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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.

**Pastor Whittle and his family** wish to express thanks for the attitude of generosity and the spirit of compassion shown by the members of the congregation during the pandemic, and especially while the Parsonage has served as a House of Quarantine. Though we look forward to a return to something resembling normal, we give thanks to God for the blessings He bestows even now!

### CALVARY INSIDER – What is happening at Calvary?

- Our volleyball, cross country, baseball and co-op softball teams all started their seasons this week with strong performances!
- Calvary students smiled for the camera on school picture day.
- Students enjoyed an evening of camaraderie at the first Game Night of the school year.
- CLHS hosted a Club Fair for students to discover various clubs and organizations at Calvary.
- Seniors led chapel on Wednesday centered around our theme verse of the year, “speak HIS truth,” Colossians 4:3.

HELP NEEDED AT CALVARY’S GIFT – 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 run and help is needed! To volunteer a few hours, sign up for a spot on the SignUp Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9ab28aafcc52-volunteer> You may also contact John Meisel at 821-8875 with your interest and inquiries.

NEW APPROACH TO FALL SPORTS – To keep athletes, coaches, and fans as safe as possible, there will be a new look to fall athletic events at Calvary. Baseball, cross country, and softball, because they are outdoors, will still be open to all spectators. For baseball & softball, we ask that everyone bring lawn chairs to stay socially distanced. Due to the limited space available to socially distance indoors, volleyball games will not be open to the public. Spectators will have designated seats to sit within family groups. Preference will be given to Calvary school families first, but if you would like to attend these games, please contact the office to see if any reserved seating is available. If you are not able to attend volleyball games, you are welcome to watch live via [twitch.tv/calvarylhs](https://twitch.tv/calvarylhs) (must be lowercase) when available. Admission to these events will be \$3/ adults, \$2/ students, seniors citizens are free. Tune in for the volleyball team’s home opener Thursday v. LaMonte at 6 p.m.

...AND FOR FALL MUMS! – Calvary students are selling \$10 certificates for beautiful 9” potted mums. The certificates can be picked up from the office and redeemed at Trinklein’s Greenhouse. You can also get your mums directly from Trinklein’s (no certificate needed) located at 7518 Tanner Bridge Rd. Call Diane Trinklein with questions, 573-619-3079. Mums can be picked up through Sept. 26. Limited to quantity on hand – while supplies last!

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.

UPCOMING CALVARY DATES –  
September 7 No School for Labor Day

## 579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

- 1 The Law of God is good and wise  
And sets His will before our eyes,  
Shows us the way of righteousness,  
And dooms to death when we transgress.
- 2 Its light of holiness imparts  
The knowledge of our sinful hearts  
That we may see our lost estate  
And turn from sin before too late.
- 3 To those who help in Christ have found  
And would in works of love abound  
It shows what deeds are His delight  
And should be done as good and right.
- 4 But those who scornfully disdain  
God's Law shall then in sin remain;  
Its terror in their ear resounds  
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.
- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall  
Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sin to die  
And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at His throne,  
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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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

- 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

*Psalms 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

How great are your works, | O LORD!\*  
Your thoughts are | very deep!  
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,\*  
and your faithful- | ness by night,  
to the music of the lute | and the harp,\*  
to the melody | of the lyre.  
For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;\*  
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.  
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.  
How great are your works, | O LORD!\*  
Your thoughts are | very deep!

## 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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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

*Ezekiel 33:7–9*

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 13:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist

will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

- C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:1–20*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
- C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices

over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

**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*

## 820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

- 1 My soul, now praise your Maker!  
Let all within me bless His name  
Who makes you full partaker  
Of mercies more than you dare claim.  
Forget Him not whose meekness  
Still bears with all your sin,  
Who heals your ev'ry weakness,  
Renews your life within;  
Whose grace and care are endless  
And saved you through the past;  
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless  
But rights the wronged at last.
  
- 2 He offers all His treasure  
Of justice, truth, and righteousness,  
His love beyond all measure,  
His yearning pity o'er distress;  
Nor treats us as we merit  
But sets His anger by.  
The poor and contrite spirit  
Finds His compassion nigh;  
And high as heav'n above us,  
As dawn from close of day,  
So far, since He has loved us,  
He puts our sins away.
  
- 3 For as a tender father  
Has pity on his children here,  
God in His arms will gather  
All who are His in childlike fear.  
He knows how frail our powers,  
Who but from dust are made.  
We flourish like the flowers,  
And even so we fade;  
The wind but through them passes,  
And all their bloom is o'er.  
We wither like the grasses;  
Our place knows us no more.
  
- 4 His grace remains forever,  
And children's children yet shall prove  
That God forsakes them never

Who in true fear shall seek His love.  
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling,  
His rule is over all;  
O hosts with might excelling,  
With praise before Him fall.  
Praise Him forever reigning,  
All you who hear His Word—  
Our life and all sustaining.  
My soul, O praise the Lord!

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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** Blessed Lord, You have promised that where two or three are gathered in Your name, You are in the midst of them. Hear the prayers of Your people, and grant our supplications.

*Brief silence*

O Lord, grant to Your people courage, that with boldness we may speak Your name in witness and warn sinners so that they may come to faith and repentance and so enjoy the forgiveness of their sins. Give Your Church wisdom and strength by Your Spirit, that she may be steadfast and unmovable in Your Word and truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.
- P** O Lord, be present among Your people to serve us with the gifts of Your grace, and grant that we may receive them with joy. Give to us faithful pastors and church workers who will minister to us in Your name and strengthen our faith and life together as Your baptized people. Bless especially Pastor Ketelsen as he ministers to Your people in Boonville, and strengthen military chaplains Merlin Stephan, Kurt Taylor, Benjamin Schroeder, and Graham Glover. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, give to us good and honest leaders who will govern according to Your Word and will. Give us grace, that we may not fail to pray for those who lead us and to act as good citizens and good neighbors to one another. Give peace to the nations, and bring an end to violence, prejudice and racism. Guide us to know and respect all life, from the infant in the womb to the youth beginning maturity, and from the mature to the aged. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, You send rain upon the earth and turn the seeds into plants rich with fruit for harvest. Accept our thanks and praise for Your continued goodness in providing a good harvest and food for all. Give us wisdom so that we may use Your resources wisely and extend Your care to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, You urge us to give special care and guidance to the young and those new to the faith. Give us grace, that we may not lead them into temptation or sin but guard their faith by making known to them the full counsel of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Hear us on behalf of *Melanie (nee Jungmeyer), Larry Denny, Katie Corrigan, Leigh Fenton, Pam Trumbauer, Lois Beltshe, Dennis Propst, Clara Telle, and \_\_\_\_\_*, that they may be sustained in their afflictions, comforted in life and death, and delivered to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, You open Your hands to give good gifts to Your creation. Grant that we may focus on Your blessings rather than the evil and suffering that we endure here. Especially bless Deborah Belt (9/6), Rose Scheperle (9/6), John Meisel (9/9), Victoria Wade (9/9), and Jenny Dick (9/10) as they celebrate birthdays. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, You have given the day for work and the night for rest. Bless all honest labor and industry, artists and artisans, and those in caring professions. Keep us in humility, and guard us against pride and arrogance. Give to us a spirit of generosity, that we may share with others the blessings that flow from our labors. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, teach us to forgive others as You have forgiven us and bless the fellowship of the forgiven, that we may be united in doctrine and life. Bless us as we commune today upon the body and blood of our Savior, and help us to keep in holy lives what we will receive upon our lips in this Holy Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, deliver us from pandemic and pestilence, from disaster and danger, and from a sudden death, that kept in faith, we may be preserved through this mortal life and in death be received into the arms of Your mercy and into the blessed rest of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Hear us, O Lord, who cry to You in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whom with the Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, now and forevermore.

**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 (Full)

**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

**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

### 628 Your Table I Approach

- 1 Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.

- 3 Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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### 614 "As Surely as I Live," God Said

- 1 "As surely as I live," God said,  
"I would not see the sinner dead.  
I want him turned from error's ways,  
Repentant, living endless days."
- 2 And so our Lord gave this command:  
"Go forth and preach in ev'ry land;  
Bestow on all My pard'ning grace  
Who will repent and mend their ways.
- 3 "All those whose sins you thus remit  
I truly pardon and acquit,  
And those whose sins you will retain  
Condemned and guilty shall remain.
- 4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be;  
What you will loose, that shall be free;  
To My dear Church the keys are giv'n  
To open, close the gates of heav'n."
- 5 The words which absolution give  
Are His who died that we might live;  
The minister whom Christ has sent  
Is but His humble instrument.

- 6 When ministers lay on their hands,  
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
He who by grace the Word believes  
The purchase of His blood receives.
- 7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be  
For absolution full and free,  
In which You show Your richest grace;  
From false indulgence guard our race.

- △ 8 Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As was, is now, and so shall be  
World without end, eternally!

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### 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

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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.

## 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!
- 2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way,  
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—  
'Tis a delightful road—  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

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