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July 31, 2022    †    Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Now that we are officially in the season of Pentecost, the paraments are green. Since Advent, we have been in the festival half of the church year. Now, we begin the "time of the church". With a couple of exceptions, the paraments will continue to be green as we focus on life and growth in Christ.

**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, July 24, 2022:

Attendance: 79 / 3 (livestream connections)  
Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: ? / 16 / 4  
Offerings: \$2512 / \$23 / \$336 (electronic)

## Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

### **CALVARY INSIDER** – What is happening at Calvary this summer?

- Congratulations to Class of 2022's Abby Fisher, Willow Garwood and Jonathan Lieb – this year's recipients of the "Building Christian Leaders" Scholarships. God's blessings on their college endeavors!
- Teachers return to campus this week to prepare for the beginning of school
- The first day of school will be here in a flash..... August 17!

**RETREAT FUN** – Calvary's Summer Retreat was held last week and it was awesome! Over 80 students, faculty, and staff spent three great days at Heit's Point Lutheran Camp enjoying fun and fellowship as a Calvary family. THANK YOU for your prayers, support and donations to make this event a huge success.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** – Join us Tuesday, August 9 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. for the first blood drive of the school year sponsored by Key Club. Appointments can be made online at [redcross.org/give](http://redcross.org/give) or call Calvary 573-638-0228.

**AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> SPORTS PHYSICALS** – Dr. Gregg Kuhlmann, D.O. is a sports medicine doctor at the Capital Region Center of Orthopedic Excellence. Dr. Kuhlmann has been a long-time supporter of Lutheran education. He has generously volunteered to offer sports physicals to Calvary, Trinity & Immanuel students for a \$15 donation to CLHS Boosters. Students that plan to participate in ANY school sport next school year are required to have a current physical.

***Physicals will be offered on Thursday, August 4 from 5:00-6:45 p.m. at Calvary.*** Please thank Dr. Kuhlmann for his generosity and partnership.

Reserve your spot at the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CABAF2CA2F4C25-calvary1>

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL KELTON SELLARS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** will be held Saturday, August 27 at Railwood Golf Club. Registration at 7 a.m. Shotgun start at 8 a.m. Contact the pro shop (896-4653) to sign up a 4-person team. Space is limited! \$75 per person, cash only please. Proceeds will be used to bless the ballfield at Calvary with needed equipment.

**WISHLIST UPDATED** – Check out the updated wish list if there are specific areas you would like to bless Calvary as we head into the new school year! [calvarylhs.org/wishlist](http://calvarylhs.org/wishlist)

### **UPCOMING CALVARY EVENTS** –

- Aug 2 New Family Orientation @ 7:00 PM
- Aug 4 Fall Sports Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- Aug 8 First Day of Fall Sports Practices
- Aug 11 Back to School Night, 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- Aug 17 First Day of School

## Happening at St. John's:

**Do you float?** Join us for the annual youth float trip on August 6. Please let Janice know by July 31 if you plan on going so she can get canoes reserved.

“‘Therefore choose life,’ God said, ‘that you and your offspring may live.’ The way to choose life is to trust. Don’t panic. Did you think human life was going to be humanly possible? It’s not. It was never meant to be. Guiding a human being through the journey of life is possible only for God. That’s why the only way to choose life is to trust, to trust God. God gives no one a possible life. The call of God is to an impossible life. Otherwise, why trust? And life was created for trust.” *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & TRUTH...**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 teachings include: Fighting Transgenderism in the Church & Home, The Doctrine & Practice of Closed Communion, Biblical Inerrancy, The Movie “Thor: Love and Thunder,” and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

### **This week:**

Sunday, 7/31	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
	4pm	Installation at Good Shepherd - Centralia

Saturday, 8/6	7am	Float Trip
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Sunday, 8/7	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service

# Confession and Absolution

## 797 Praise the Almighty

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!  
Yes, I will laud Him until death;  
With songs and anthems I come before Him  
As long as He allows me breath.  
From Him my life and all things came;  
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;  
Earthborn they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,  
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.  
Since mortals can no help afford,  
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,  
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,  
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
To all who trust in Him, our Lord  
Will aid and counsel now afford.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,  
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;  
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,  
Their faithful God He will remain.  
He helps His children in distress,  
The widows and the fatherless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise Him solely,  
With happy heart its amen sings.  
Children of God, with angel host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2*

Hear this, all | peoples!\*  
Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,  
both | low and high,\*  
rich and poor to- | gether!  
Truly no man can ransom an- | other,\*  
or give to God the price | of his life,  
for the ransom of their life is | costly\*  
and can nev- | er suffice.  
This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;\*  
yet after them people approve | of their boasts.

Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;\*  
 death shall be their | shepherd.  
 But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,\*  
 for he will re- | ceive me.  
**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.**  
 Hear this, all | peoples!\*  
 Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,  
 both | low and high,\*  
 rich and poor to- | gether!

## 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.  
 O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26*

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Colossians 3:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew,

circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and 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 12:13–21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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

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

*Sit*

## 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings  
New each morning all our days.  
For Your mercies never ending,  
For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people  
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings  
May bring glory to Your name.



2 By Your Word You formed creation  
Filled with creatures large and small;  
As we tend that endless treasure  
May our care encircle all. Refrain

3 In His earthly life, our Savior  
Knew the care of faithful friends;  
May our deeds of dedication  
Offer love that never ends. Refrain

△ 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring  
Bear the imprint of Your grace;  
With the Son and Holy Spirit,  
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**☩ 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** For Your Word and Spirit, that our hearts may be guarded against pride and arrogance and may be wise to love rightly all that You have made, being used for Your purpose and glory, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For Your Church, that You would give her honorable and noble men for the Office of the Holy Ministry and gracious and devoted men and women commissioned for the teaching arts and works of charity within Your Church, especially for Pastor Spotts and Pastor-elect Lanning, for military chaplains Darren Harbaugh, Russell Dewell, Eric Wismar, and Paul Rockrohr, and for missionaries Connie Cortright, Britt Edemba, and Jordan Logston let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who have been called to follow You, that they would rejoice in Your blessings and serve as You have called them, including Greg Scheperle (8/3), Doris Propst (8/4), Stacia Stollmeyer (8/4), Melvin Loesch (8/5), Jace Snyder (8/6), and Berdene Thompson (8/6) as they celebrate birthdays, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all husbands and wives, that they would live in fidelity to their vows and promises; for parents as they teach their children to know and love the Lord; for single adults, that they may find fulfillment in their service to others; and for our lives together, that we might show the love of Christ one to another, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For our nation and its, that as kingdoms rise and fall and leaders are raised up and brought low by Your will, we may recognize the vanity of all our plans and so be ready to rejoice and give thanks for Your every good gift in the days that You give us under the sun, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For our nation's military and all who serve the public good, that they would serve honorably and that You would keep them from danger, especially for those who

serve to defend against the aggression of Russia, including Chandler Amick, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For reasonable weather across the land, that Your people be kept safe from the destruction of natural disasters, and that crops and livestock flourish for the good of many, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the suffering, the dying and the grieving, [*especially Your servants Lois Belshe, Paula Scheperle, Jason Walker, Bobby Hartman, Bob Johnson, Linda Deaver, Palmer Ott, and Patty Ott* \_\_\_\_\_], that they would be sustained in the truth that their lives are even now hidden with Christ in God, and that when He appears, they will also appear with Him in glory; and for compassionate and skillful doctors and nurses, that suffering may be alleviated and minds and bodies returned to health, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That we would one day be delivered by the hand of Christ into the paradise He has won for us; and in thanksgiving for the peace and rest You have given those that He has led out of the great tribulation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Answer all doubt and fear, O Lord, with confidence in Your Word and Sacraments, that by these Means of Grace we may be kept in holiness and guarded from temptation and despair until the day when You bring all things to their perfect fulfillment and we are delivered to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Offering

### Offertory

LSB 159

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## 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 (Full)

**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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 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.**

## 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  $\text{I}^{\text{c}}$  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."

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## 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

## 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain
  
- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!
  
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain
  
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain
  
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain
  
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

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## 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.
  
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.
  
- 3 Only Jesus can impart  
Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,

Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.

- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known,  
All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life  
Safe with Him from earthly strife.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford  
By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1873, alt.

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## 789 Praise and Thanksgiving

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,  
Father, we offer  
For all things living,  
Created good:  
Harvest of sown fields,  
Fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields,  
Blossom and wood.
- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor  
We bring to serve You  
That with our neighbor  
We may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
We would work with You,  
Harvesting, milling  
For daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing  
Food for Your children,  
By Your wise guiding  
Teach us to share  
One with another,  
So that, rejoicing  
With us, all others  
May know Your care.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–84

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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  $\text{†}$  in peace.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

*LSB 164*

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## 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.

## 861 Christ Be My Leader

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926



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