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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**).

**Time for school, Sunday School, and Confirmation!** Sunday School teachers will meet this week to discuss plans for the fall. Pastor will be in contact with families about starting Confirmation, as well.

Last Sunday, August 16, 2020:

Attendance: 92 / 4 (livestream)

Offerings: \$1928 / \$2212.25 / \$540 (electronic)

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

- To open our 16<sup>th</sup> academic year, we hosted Virtual Opening Worship led by Pastor Diener. We were thrilled to celebrate with this annual time to worship and thank God for blessing Calvary and all who are touched by this place.
- Back to School Night was a huge success! Students were able to prepare lockers, turn in forms, meet faculty, and pick up Calvary spirit wear. It was great to see so many parents and students on campus!
- 2019-2020 yearbooks are hot off the press and students were excited to pick them up and walk down memory lane!
- Many new precautions have been taken to keep our students and faculty as safe and healthy as possible. Hand sanitizers have been added outside every classroom, plexiglass dividers have been added to classroom and café tables, and face masks are being worn in common areas. Our aim to keep everyone healthy and stay in school.
- Wednesday, August 19 was the **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!** We are **THRILLED** to have students back on campus and excited about learning!
- Mr. Christman led our opening chapel service on the first day of school celebrating our theme verse – “speak **HIS** truth” Colossians 4:3

**CALVARY’S GIFT OPPORTUNITIES** – Calvary’s Gift, a unique upscale thrift store located at 722 Jefferson Street, benefits EVERY Calvary student in the form of “bridging the gap” of the cost of education and the price of tuition. Calvary’s Gift is 100% volunteer ran and help is needed! Please be watching of a sign up link and volunteer a few hours! September dates are coming soon. If you have a few hours, contact John Meisel at 573-821-8875 to volunteer now! Don’t forget to shop and drop off donations during regular business hours - Wednesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**CRIMSON & SILVER DINNER AUCTION UPDATE** – After much deliberation and thought, the Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction rescheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> has been changed to a completely **VIRTUAL AUCTION** and will happen in November. This event is the single largest annual fundraiser that Calvary hosts and solely supports bridging the gap of the cost of education verses the price of tuition. Please be watching for important details for the “online virtual event” because this new format has the potential to meet and even exceed our typical fundraising goals. More information to come!

**POSITION AVAILABLE** – Calvary is immediately seeking a mission-minded, enthusiastic individual with a passion for promoting Calvary to the greater Mid-Missouri region. This is a part-time administrative assistant position, 15-hrs per week (3 hrs/day, M-F) with an emphasis on school communications & public relations: newsletters, social media & slide shows. Resumes are to be submitted to Calvary, 2525 Rte B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!** – With a new school year underway, you may want see the exciting things happening inside here on a daily basis! By “liking” our Facebook page and “sharing” our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and sharing Calvary with your friends as well. If you’re not on social media, head to our website ([calvarylhs.org](http://calvarylhs.org)) and scroll to the bottom for a live feed from our Facebook page!

## 818 In Thee Is Gladness

- 1 In Thee is gladness  
Amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given  
The gifts of heaven,  
Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest,  
Our bonds Thou breakest;  
Who trusts Thee surely  
Has built securely;  
He stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining  
To see Thy shining,  
Dying or living  
To Thee are cleaving;  
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!
  
- 2 Since He is ours,  
We fear no powers,  
Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
He sees and blesses  
In worst distresses;  
He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story  
Tell of His glory  
With hearts and voices;  
All heav'n rejoices  
In Him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness,  
Triumph o'er sadness,  
Love Him and praise Him  
And still shall raise Him  
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### Exhortation

- 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

- 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

- 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.**

## Introit

*Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18*

But we will | bless the LORD\*  
 from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!  
**As for me, I have | set my King\***  
**on Zion, my | holy hill.**  
 I will tell of | the decree:.\*  
 The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you."  
**Praise the LORD, all | nations!\***  
**Extol him, all | peoples!**  
 For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*  
 and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Praise the LORD!  
**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.**  
 But we will | bless the LORD\*  
 from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

## Kyrie

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

## Gloria in Excelsis

**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, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 51:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the LORD:

look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,  
that I might bless him and multiply him.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD comforts Zion;  
he comforts all her waste places  
and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;

joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>“Give attention to me, my people,

and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.  
<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 11:33—12:8*

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 16:13–20*

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

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

## **645 Built on the Rock**

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above  
Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.
- 3 We are God's house of living stones,  
Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes,  
Telling how God has received us.  
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice  
And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim  
Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come

Where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know My own; My own know Me.  
You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Having heard the Word proclaimed, let us pray for ourselves, for all the faithful and for all people as they have need.

*Brief silence*

For all people, that they may have faith in Christ and heed the voice of God calling by His Word;  
For the Church, that the people of God may pursue righteousness with peace and joy in their hearts;  
For all pastors and their ministry of Word and Sacrament and for all vocations to the ministry, that the lives of God's people may redound to His praise and glory;  
For Pastor Pastor Pierce at Campus Lutheran Church in Columbia;  
For Kathy Schultheis (8/24), Lenita Campbell (8/27), Maggie Oliver (8/27), and Elizabeth Warren (8/27), who serve in the mission field; and  
For military chaplains Roger Pittelko, Glen Wurdeman, Aaron Bell, and Gregory Todd, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For our president, Congress, governor and all civic leaders in their pursuit of peace and unity;  
For all judges and magistrates in their pursuit of justice with mercy; and  
For those who protect us from violence and preserve order here and everywhere, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all noble professions, and for the flourishing of the arts and music;  
For favorable weather and the fruits of the earth; and  
For those unemployed, the poor, the homeless, the hungry and all people in

need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all families and children, single adults and youth;  
For Renee Marr (8/23), Shawn Ehrhardt (8/27), and Anna Loesch (8/29) as they celebrate birthdays;  
For Shawn & Sandy Ehrhardt (8/25) and Martin & Stacie Kautsch (8/27) as they mark anniversaries;  
For those who teach and those who learn, that they may advance in wisdom and grace; and  
For the catechumens and those who teach the faith to them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For victims of disaster and for those stricken by illness or infirmity;  
For the aged and infirm, as well as those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities;  
For those who grieve the loss of those whom they love; and  
For those who meet with sudden death, [*and especially for those who have requested our prayers, including Melanie (nee Jungmeyer), Larry Denny, Katie Corrigan, Leigh Fenton, Pam Trumbauer, Lois Beltshe, and \_\_\_\_\_,*] let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the work of God's kingdom in this place;  
For our faithful support of the Church and the renewal of our parish life through the Means of Grace;  
For our communion this day upon the life-giving body and blood of Christ; and  
For our growth in grace, that we may attain to the full stature of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Preface

**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

- 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

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

- 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

### 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

- 1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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## 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand the\_ eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.
- 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.
- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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## 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain
- 3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain
- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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### *Stand*

*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.

### Nunc Dimittis

- 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

- 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

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

- 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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 662 Onward, Christian Soldiers

- 1 Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master,  
Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle  
See His banners go! Refrain

- ref Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.

- 2 Like a mighty army  
Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading  
Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided,  
All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine,  
One in charity. Refrain

- 3 Crowns and thrones may perish,  
Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus  
Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never  
'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise,  
And that cannot fail. Refrain

4 Onward, then, ye faithful,  
Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices  
In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor  
Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages  
Men and angels sing. Refrain

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