ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**Today** the paraments are green. During this part of the church year, following Pentecost, we focus on Jesus’ teaching rather than on the events of His life.

**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**).

Pastor Spotts is filling in for Pastor Whittle while the Whittles travel to the Holy Land. Pastor Spotts serves the campus and international communities in Columbia.

Information on previous services will be printed in a later bulletin

**Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information**

**JOIN OUR CALVARY TEAM! –** Do you know a mission-minded, enthusiastic individual looking to join the Calvary team? Share with them that we are seeking a **varsity cheer coach, assistant baseball coach, and outreach coordinator** for 2023-2024. Submit resumes to Calvary Lutheran High School, 2525 Rte. B, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled.

**ONLY ONE MONTH AWAY –** Calvary will begin its 19th academic year in only one month!  Our first day of school is Wednesday, August 16.  Thank you for praying for Calvary, thanking God for His blessings and asking for His guidance and protection in the coming year.

**STOP IN OR GIVE US A CALL! -** We are happy to help you with any and all questions about Calvary, especially going into the 2023-2024 school year!

Summer office hours: Mon -Thurs, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**NEW FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT –** Calvary will be hosting an information night Monday, July 24 at 7 p.m., for new families to get oriented before next school year.  Families are encouraged (but not required) to RSVP to the school. Topics including the student handbook, tuition, class selection, athletics, and activities will be covered.

**DONATIONS FOR RETREAT –** Calvary’s Summer Retreat is held at Heit’s Point Lutheran Camp is only 10 days away! Retreat is a favorite for our students and staff! This event would not be possible without the generosity of MANY!  One way to help is by donating necessary food items used to prepare meals.  If you are interested in what items are needed, please contact Sam Ziegelbein at 573-638-0228 or ziegelbeins@calvarylhs.org.

**SEE YOUR GENEROSITY IN ACTION** - If you are 72 or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit Calvary Lutheran High School and receive tax benefits in return. You can give up to $100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Calvary without having to pay income taxes on the gift.  This law no longer has an expiration date so you are free to make annual gifts to our organization in sync with your required minimum distribution well into the future.  Your gift will make an impact today, building Christian leaders!

**Happening at St. John’s:**

**The annual float trip** sponsored by LYF will be on Saturday, August 5. Talk to Janice if you would like to go, so she can reserve canoes and prepare sufficient food.

“**Jesus, who is all Man and all God**, becomes one of us in order that all of us might become one with Him. Finally, a sigh of relief, a cry of joy, even, a shout of thanksgiving! God is on the throne. Amen.” *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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**This week:**

Sunday, 7/23 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF

 10am Divine Service

Sunday, 7/30 9am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF

 10am Divine Service

Confession and Absolution

907 God Himself Is Present

1 God Himself is present:
 Let us now adore Him
 And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple;
 All within keep silence;
 Humbly kneel in deepest rev’rence.
He alone
On His throne
 Is our God and Savior;
 Praise His name forever!

2 God Himself is present:
 Hear the harps resounding;
 See the hosts the throne surrounding.
“Holy, holy, holy!”
 Hear the hymn ascending,
 Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear
To us here:
 Hear, O Christ, the praises
 That Your Church now raises.

3 Fount of ev’ry blessing,
 Purify my spirit,
 Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels,
 Worshiping before You,
 May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will
Ever still
 Rule Your Church terrestrial
 As the hosts celestial.

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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 T 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name;\*
 make known his deeds among the | peoples!
Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;\*
 tell of all his | wondrous works!
Glory in his | holy name;\*
 let the hearts of those who seek the |Lord rejoice!
Seek the Lord| and his strength;\*
 seek his presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*
 his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,\*
 children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!
**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.**Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name;\*
 make known his deeds among the | peoples!

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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 *Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

 6“You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:28–39*

 28We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

 31What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
 we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 *Matthew 13:44–52*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

 44[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

 45“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

 47“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. 48When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. 49So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

 51“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” 52And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

1 From God can nothing move me;
 He will not step aside
But gently will reprove me
 And be my constant guide.
 He stretches out His hand
In evening and in morning,
My life with grace adorning
 Wherever I may stand.

2 When those whom I regarded
 As trustworthy and sure
Have long from me departed,
 God’s grace shall still endure.
 He rescues me from sin
And breaks the chains that bind me.
I leave death’s fear behind me;
 His peace I have within.

3 The Lord my life arranges;
 Who can His work destroy?
In His good time He changes
 All sorrow into joy.
 So let me then be still:
My body, soul, and spirit
His tender care inherit
 According to His will.

4 Each day at His good pleasure
 God’s gracious will is done.
He sent His greatest treasure
 In Jesus Christ, His Son.
 He ev’ry gift imparts.
The bread of earth and heaven
Are by His kindness given.
 Praise Him with thankful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation
 And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation
 Responding to His voice.
 Soon years on earth are past;
But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing
 That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer
 The world’s unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher
 And bring me great distress,
 That day of bliss divine,
Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure,
 Forever shall be mine.

D 7 For thus the Father willed it,
 Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it
 And brought eternal day.
 The Spirit now has come,
To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven.
 O praise the Three in One!

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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** T **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.

Heavenly Father, You have redeemed us out of Your steadfast love. Grant that the Gospel may go forth unhindered and Your Spirit bring many into this fellowship of the redeemed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You have revealed to us the true treasure of Christ’s cross and resurrection. Grant that we may pursue Your kingdom with all our hearts, souls, minds and bodies. Bless those who publicly proclaim Your Good News, including Pastor Pierce, missionaries Kathy Conrad and Britt Odemba, and military chaplains Phillip Callahan and Isaac Wirtz. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You justify us for the sake of Christ. Comfort any who are troubled by the memory of past sins or visited by the temptation to believe they cannot be forgiven. Give them confidence in Christ, that He died for them and still intercedes for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You have given us various offices in our lives. Grant us faithfulness in these callings, that we may see them as gifts through which we serve You and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You are the source and fount of every blessing. Help us to recognize the mercies which You give to us daily. Strengthen especially Nathan Brautigam (7/30), Greg Scheperle (8/3), and Doris Propst (8/4) that they may continue to receive Your blessings with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, grant wisdom to Joseph, our president; *Michael*, our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may seek what is best for all in accordance with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, bestow Your comfort upon all who are burdened by sickness and affliction *[especially Paula Scheperle, Lois Belshe, Cindy Eggen, Linda Wunderlich, and Lonnie Thompson\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]*. Grant that they may await healing and deliverance in the firm conviction that nothing can separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, grant that all who partake in Holy Communion today do so rejoicing that the Christ they receive in this Sacrament also intercedes for them at Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, it is not for the sake of our numbers or strength or birth that You preserve us, but for the sake of Your faithfulness and steadfast love. As You preserved Your ancient people of Israel for the sake of Your promises, keep Your Holy Church on earth, and also preserve our Synod, we pray, for the sake of Your name. Lead our delegates and members, gathered in convention, according to Your good pleasure and will, that in word and action we may love You and keep Your commandments, confessing Your steadfast love and faithfulness even to a thousand generations; through Christ, the crucified, 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. 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 T 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 T 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

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
 Off’ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
 “Come and taste the blessèd feast.”

2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
 In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
 Of His sacred covenant.

3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
 Blood and body, giv’n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
 Hung upon the cursèd tree.

4 God descends with heav’nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
 In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
 That I taste His love divine.

5 Let me praise God’s boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev’ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,
 The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
 With His own precious blood.

2 Beyond my highest joy
 I prize its heav’nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
 Its hymns of love and praise.

3 I love Your Church, O God,
 Your saints in ev’ry land,
Dear as the apple of Your eye
 And graven on Your hand.

4 For them my tears shall fall;
 For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv’n
 Till toils and cares shall end.

5 Sure as Your truth shall last,
 To Zion shall be giv’n
The brightest glories earth can yield
 And brighter bliss of heav’n.

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760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

1 What God ordains is always good:
 His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me,
 I follow meek and lowly.
 My God indeed
 In ev’ry need
Knows well how He will shield me;
To Him, then, I will yield me.

2 What God ordains is always good:
 He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His righteous way,
 And never will He leave me.
 I take content
 What He has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.

3 What God ordains is always good:
 His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup
 That my physician sends me.
 My God is true;
 Each morning new
I trust His grace unending,
My life to Him commending.

4 What God ordains is always good:
 He is my friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm
 Though many storms may gather.
 Now I may know
 Both joy and woe;
Someday I shall see clearly
That He has loved me dearly.

5 What God ordains is always good:
 Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness,
 I take it without shrinking.
 For after grief
 God gives relief,
My heart with comfort filling
And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:
 This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
 I shall not be forsaken.
 I fear no harm,
 For with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.

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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 T in peace.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 165*

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 *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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing *sts. 1–4*

1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
 Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
 You are My own.
 In My love’s baptismal river
 I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—
 You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
 At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
 What I can cure.
 Here you heard My dear Son’s story;
 Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
 At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
 Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
 Joyful and free.
 Here My Spirit’s power filled you;
 Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
 Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
 And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
 And give you peace:
 I the Lord will be your Father,
 Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
 And give you peace.

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