrigan, Leigh Fenton, and Barb Ledwidge*,* let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That our heavenly Father would continue to look with favor upon Deborah Payne (7/27), and all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord may grant us generous hearts so that we may honor Him with the worship of our hearts and bring to Him the tithes and offerings that support His work, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we may be steadfast and immovable, abiding in Christ and in His Word of truth, and that we would be kept from error and delivered from temptation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord may watch over our comings and goings and deliver us safely into the arms of His mercy, in the blessed rest of the faithful, to receive with all the dead in Christ the gift of life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we may receive with faith the Lord’s body and blood today and by this Holy Communion be forgiven of our sins, strengthened in faith and equipped for His service, glorifying God with our words and works, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. Hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in their need and who plead to You in the name of 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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
 Off’ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
 “Come and taste the blessèd feast.”

2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
 In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
 Of His sacred covenant.

3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
 Blood and body, giv’n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
 Hung upon the cursèd tree.

4 God descends with heav’nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
 In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
 That I taste His love divine.

5 Let me praise God’s boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev’ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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724 If God Himself Be for Me

1 If God Himself be for me,
 I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me
 My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master,
 Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster
 Can drive me from His love?

2 I build on this foundation,
 That Jesus and His blood
Alone are my salvation,
 My true, eternal good.
Without Him all that pleases
 Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus
 Alone have priceless worth.

3 Christ Jesus is my splendor,
 My sun, my light, alone;
Were He not my defender
 Before God’s judgment throne,
I never should find favor
 And mercy in His sight,
But be destroyed forever
 As darkness by the light.

4 He canceled my offenses,
 Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses
 My soul from sin through faith.
In Him I can be cheerful,
 Courageous on my way;
In Him I am not fearful
 Of God’s great Judgment Day.

5 For no one can condemn me
 Or set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me:
 Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me,
 No guilt destroys my peace;
For Christ, my Savior, loves me
 And shields me with His grace.

6 Who clings with resolution
 To Him whom Satan hates
Must look for persecution;
 For him the burden waits
Of mock’ry, shame, and losses
 Heaped on his blameless head;
A thousand plagues and crosses
 Will be his daily bread.

7 From me this is not hidden,
 Yet I am not afraid;
I leave my cares, as bidden,
 To whom my vows were paid.
Though life from me be taken
 And ev’rything I own,
I trust in You unshaken
 And cleave to You alone.

8 No danger, thirst, or hunger,
 No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant’s anger
 Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder,
 My fortress You shall be;
No fire or sword or thunder
 Shall sever You from me.

9 No angel and no gladness,
 No throne, no pomp, no show,
No love, no hate, no sadness,
 No pain, no depth of woe,
No scheming, no contrivance,
 No subtle thing or great
Shall draw me from Your guidance
 Nor from You separate.

10 My heart with joy is springing;
 I am no longer sad.
My soul is filled with singing;
 Your sunshine makes me glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit
 Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav’n I shall inherit
 Makes me rejoice and sing.

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714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

1 Who trusts in God
 A strong abode
In heav’n and earth possesses;
 Who looks in love
 To Christ above,
No fear that heart oppresses.
 In You alone,
 Dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
 Our shield from foes,
 Our balm for woes,
Our great and sure salvation.

2 Though Satan’s wrath
 Beset our path
And worldly scorn assail us,
 While You are near,
 We shall not fear;
Your strength will never fail us.
 Your rod and staff
 Will keep us safe
And guide our steps forever;
 Nor shades of death
 Nor hell beneath
Our lives from You will sever.

3 In all the strife
 Of mortal life
Our feet will stand securely;
 Temptation’s hour
 Will lose its pow’r,
For You will guard us surely.
 O God, renew
 With heav’nly dew
Our body, soul, and spirit
 Until we stand
 At Your right hand
Through Jesus’ saving merit.

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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.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.**

760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

1 What God ordains is always good:
 His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me,
 I follow meek and lowly.
 My God indeed
 In ev’ry need
Knows well how He will shield me;
To Him, then, I will yield me.

2 What God ordains is always good:
 He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His righteous way,
 And never will He leave me.
 I take content
 What He has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.

3 What God ordains is always good:
 His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup
 That my physician sends me.
 My God is true;
 Each morning new
I trust His grace unending,
My life to Him commending.

4 What God ordains is always good:
 He is my friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm
 Though many storms may gather.
 Now I may know
 Both joy and woe;
Someday I shall see clearly
That He has loved me dearly.

5 What God ordains is always good:
 Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness,
 I take it without shrinking.
 For after grief
 God gives relief,
My heart with comfort filling
And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:
 This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
 I shall not be forsaken.
 I fear no harm,
 For with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.

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