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October 30, 2022   ✠   Feast of the Reformation (observed)

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

Today we celebrate the Reformation, 505 years after Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses. The color red is used to mark the work of the Holy Spirit, since it reminds us of the fire which marked the presence of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We use red to mark the commemoration of saints and for certain festivals in the church year.

**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, October 23, 2022:

Attendance: 82 / 4 (livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 20 / ? / 3

Offerings: \$2410 / \$4 / \$336 (electronic)

## Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

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

- Students celebrated Red Ribbon Week with visits from the Highway Patrol and other guest speakers throughout the week.
- Pastor Schlie led chapel, celebrating Reformation.
- Eleven Calvary students attended the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

**INTERESTED IN CALVARY SPIRIT WEAR?** – Calvary is making an order for Calvary apparel on October 31. There are t-shirt, hoodie, polo, ¼ zip and full-zip options plus a hat. Orders can be placed online at <https://forms.gle/RjFPUKTzWwoBzAdZ7> Payments can be submitted to the office or, for a small convenience fee, payment can be made online.

### **TUTORING AVAILABLE FROM CALVARY A+ STUDENTS –**

Calvary is providing after-school tutoring to K-12 students and their families for those who would desire extra help. Interested families can contact Erich Ahlers at 638-0228 or email [principal@calvarylhs.org](mailto:principal@calvarylhs.org)

**THANK YOU** – As our apple and mum sales have wrapped up, we want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our students through these programs. We are blessed by your partnership in Building Christian Leaders!

### **WHO NEEDS TO KNOW? COME TO A CALVARY OPEN HOUSE!**

– Do you know someone who would benefit from knowing about Calvary? A family of a teenager? (Grades 7-12) Invite them to Open House! Calvary will be hosting two Fall Open Houses soon: **Tuesday, November 1** and **Monday, November 7**, 7-8 PM. Current Calvary parents and current students will share their Calvary stories & authentic reviews from people that are here daily. Contact the office to RSVP for one of these nights!

## Happening at St. John's:

**We welcome Pastor Andry.** Besides preaching this morning, he will also be giving a presentation on the Lutheran healing ministry in Madagascar at 3pm at Trinity, and preaching at the Circuit Reformation Service at 4pm at Trinity.

**We are gathering for the Samaritan Center** non-perishable items for Thanksgiving meals. Please bring items by next Sunday; boxes are in the narthex.

**You can help send a student to a Lutheran school!** Through the new MOScholars program, when you donate to the District Scholarship Fund, you can earn Tax Credits that count towards your state tax! For more information and to reserve your tax credits, go to <https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars/>

**“While we are on this side of eternity,** the chance to serve and love our country and our neighbor and our community is as depthless as the Lord’s love for us. Engaging is a good, right, and humbling call.”  
*Timothy S. Goeglein, vice president of government and external relations at Focus on the Family in Washington, D.C. – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**PATHS TO LUTHERANISM SERIES...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You’ll find the series at [issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism](http://issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism).

### **This week:**

Sunday, 10/30	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service (Pastor Andry preaches)
	3pm	Pastor Andry – presentation at Trinity
	4pm	Circuit Reformation Service – Trinity
Tues, 11/1	7pm	Elders’ meeting
Wed, 11/2	4:30pm	Confirmation
	7pm	Lifelight
Sunday, 11/6	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service

# Confession and Absolution

## 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.

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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 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.

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## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

**I will bless the LORD at | all times;\***  
**his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.**

**My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\***  
**let the humble hear | and be glad.**

**Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;\***  
**I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.**

**The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;\***  
**none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.**

**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 will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

### 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.

- 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 and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

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## First Reading

*Revelation 14:6–7*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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

## Epistle

*Romans 3:19–28*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a

propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 8:31–36*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

<sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

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

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

*Sit*

## 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

- 1 All Christians who have been baptized,  
Who know the God of heaven,  
And in whose daily life is prized  
The name of Christ once given:  
Consider now what God has done,  
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone  
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

- 2 You were before your day of birth,  
Indeed, from your conception,  
Condemned and lost with all the earth,  
None good, without exception.  
For like your parents' flesh and blood,  
Turned inward from the highest good,  
You constantly denied Him.
- 3 But all of that was washed away—  
Immersed and drowned forever.  
The water of your Baptism day  
Restored again whatever  
Old Adam and his sin destroyed  
And all our sinful selves employed  
According to our nature.
- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—  
Our shame is fully covered  
With all that He once sacrificed  
And freely for us suffered.  
For here the flood of His own blood  
Now makes us holy, right, and good  
Before our heav'nly Father.
- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift  
In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul,  
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—  
In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do  
Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess  
His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!

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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.

## Blessing of Artwork

### 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.

Gracious God, You have renewed Your Church in every age with the voices of those who recall Your people to the Gospel and who speak Your Word in all circumstances. Receive our thanks for Martin Luther and those with him who contended for the Gospel against many and great enemies. Make us bold, that

we would also contend for the faith against those who would silence our voices or distract Your people from the one true Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, guard and defend us and Your Holy Christian Church throughout the world, that we may be protected from the temptations of the devil, the world and our own sinful nature. Strengthen for your service especially Pastor Andry, Pastor Sonntag, missionaries Rebecca Krey, and Sandra Rhein, and military chaplains Mark Bowditch and David McCarthy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Gracious Father, look with favor upon those whom You have chosen to be Your children. Strengthen their faith to cling to Your promises. Bless especially those who celebrate birthdays this week, including Janice Coffelt (10/31), Marjorie Loesch (11/1), and Hunter Zimmerman (11/3). Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Have mercy on our nation. Give us good and faithful rulers who will govern after Your good pleasure. Give us comfort and a right understanding of Your rule in this world, that we would not be deceived to think earthly powers will last forever, but have confidence in You alone. Your kingdom come! Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord of all the nations, You have chosen your people from every tribe and language. Bring peace to those lands which suffer violence, that Your Word may be proclaimed and more brought to faith. Work especially through those keeping peace and defending the innocent, including Chandler and others in our nation's military, and keep them safe as they serve. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** God of grace, do not let Your people fear though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. Rescue all people in need, [*especially Paula Scheperle, Lois Belshe, and Addy Beinlich*], and comfort them with the promise that You are with them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Blessed Father, You have granted us the privilege of a place at Christ's table. Give us faithful and repentant hearts by Your Spirit, that we would receive worthily Your Son's body and blood and depart to bear His fruit in lives of holiness and humble service. Bless Your Church through the forgiveness of sins, that we

would have a clear conscience before You and live at peace with one another.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have brought us by Your Word out of the darkness of error and into the light of Your grace. Mercifully help us to walk in that light. Guard us from error and false doctrine, and grant that we would not become ungrateful and despise Your Word, but receive it with all our heart, conduct our lives according to it and put our trust in Your grace; through the merits of 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:

- 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**

- 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  $\text{✠}$  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

### 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!

- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

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## 579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

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

- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at His throne,  
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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## 580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

- 1 The Gospel shows the Father's grace,  
Who sent His Son to save our race,  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died  
That we might thus be justified.
- 2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,  
Who made the\_ atoning sacrifice,  
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed  
To come and find eternal rest.
- 3 It brings the Savior's righteousness  
To robe our souls in royal dress;  
From all our guilt it brings release  
And gives the troubled conscience peace.
- 4 It is the pow'r of God to save  
From sin and Satan and the grave;  
It works the faith which firmly clings  
To all the treasures which it brings.
- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad  
And bids their hearts no more be sad;  
The weary, burdened souls it cheers  
And banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn  
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
May we in faith its truth confess  
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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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*

## 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.

## 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.



3    Though devils all the world should fill,  
      All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
      They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
      He can harm us none.  
      He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

4    The Word they still shall let remain  
      Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
      With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
      Though these all be gone,  
      Our vict'ry has been won;  
      The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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