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May 28, 2023    †    The Day of Pentecost

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

**Today** the paraments are red as we celebrate a special day focusing on the work of the Holy Spirit. On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit appeared to and with the disciples and brought about a great explosion in the number of believers gathered together through faith 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, May 21, 2023:

Attendance: 94 (4 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: ? / 15 / 4

Offerings: \$2407 / \$42.51 / \$360 (electronic)

## Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

### **CALVARY INSIDER** – What happened at Calvary this week?

- Congratulations to Lions Track and Field on their successful season! Every track athlete that qualified for the State track meet earned All-State honors! Sydney Morris placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Shotput and 4<sup>th</sup> in Discus; Maddie Homfeldt placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in 3200 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1600; Kyle Hagemeyer placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in 3200 and 7<sup>th</sup> in 1600. Maddy Sprengel placed 10<sup>th</sup> in 3200 and Maddie, Maddy, Sydney & Mikayla Yutzy placed 8<sup>th</sup> in 4x800 relay.
- School's OUT for the summer!

**CON-GRAD-ULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!** – Calvary graduated 26 seniors this weekend! We pray God's richest blessings on them as they engage the world as servant leaders – in their homes, in college, and the work place.

**WE ARE BLESSED BY YOUR SUPPORT!** – We are so grateful to have your prayers and support! Thank you to everyone who took part in making the 2022-2023 school year successful. With your support, we are able to partner with families at the intersection of education and faith development. Together we are Building Christian Leaders!

**SUMMER HOURS** – Our office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Summer hours begin in June and extent through July. Summer Hours: Monday -Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**CALVARY BOYS YOUTH CAMP** - Incoming 5th - 8th grade boys are invited to join us for **Calvary's Youth Baseball Camp** that will run on June 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Infield, outfield, hitting, pitching, and catching will all be covered. This event is free of charge. Please RSVP by calling the Calvary office at (573)638-0228 by Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**JOIN THE CALVARY TEAM** – Calvary is seeking mission-minded, enthusiastic individuals to join the Calvary team. We are seeking a **teacher** for one period of **College Biology**. Candidates must have a master's degree with 18-hrs of graduate level classes in Life Sciences. We are also seeking candidates for a **varsity cheer coach** as well as **head archery coach** for 2023-2024. Candidates should meet all requirements set forth by NASP. Resumes for both positions are to be submitted to Calvary Lutheran High School, 2525 Rte B, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled.

**THE PLAN** – Calvary has a 2-year plan to enhance the student experience. While the plan will be a blessing to every student at Calvary, it has specific goals for athletics, agriculture and performing arts. If you would like to know more, contact John Christman to set up a time to meet, 638-0228.

### **SAVE THE DATE -**

June 2	19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament
June 5-6	Youth Boys Baseball Camp
June 10	Alumni Basketball Game

**Missouri's Biggest Diaper Shower** is happening again from Mothers' Day through Fathers' Day. Bring diapers or wipes which will be donated to a local pregnancy center. We will notify Lutherans for Life of Missouri with the number we collect, and they will announce a total collected across the state. And they donate \$50 to the recipient of our diapers! How many can we collect?

**“Jesus became incarnate as embryo, fetus and teenager, infant and adult. In this way He consecrates humankind of all ages, appearances, and abilities. The Good Lord comes close in skin and bone, the same as ours. He remains near with muscle and blood like we have. He humbly bears these sicknesses and gently carries these sorrows of ours. Jesus has crucifix-ed God on you, ever the servant and once-for-all sacrifice. Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)**

**LISTEN TO A LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY ON THE PHONE...** 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 is currently leading a study on the Book of Acts. You can listen by calling (618) 262-0078.

**This week:**

Sunday, 5/28    9am    Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
                      10am    Divine Service

Sunday, 6/4    9am    Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
                      10am    Divine Service

# Confession and Absolution

## 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

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

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### *Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*LSB 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 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,\*

and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you | made them all;\*  
the earth is full of your | creatures.

These all | look to you,\*

to give them their food in due | season.

When you give it to them, they gath- | er it up;\*

when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,\*

and you renew the face | of the ground.

**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.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,\*

and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.

### 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, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 11:24–30*

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

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" <sup>30</sup>And

Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Acts 2:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;

<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

- C** Alleluia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

*John 7:37–39*

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

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup>Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

*Sit*

**497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord**

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,  
With all Your graces now outpoured  
On each believer’s mind and heart;  
Your fervent love to them impart.  
Lord, by the brightness of Your light  
In holy faith Your Church unite;  
From ev’ry land and ev’ry tongue  
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Come, holy Light, guide divine,  
Now cause the Word of life to shine.  
Teach us to know our God aright  
And call Him Father with delight.  
From ev’ry error keep us free;  
Let none but Christ our master be  
That we in living faith abide,  
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Come, holy Fire, comfort true,  
Grant us the will Your work to do  
And in Your service to abide;  
Let trials turn us not aside.  
Lord, by Your pow’r prepare each heart,



And to our weakness strength impart  
That bravely here we may contend,  
Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

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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** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the whole Christian Church on earth, that she would be filled, renewed, enlightened and sanctified by the Holy Spirit as on the first Pentecost; that many more will be called by the Gospel; and that the Sacraments would be administered faithfully and all Christians be kept in the true faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For faithful pastors and church workers devoted to the service of God, who delivered His Word through Moses and the prophets and fulfilled it in Christ, who died for our sins and was raised for our justification, especially for Pastor Powell and Pastor Schlie, for missionaries Megan Fedder, Philip Jaseph, David Bush, and Phillip Magness, and military chaplains Travis Ferguson and Mark Moreno, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That all the people of God would show forth in holy lives the fruits of the Spirit, which He has promised in the Scripture; that all pride, prejudice and hate would be removed so that the Gospel is not hindered, but all may be welcomed in the name of Christ; and that we would have a servant's heart, seeking not our own ways but the path that leads to eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all of God's children, that they would recognize and give thanks for His rich and abundant blessings, and that He would continue to strengthen them to be His witnesses in this world, especially for Marilyn Brandt (5/28), Tina Amick (5/28), Myra Hall, (5/29), Robert Shelton (5/29), Michele Brautigam (6/3), and Jeremy & Tina Amick (6/3), let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** In thanksgiving for those who served our nation through military service and in grateful remembrance of those who gave their lives for us and the cause of freedom, that we may honor their sacrifice by using our liberty responsibly; for all who travel, that they would be kept safe; for our nation and its blessing; and for aid in protecting and increasing the benefits we have for those who follow us, looking always to God, from whom these gifts come, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That God would have mercy on His creation and send rain to water the earth, providing food for the hungry and seed for the sower, and that He would look with favor upon the farmers and bless their harvests in abundance, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the comfort of the Holy Spirit in a dark world; and that wounds would be

soothed and healed, broken families restored, the depressed uplifted, the poor also aided, and all cries answered, [especially for Paula Scheperle, Lois Belshe, Cindy Eggen, Linda Wunderlich, Lonnie Thompson, Mary Messer, and Angelina Dubbs \_\_\_\_\_] let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That the Spirit of truth would clear away all distractions so that our hearts and minds may focus on Christ present in the bread which is His body and the cup of His blood, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That God would receive our praise and thanksgiving for His gifts of grace in this Sacrament, together with our tithes and offerings, as tokens of our trust in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Almighty Father, with Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word to rule and govern us according to Your will, comfort us in every temptation and misfortune, and defend us against every error, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and — trusting firmly in Your grace for us by His death — obtain eternal salvation; 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.

## 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 ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. 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.

## 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**

**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 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**

### **629 What Is This Bread**

- 1 What is this bread?  
Christ's body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break,  
This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
- 2 What is this wine?  
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace  
Brings His embrace  
Of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see—the Lord is King.
- 3 So who am I,  
That I should live and He should die

Under the rod?  
My God, my God,  
Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

4 Yet is God here?  
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul  
He makes us whole—  
Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

5 Is this for me?  
I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe  
That I receive  
His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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## 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

1 Today Your mercy calls us  
To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass,  
Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy  
Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us  
And make us clean today.

2 Today Your gate is open,  
And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome  
And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten,  
A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised,  
A glorious crown in heav'n.

3 Today our Father calls us;  
His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessed angels gather  
Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us  
How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,  
It is our Father's home.

- 4 O all-embracing Mercy,  
O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without You  
When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us,  
To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,  
One ear will hear our prayer.

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## 500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

- 1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid  
The world's foundations first were laid,  
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;  
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;  
From sin and sorrow set us free;  
May we Your living temples be.

- 2 O Source of uncreated light,  
The bearer of God's gracious might,  
Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire,  
Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;  
Your sacred, healing message bring  
To sanctify us as we sing.

- 3 Giver of grace, descend from high;  
Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply;  
Help us eternal truths receive  
And practice all that we believe;  
Give us Yourself that we may see  
The glory of the Trinity.

- △ 4 Immortal honor, endless fame  
Attend the\_almighty Father's name;  
The Savior-Son be glorified,  
Who for all humankind has died;  
To You, O Paraclete, we raise  
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

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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.

**G** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

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- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of  
ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## 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

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- 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 +I+ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## 503 O Day Full of Grace

- 1 O day full of grace that now we see  
Appearing on earth's horizon,  
Bring light from our God that we may be  
Replete in His joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place;  
Your name on our hearts emblazon.
- 2 O day full of grace, O blessed time,  
Our Lord on the earth arriving;  
Then came to the world that light sublime,  
Great joy for us all retrieving;  
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,  
All darkness and shame removing.
- 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,  
When He on the cross was hanging;  
And then He arose and moved the stone  
That we, unto Him belonging,  
Might join with angelic hosts to raise  
Our voices in endless singing.



4 God came to us then at Pentecost,  
His Spirit new life revealing,  
That we might no more from Him be lost,  
All darkness for us dispelling.  
His flame will the mark of sin efface  
And bring to us all His healing.

5 When we on that final journey go  
That Christ is for us preparing,  
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,  
All joy of the heavens sharing,  
And walk in the light of God's own place,  
With angels His name adoring.

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