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November 27, 2022    †    Last Sunday of the Church Year

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

**Today** the paraments are blue as we begin a new church year with the season of Advent. This is not “pre-Christmas”; we look forward to Christ’s return to judge the living and the dead even as we remember those who looked forward to Christ’s first advent more than 2000 years ago.

**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, November 20, 2022:

Attendance: 81 / 4 (livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 22 / 21 / 2

Offerings: \$2411 / \$2.51 / \$336 (electronic)

## Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

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

- A graduate panel of CLHS alumni returned to their alma mater on Monday to speak with current Juniors & Seniors, offering advice in preparation for life after graduation.
- Pastor Powell led our special Thanksgiving chapel service on Tuesday.
- We gathered together as a Calvary family on Tuesday with a wonderful time of food and fellowship at our 18<sup>th</sup> annual CLHS Thanksgiving celebration.

### **LION BASKETBALL** – Home events for the week of Nov 27<sup>th</sup>:

- Tues, Nov 29, 5:00 JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys v. Smithton
- Fri, Dec 2, 5:00 JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys v. Jamestown

**CALVARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – Join us Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for the annual Calvary Christmas concert! Enjoy pieces performed by the Calvary Choir and Band that are sure to get you ready for the Christmas season!

**CYBER MONDAY SHOPPING WITH AMAZON SMILE** – Taking advantage of Cyber Monday (Week) sales? If you plan to shop on Amazon, you can use your purchases to give back to Calvary! By going to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and designating Lutheran High School Association of Missouri as your charity of choice, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases back to Calvary!

**THANK YOU FOR A WEEK OF GIVING!** – Calvary was blessed with gifts totaling over \$20,000 during our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Week of Giving!” These gifts make an immediate impact on the student experience at Calvary. Thank you for your prayerful support. As “Giving Tuesday” is highlighted on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, we are very thankful for our supporters who give their time, resources, and talents. How will you give the Gift of Calvary?

- Contribute directly at Calvary or on our website [\*\*calvarylhs.org/support\*\*](https://calvarylhs.org/support) and the *Donate Now* button is at the top of the page.
- Select an item from our **Wishlist** at [calvarylhs.org/wishlist](https://calvarylhs.org/wishlist)
- Give a **Gift of Stock** directly to manage/reduce Capital Gains Tax
- Choose Calvary as the recipient of a **Required Minimum Distribution** from an IRA
- Use your **Thrivent Action Teams** to support Calvary activities, *ask for ideas*
- Designate the Lutheran High School Association of Mid-Missouri for your **Thrivent Choice Dollars**
- Shop or [Volunteer](#) at **Calvary's Gift**

**2023-2024 REGISTRATION BONUS** – Registration is OPEN for the 2023-2024 school year! Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders and current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students can already register for next year! When you apply or re-register for next school year with your \$100 registration fee before January 3, 2023, you will receive a \$50 credit toward your student's '23-'24 tuition. **REGISTER TODAY!**

## Happening at St. John's:

**As we begin a new church year**, we begin by preparing ourselves to celebrate Jesus' birth. This preparation is not about food and presents, but about preparing our hearts. We will have a special Advent service on Wednesday, December 14, at 7pm. On Christmas Eve, we gather for the Children's Christmas Program at 7pm and again at 9pm for a Service of Lessons and Carols (both with candlelight at the end). On Christmas morning, we celebrate the Divine Service at 9am (instead of 10am), and will not have Sunday School.

**“These two choices are vastly different:** to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand.” *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON...** ”Savior of the Nations, Come,” “On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry,” “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

### **This week:**

Sunday, 11/27 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
10am Divine Service  
Sunday School Christmas Prog Practice

Wed, 11/30 4:30pm Confirmation Class

Sunday, 12/4 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
10am Divine Service  
Sunday School Christmas Prog Practice  
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# Confession and Absolution

## 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.
  
- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings;  
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
Your grateful hymns of praise.
  
- 3 How blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is He  
Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
Your happy shouts of praise.
  
- 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov'reign enter in  
And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise  
For word and deed and grace!
  
- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.

## 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 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 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Save us, we pray, | O LORD!\*

O LORD, we pray, give | us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.\*

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!

You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;\*

you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

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.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

## Kyrie

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 2:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,

and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 13:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 24:36–44*

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

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

<sup>36</sup>[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day our

Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh—  
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown:  
God was there upon His throne.

- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man,  
His heroic course began.
- 5 God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.

- △ 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

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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** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For the peace from above, that our Lord's advent might kindle in us a love for His name, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For faithful pastors and teachers, missionaries and chaplains, that they may boldly proclaim God's Law and Gospel so that we might be prepared for the day of Christ's appearing, including Pastor Weisenborn, missionaries Heidi Paul, Rachel Krause, Jana Inglehart, Barba Rebentisch, and John Wolf, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For God's kingdom on earth, that the Church may be a beacon to all nations, teaching them to walk in the light of His peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For Christian homes, that God would defend husbands, wives and children from the temptation to walk in the works of darkness, clothing them with the armor of light, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all Christians, that they would rejoice in the many and abundant blessings of the Lord, and especially for Patty Ott upon returning home from the hospital, and for Ron Klatt and Robert Klatt as they celebrate birthdays, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who serve in our nation's military, especially those who remain stationed far from home and family, that they would continue to recognize the Lord's abundant blessings, especially for Chandler Amick, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our president, governor and all in temporal authority, that godly wisdom would guide policy and lead nations into the way of peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For [*Paula Scheperle, Lois Belshe, Addy Beinlich, Cindy Eggen, and Troy Schepman* \_\_\_\_\_ *and*] all who are sick or in need of our prayers, that God would visit them during these Advent days with His hand of healing, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who feast upon the body and blood of Christ this day, that our faith might be strengthened and our sins forgiven, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** O loving Father, You alone know the day and the hour when our Lord, Jesus Christ, will come again in glory. Keep us steadfast in the one, true faith, that we

may ever be ready for His reappearing; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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.

## **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**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**

### **640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior**

- 1 Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee,  
Who in Thy Sacrament art pleased to be;  
Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail,  
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.
- 2 In this memorial of Thy death, O Lord,  
Thou dost Thy body and Thy blood afford:  
Oh, may our souls forever feed on Thee,  
And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.
- 3 Thou, like the pelican to feed her brood,  
Didst pierce Thyself to give us living food;

Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win  
Forgiveness for our world and all its sin.

4 Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:  
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood;  
Increase our faith and love, that we may know  
The hope and peace which from Thy presence flow.

5 O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,  
May what we thirst for soon our portion be:  
To gaze on Thee unveiled and see Thy face,  
The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace.  
Amen.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225–1274; (sts. 1–2, 4–5): tr. James R. Woodford, 1820–85, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. Stephen P. Starke, 1955

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### 336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for ev'ry sinner slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of His train:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him  
Robed in glorious majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
Shall their true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of His passion  
Still His dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation  
To His ransomed worshipers.  
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen, let all adore Thee,  
High on Thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,  
Claim the kingdom as Thine own.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

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### 333 Once He Came in Blessing

- 1 Once He came in blessing,  
All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly,  
Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us;  
Hope and freedom gave us.
  
- 2 Now He gently leads us;  
With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven,  
Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish  
Souls that they may flourish.
  
- 3 Soon will come that hour  
When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor  
And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing  
Joy beyond comparing.
  
- 4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
From our sins release us.  
Keep our hearts believing,  
That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You  
Till in heav'n we bless You.

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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  $\text{✠}$  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.

## 331 The Advent of Our King

- 1 The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,  
He soon will come again

And His true members all unite  
With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

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