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

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

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

Last Sunday, September 19, 2021:

Attendance: 76 / 7 (livestream connections)  
Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 17 / 18 / 5  
Offerings: \$2686 / \$21 / \$140 (electronic)

## Happening at St. John's:

**Directory Pictures** are on hold while we figure out what we are doing!

### **CONFESSIONAL LUTHERANS, WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK...**

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: Being a Lutheran Vicar During the Cuban Revolution, Responding to Today's Woke Worldview, Caring for Caregivers, Congregational Singing and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**“Gospel-motivated means** we tell how Almighty God creates every human life as special, and that we treat them with that sanctity. It means we declare how He redeems every human life as precious, and that we demonstrate it to them. It means we proclaim how He calls every human life His own priceless treasure from fertilization to forever, and that we put it into practice.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### **This week:**

Sunday, 9/26 LYF	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class /
	10am	Divine Service Ladies' Aid meeting
Monday, 9/27	4pm	Confirmation
Wednesday, 9/29	7pm	Lifelight
Sunday, 10/3 LYF	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class /
	10am	Divine Service

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

**EXCITING NEWS!** – Thanks to the generosity of a Calvary supporter, we get to scratch off an item that has been on our wish list for a long time. This past week, installation of side basketball goals began at Calvary. These goals have been on our wish list since we opened the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the building over seven years ago! We are excited that our basketball teams will have this increased opportunity for practice and growth! If you have interest in making other dreams a reality, our wishlist can be found at <http://www.calvarylhs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Wish-List-Sep-21-22.pdf>.

**FALL BREAKS MAKE GOOD SHADOW DAYS** – Shadow Days are a fantastic way to experience the advantage of being a student at Calvary. As October is around the corner, you may consider scheduling a shadow day when you are out-of-school, but Calvary is in-session. Call the school office (573-638-0228) with dates that work well for you.

**LION ATHLETICS** – Home (or near-home) sporting events for the week of Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>:

- Tuesday, Sept 28 – Baseball @ Eugene, 4:30pm
- Tuesday, Sept 28 – Soccer @ Battle, 5:30pm
- Tuesday, Sept 28 – Softball @ Russellville, vs Linn, 5pm, SENIOR NIGHT

For more dates to support your Calvary Lions, check out our Google calendar or our website: [www.calvarylhs.org/events](http://www.calvarylhs.org/events).

**POSITION AVAILABLE** - Calvary is seeking a mission-minded individual to fill the stipend position of Head Girls Basketball Coach. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled and may be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101. For more information, please contact Erich Ahlers at 573-638-0228 or [principal@calvarylhs.org](mailto:principal@calvarylhs.org).

**GET YOUR FRESH APPLES** – The Fall Apple Sale is underway! We offer four varieties of apples: Fuji, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith and Red Delicious. Order sizes range from ½ peck to a full bushel and apple butter is available. The deadline for ordering is Friday, October 8th with a tentative delivery date of the weekend of October 23<sup>rd</sup> (weather dependent). Profits from these sales are used to support Calvary school programs. Order forms are available in the school office or online. Contact the school at [638-0228](tel:638-0228) to place your order.

**CALVARY'S GIFT** – Our amazing, upscale second-hand store at the corner of Jefferson & Ashley has openings for servant-hearted volunteers. Especially on Saturdays, but if you are interested in helping any day Wednesday through Saturday, 9-1, call John Meisel (821-8875) with your availability.

# Confession and Absolution

## 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

- 1 To God the Holy Spirit let us pray  
For the true faith needed on our way  
That He may defend us when life is ending  
And from exile home we are wending.  
Lord, have mercy!
- 2 O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow;  
Set our hearts with sacred fire aglow  
That with hearts united we love each other,  
Ev'ry stranger, sister, and brother.  
Lord, have mercy!
- 3 Transcendent Comfort in our ev'ry need,  
Help us neither scorn nor death to heed  
That we may not falter nor courage fail us  
When the foe shall taunt and assail us.  
Lord, have mercy!
- 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light;  
Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright  
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us,  
Till to our true home He has brought us.  
Lord, have mercy!

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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

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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 135:1–3, 13–14; antiphon: v. 13*

Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,\*  
your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.  
Praise the LORD! Praise the name | of the LORD,\*  
give praise, O servants | of the LORD,  
who stand in the house | of the LORD,\*  
in the courts of the house | of our God!  
Praise the LORD, for the | LORD is good;\*  
sing to his name, for it is | pleasant!  
Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,\*  
your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.  
For the LORD will vindicate his | people\*  
and have compassion on his | servants.  
**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.**  
Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,\*  
your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.

### 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.

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; 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

*Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29*

<sup>4</sup>Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . ."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

<sup>16</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . .”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*James 5:1–20*

<sup>1</sup>Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you.

<sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup>Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

<sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup>But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed

ferently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 9:38–50*

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

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

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup>“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

## **505 Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay**

*sts. —3*

- 1 God the Father, be our stay;  
O let us perish never!  
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,  
And grant us life forever.  
Keep us from the evil one;  
Uphold our faith most holy,  
And let us trust Thee solely  
With humble hearts and lowly.  
Let us put God's armor on,  
With all true Christians running  
Our heav'nly race and shunning  
The devil's wiles and cunning.  
Amen, amen! This be done;  
So sing we, "Alleluia!"
  
- 2 Jesus Christ, be Thou our stay;  
O let us perish never!  
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,  
And grant us life forever.  
Keep us from the evil one;  
Uphold our faith most holy,  
And let us trust Thee solely  
With humble hearts and lowly.  
Let us put God's armor on,  
With all true Christians running  
Our heav'nly race and shunning  
The devil's wiles and cunning.  
Amen, amen! This be done;  
So sing we, "Alleluia!"

- 3 Holy Spirit, be our stay;  
O let us perish never!  
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,  
And grant us life forever.  
Keep us from the evil one;  
Uphold our faith most holy,  
And let us trust Thee solely  
With humble hearts and lowly.  
Let us put God's armor on,  
With all true Christians running  
Our heav'nly race and shunning  
The devil's wiles and cunning.  
Amen, amen! This be done;  
So sing we, "Alleluia!"

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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.

## Presentation of Offering

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, keep us from craving and weeping after what we no longer possess, but instead give us contentment in the daily bread You so graciously rain down upon us. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Cause Your Holy Spirit to rest upon us and our pastors, that they may prophesy Your Word publicly and faithfully among us and we, in turn, may prophesy Your Word in our homes and vocations. Strengthen especially Pastor Deiner, missionaries Kim Buelmann, Ashley Lehr, Walter Steele, and Melinda Bombaro, and military chaplains Gregory Jans, Timothy Steele, and Cody Norton. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, bless our elders and church council with the necessary gifts of Your Spirit, that they may faithfully serve the congregation, support our pastor and

- uphold the ministry of the Word amongst us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Bless those whom You have called into this congregational family, especially as they celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, including Cathy Scheperle (9/26), Doug Brautigam (9/28), Dacey Colbert (9/28), Jonathan Reed (9,28), Doug & Michele Brautigam (9/30), and Lynn & Marla Young (10/1). Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Send forth Your Spirit, Father, over all couples who desire the gift of children, that they may be fruitful and bring up their children in Your fear and knowledge. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, uphold all civil authorities who bear the sword in our land, that sin and wickedness may be kept at bay and we may live peaceable lives in security. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Save and raise up those who are suffering or sick [*especially Lois Belshe, Carolyn Walker, Esther Heidbreder, Paula Scheperle, and H.F. Seidel*]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant, Lord, that all who come to the altar today to receive the heavenly manna of Christ's body and blood would be well salted with repentance and faith and at peace with one another. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

## 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

*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  $\text{†}$  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 197*

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

- 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**

**634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord**

- 1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
We celebrate with one accord;  
It is our comfort in distress,  
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.
- 2 He blotted out with His own blood  
The judgment that against us stood;  
For us He full atonement made,  
And all our debt He fully paid.
- 3 That this forever true shall be  
He gives a solemn guarantee:  
In this His holy Supper here  
We taste His love so sweet, so near.
- 4 His Word proclaims and we believe  
That in this Supper we receive  
His very body, as He said,  
His very blood for sinners shed.
- 5 We dare not ask how this can be,  
But simply hold the mystery  
And trust this word where life begins:  
"Given and shed for all your sins."
- 6 They who this word do not believe  
This food unworthily receive,  
Salvation here will never find—  
May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest  
Who in these promises finds rest;  
For Jesus shall in love remain  
With all who here His grace obtain.

- 8 Help us sincerely to believe  
That we may worthily receive  
Your Supper and in You find rest.  
Amen! They who believe are blest.

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## 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

- 1 Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand  
To our fatherland.
- 2 If the way be drear,  
If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;  
Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many\_a woe  
To our home we go.
- 3 When we seek relief  
From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore  
Where we weep no more.
- 4 Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won.  
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,  
Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand  
In our fatherland.

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## 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,  
Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice  
And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace  
The souls now lost in error's maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds  
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

- 3 O gently call those gone astray  
That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed  
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;  
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart;  
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore  
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n  
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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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 ☩ 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.  
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

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

## 850 God of Grace and God of Glory

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

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