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May 16, 2021   ✝   The Ascension of Our Lord (observed)

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

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

**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated today. If you have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and believe that with the bread and wine Christ gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins and belong to the LCMS fellowship, you are invited to join in this blessed Sacrament. (If you are desiring to commune for the first time at St. John's as a Lutheran or you are a non-Lutheran, **please see the pastor prior to the service**).

Last Sunday, May 9, 2021:

Attendance: 77 / 6 (livestream connections)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 17 / 24 / 5

Offerings: \$2150 / \$16 / \$340 (electronic)

## Happening at St. John's:

**Vacation Bible School** is just around the corner! May 24-26 from 5:30-8:30, we will introduce children age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to the River of Life! Younger children are welcome with a parent's assistance. There will also be a class for adults. Older children are encouraged to help. Talk to Sara Kautsch for more information.

**VBS Crafts:** We are collecting some items for VBS crafts. If you have any of the following which you would be willing to donate, we would really appreciate it! We are looking for: smaller glass jars (for votive candle), fabric scraps, sequins, paper or plastic or styrofoam cups in various sizes, or wooden paint stir sticks.

**Confirming their faith** this year will be Paige Reed, Brayden Paull, and Trent Wade. The Rite of Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 23. They will present their essays on Friday, May 21, at 7pm.

**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.

“Christ Jesus has risen from the dead, my friend, and everything is different. It changes everything: the whole course of human events, the whole meaning of history, the whole present, and the whole future. Christ has risen, and that changes everything.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### **This week:**

Sunday, 5/16	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
Monday	7pm	Confirmation class
Friday, 5/21	7pm	Confirmands present essays
Sunday, 5/23	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service - Confirmation

# CALVARY INSIDER – Here's What Is Going On!

- The Calvary Archery team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the NATION in the 3D category and 4<sup>th</sup> in Bullseye! Congratulations to archers and coaches!
- Track had an excellent day at Districts, earning 2<sup>nd</sup> place for both the Boys & Girls teams! Many students qualified for the Sectional Track Meet including Isaiah Barg, Clancy Dunn, Cole Going, Grant Going, Madelyn Goodson, Kyle Hagemeyer, Maddie Homfeldt, Jaxson Jobe, Matthew Johnson, Kaleigh Kaiser, Baileigh Morris, Sydney Morris, Gage Pavely, Sam Schnitzler and Josh Thieme.
- 34 Seniors were celebrated for their many accomplishments on Monday night at the Senior Recognition Night.
- The Spring Concert was Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> with attendees enjoying an evening of performances from talented students in our choir and concert band.
- Congratulations to Jonathan Lieb who claimed medalist honors at the Class 1, District 1 tournament! He is competing at the State tournament tomorrow and Tuesday! The rest of the golf team (Anna Black, Abby Fisher, Jack Schmoeger, & Natalie Sommerer) capped a stellar season.
- The Calvary community celebrated the end of the academic year at the Spring BBQ on Saturday.

**GREAT TIME FOR GOLF... FORE!** - Calvary's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament is set for Friday, June 4 at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton. Flights will begin at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Contact John Christman at [administrator@calvarylhs.org](mailto:administrator@calvarylhs.org) or 573-638-0228 to reserve your spot TODAY. *Deadline for team entries is tomorrow, May 17!* Thank you for supporting our students with a fun day of golf!

**ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** – Calvary will host the CLHS Alumni Basketball Tournament this Saturday, May 22. Doors open at 2 p.m.; live draft for teams starts at 3 p.m. Please RSVP at [principal@calvarylhs.org](mailto:principal@calvarylhs.org) or (573) 638-0228.

**GRADUATION SERVICE FOR THE CLASS OF 2021** – Calvary's thirteenth commencement service will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., at Calvary Lutheran High School. At this time, space is reserved only for guests of graduates. The graduation worship service can be viewed online at [twitch.tv/calvarylhs](https://twitch.tv/calvarylhs) Contact the school office if you have questions.

**YOUTH SUMMER CAMP** – Calvary will be hosting full day youth summer camp Monday, June 21 through Friday, June 25 for students entering grades 5-8 next Fall. The focus for the day will include spiritual, academic and athletic activities. To register, please contact Calvary at (573) 638-0228. The early registration deadline is TODAY. Final deadline is June 1.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE** – Calvary Lutheran High School is seeking mission-minded individuals for a full-time or part-time Science teacher (Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology) this Fall. Interested applicants can contact or email resumes to Principal Erich Ahlers ([principal@calvarylhs.org](mailto:principal@calvarylhs.org)). Resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled. They may also be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

# Confession and Absolution

## A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 2 The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
And with His faithful foll'wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 3 To them the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"This is the Savior," thus they say;  
"This is His glorious triumph day!"  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 4 "You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky."  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty."  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, 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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*LSB 151*

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

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

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

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

## Absolution

*LSB 151*

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

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

God has gone up | with a shout,\*

**the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.**

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,\*

**until I make your enemies your | footstool.”**

The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,\*

**“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”**

The Lord is at your | right hand;\*

**he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.**

**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.**

God has gone up | with a shout,\*

**the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 154*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 1:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the

dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

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

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:44–53*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

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

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

*LSB 491*

1 Up through endless ranks of angels,  
Cries of triumph in His ears,  
To His heav'nly throne ascending,  
Having vanquished all their fears,  
Christ looks down upon His faithful,  
Leaving them in happy tears.



2 Death-destroying, life-restoring,  
Proven equal to our need,  
Now for us before the Father  
As our brother intercede;  
Flesh that for our world was wounded,  
Living, for the wounded plead!

3 To our lives of wanton wand'ring  
Send Your Spirit, promised guide;  
Through our lives of fear and failure  
With Your pow'r and love abide;  
Welcome us, as You were welcomed,  
To an endless Eastertide.

△ 4 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Oh, to see the Father's face!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!

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## Sermon

### *Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** In praise of our King who has gone up with a shout and the sound of a trumpet,  
ascended in triumph and seated at God's right hand, that we would ever rejoice  
and live in the truth of His victory for us, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the proclamation of the Church as she goes into all the world and to the  
whole creation with the Gospel, that many may believe, be baptized and be  
saved, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those who proclaim the Risen and Ascended Lord, in lands both near and far,  
to those who believe and to those who have not yet received Christ, especially  
Pastor Lehenbauer and Pastor Morris, for missionary Jamielynn Tinkey (5/19),  
and for military chaplains Charles Varsogea, Travis Yee, and David Doellinger,  
that God would protect them from evil and equip them for every good work, let  
us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That in the midst of our enemies, God would calm our fears and fix our eyes on  
Christ, seated at His right hand, until at last He makes His enemies His footstool,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy

**P** For those who serve in all levels of our government, that since the Son will  
shatter kings when He executes judgment on the nations, He would keep them  
from acting in ways that will earn them His wrath; and that God would give them  
wisdom to govern us in accord with His righteous ways, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For Katie Corrigan, Jen Schmitt, Leigh Fenton, Lois Belshe, Carolyn Walker, Carrie  
Whittle, Joy Heidbreder, Lauren Laird, Pastor Andry, \_\_\_ and all who suffer in our

midst, that the Lord would deliver them from sickness of body and mind and every other power of the enemy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord have mercy.

**P** For all who celebrate the Lord's mercies and gifts, especially those celebrating birthdays including Jessica Snyder (5/17) and Cathy Wade (5/17), and those celebrating anniversaries, including Palmer & Patty Ott (5/17) and Kenny & Shawna Walker (5/17) that they would give thanks to the Lord and proclaim His glory, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who commune, that God would keep us from hardness of heart and unbelief, helping us to believe the witness of those who saw Christ after He had risen, so we may joyfully recline at table with Him today, eating His body and drinking His blood in a worthy manner, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Offering

## Offertory

LSB 469:1, 5-6

- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"  
Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
  
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
  
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*LSB 160*

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

## Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine 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 161*

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

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 161*

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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

- C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  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

LSB 163

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163

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

*Sit*

## Distribution

### 638 Eat This Bread

LSB 638

ref Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to Him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

- 1 This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. Refrain
- 2 As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. Refrain
- 3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. Refrain
- 4 Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Refrain
- 5 If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. Refrain

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## 492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

LSB 492

- 1 On Christ's ascension I now build  
     The hope of my ascension;  
 This hope alone has always stilled  
     All doubt and apprehension;  
 For where the Head is, there as well  
 I know His members are to dwell  
     When Christ will come and call them.
- 2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne,  
     Great gifts for me obtaining,  
 My heart will rest in Him alone,  
     No other rest remaining;  
 For where my treasure went before,  
 There all my thoughts will ever soar  
     To still their deepest yearning.
- 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,  
     Recalling Your ascension,  
 That I may serve You faithfully  
     In thanks for my redemption;  
 And then, when all my days will cease,  
 Let me depart in joy and peace  
     In answer to my pleading.

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- 1 At the name of Jesus  
    Ev'ry knee shall bow,  
Ev'ry tongue confess Him  
    King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
    We should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
    Was the mighty Word.
  
- 2 At His voice creation  
    Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
    All the hosts of light,  
Thrones and bright dominions,  
    Stars upon their way,  
All the heav'nly orders  
    In their great array.
  
- 3 Humbled for a season,  
    To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
    Unto whom He came,  
Faithfully He bore it  
    Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
    When from death He passed;
  
- 4 Bore it up triumphant  
    With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures  
    To the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead,  
    To the Father's breast,  
Filled it with the glory  
    Of that perfect rest.
  
- 5 In your hearts enthrone Him;  
    There let Him subdue  
All that is not holy,  
    All that is not true:  
Crown Him as your captain  
    In temptation's hour;  
Let His will enfold you  
    In its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus  
Shall return again  
In His Father's glory,  
With His angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire  
Meet upon His brow,  
And our hearts confess Him  
King of glory now.

△ 7 Glory then to Jesus,  
Who, the Prince of light,  
To a world in darkness  
Brought the gift of sight;  
Praise to God the Father;  
In the Spirit's love  
Praise we all together  
Him who reigns above.

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*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

### The Dismissal

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

*Stand*

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 165*

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

### Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.



## Benediction

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{†}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.

- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”
- 6 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
Ris’n, ascended, glorified.  
Alleluia! Here forever,  
As He promised, at my side.  
With the Father and the Spirit,  
Care and comfort You shall give.  
Let me shout Your praises always  
As I speak and as I live.

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