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October 2, 2022    †    Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

As we move into the autumn, we are reminded that even as seasons progress, so do our lives. Whether young or old, we need to be fed and strengthened by our Lord. During this Pentecost season, paraments remain 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. Gluten-free wafers are available; speak with Pastor or an elder prior to worship. (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 25, 2022:

Attendance: 90 / 3 (livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 23 / 17 / 4

Offerings: \$2590 / \$96 / \$336 (electronic)

## Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

**CALVARY INSIDER** – What happened at Calvary last week you ask?

- Choir and Drama joined Mr. Christman in leading chapel at Trinity Lutheran School and set a great example of what being a Calvary student is all about!
- Students, Elizabeth Lieb, Micah Spurling, Belle Haight & Maddie Homfeldt, organized Calvary's "See You at the Pole" event on Wednesday, leading into chapel where Pastor Sippy shared a message on our identity in Christ.

**SURVIVE & THRIVE FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS** – Ever feel like you're saying words but they're not getting through? Communication is a key survival skill for high school. Collaboration is a skill that will ensure that you thrive! At Survive and Thrive, you will learn about both in preparation for high school. This half-day event hosted by Calvary will focus on equipping you for the next step! Contact John Christman for interest in attending 11:40-2:40, Tuesday, October 11.

**LION ATHLETICS** – Home sporting events for the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>:

- Friday, Oct 7      Baseball vs St. Elizabeth 4:30pm
- Saturday, Oct 8    Baseball CCAA Tournament Games at 10am, 12:30pm, 3pm

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).

**FALL DRAMA JUST AROUND THE CORNER** – The cast and crew of "The Hobbit" is hard at work preparing for the fall drama production just 2 short weeks away! This is a very talented group of students and we can't wait for you to see the show!

Show times:

Friday, October 14 at 7PM

Saturday October 15 at 6PM



Scan for CLHS Apple Sale Form

**GET YOUR FRESH APPLES** – Fall apple sales are underway! Don't miss your chance to purchase Fuji, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, and Jonathan apples by the ½ Peck, Peck, ½ Bushel or Bushel! Apple butter is also available by the pint jar. The order deadline is Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Order pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Profits from these sales are used to support the Booster Association who support all Calvary students. Please **use the QR Code** to place your order online or contact the school office, 573-638-0228.

**SHOPPING THAT GIVES BACK** – If you shop with Amazon and you're looking for a simple way to benefit Calvary, consider using [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)! You can designate Lutheran High School Association of Mid-Missouri as your charity of choice, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases back to Calvary. This is a great way to support Calvary with something you might already do, and every purchase counts!

**OCTOBER BLOOD DRIVE** – Save the date for the next Calvary blood drive! It will take place from 1PM to 6PM on Wednesday, October 26, in the Café at Calvary. Please consider donating to help save a life!

## Happening at St. John's:

**Lifelight** has begun! We will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 to study Galatians/Ephesians/ Colossians. If you did not sign up, there is still room! Please come and join us! If you would rather have a daytime class, please talk to Pastor.

**Mark your calendars.** October 30, Pastor Andry will be visiting again. He will preach here in the morning, and then give a presentation on the Malagasy healing ministry before preaching for the Circuit Reformation service at 4pm at Trinity. Watch for information regarding a Circuit Reformation choir, practicing soon.

**“It is easy to look at others** in the world and label them as enemies, especially when they have different political, religious, or ethical beliefs than we do. But, when God looks at those individuals, He wants them to belong to His family, too. A fruit of faith can be to show other individuals, made in God’s image, that they, too, are chosen!” *Marie K. MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**1 THESSALONIANS BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on The Book of 1 Thessalonians. You can listen on-demand at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

### **This week:**

Sunday, 10/2	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
Tues, 10/4	7pm	Elders
Wed, 10/5	4:30pm	Confirmation
	7pm	Lifelight
Fri, 10/7	7pm	Church Council
Sunday, 10/9	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Fellowship / Voters' Meeting

# Confession and Absolution

## 565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

- 1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ,  
Speak gladness to this heart;  
They tell me all is done,  
They bid my fear depart. Refrain
- ref To whom save Thee,  
Who canst alone  
For sin atone,  
Lord, shall I flee?
- 2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,  
Can heal my bruised soul;  
Thy stripes, not mine, contain  
The balm that makes me whole. Refrain
- 3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,  
Has borne the crushing load  
Of sins that none could bear  
But the incarnate God. Refrain
- 4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ,  
Has paid the ransom due;  
Ten thousand deaths like mine  
Would have been all too few. Refrain
- 5 Thy righteousness, O Christ,  
Alone can cover me;  
No righteousness avails  
Save that which is of Thee. Refrain

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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.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166*

I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,\*  
and I do your com- | mandments.  
I rejoice | at your word\*  
like one who | finds great spoil.  
Seven times a day | I praise you\*  
for your just and righ- | teous decrees.  
Great peace have those who | love your law;\*  
nothing can make them | stumble.  
My soul keeps your testi- | monies;\*  
I love them ex- | ceedingly.  
**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.**  
I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,\*  
and I do your com- | mandments.

### 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 God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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

*Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4*

- <sup>1</sup>The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.
- <sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?  
Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?
- <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never goes forth.  
For the wicked surround the righteous;  
so justice goes forth perverted.

<sup>1</sup>I will take my stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the tower,  
and look out to see what he will say to me,  
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.

<sup>3</sup>For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.  
If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*2 Timothy 1:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.

<sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

- 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 17:1–10*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

- 1 I know my faith is founded  
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing,  
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.  
Our reason cannot fathom



The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts in human wisdom  
Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient,  
It makes divinely sure;  
And trusting in its wisdom,  
My faith shall rest secure.

- 2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,  
For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure  
And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with You beside me,  
I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Your good Spirit,  
I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior,  
A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance  
To ev'ry evil foe.
- 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You;  
Though persecution, grief, and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me,  
Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure,  
Lord, take me home to You,  
Your riches to inherit  
As all You said holds true.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me  
Until Your heav'n I gain,  
Where I by Your great mercy  
The end of faith attain.

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

O Lord, our heavenly Father, receive our thanks that You preserve Your Word in this world of uncertainty, confusion and lies. Grant us to love Your Law and rejoice in Your promises continually, that we may live in Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty God, remember our pastors whom You have called to a holy calling. Embolden them in their testimony concerning our Lord Jesus, and strengthen them by Your power to courageously suffer for the Gospel and guard the good deposit entrusted to them. Bless especially Pastor Pierce, as well as missionaries Melinda Bombaro and Shelia Strozier, and military chaplains Stephen DeMik, Shawn Found, and Amadeus Gandy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, Timothy learned of Christ from his faithful grandmother, Lois, and his faithful mother, Eunice. Bless all faithful parents and grandparents, that they might bear witness to Christ to their children. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Holy God, preserve us from paralyzed law and perverted justice. Strengthen those whom You have placed in authority to govern wisely, that we might live free of strife and contention. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord of Hosts, look with compassion on those who are victims of others' aggressions. Protect and defend them according to Your mercy. Strengthen those who stand and defend others, including Chandler Amick and those in our nation's Armed Forces. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** God of all grace, remember those who suffer from violence, strife, illness or affliction [*especially Paula Scheperle, Lois Belshe, and Linda Deaver*]. Heal and deliver them according to Your will, and when Your answer seems slow, strengthen them by Christ's righteousness to await Your timing and live by faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Holy God, preserve us from paralyzed law and perverted justice. Strengthen those whom You have placed in authority to govern wisely, that we might live free of strife and contention. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Merciful God, though we are unworthy servants You clothe us in Your Son's righteousness and prepare a supper for us. Let us come with repentant hearts to receive Christ's body and blood, ever grateful that He became the Suffering Servant who went to the cross for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Receive our thanks for the callings You have given us. Grant that we might rejoice to labor in service to You until You gather us to Your banquet table in heaven; 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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.

## 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  $\text{I}$  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

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

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

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.

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### 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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## 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
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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 ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 895 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next!

△ 3 All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

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