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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**).

If all went according to plan, Pastor Whittle is back today. Since the bulletins were printed before he left, there is still no new information about previous services.

## 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](mailto: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:

“**Be as patient with others as you know God is with you.** In so doing, you will be keeping your head in all circumstances’ (2 Timothy 4:5). You will find the resolve to remain calm and patient, even though ideologically you may become incensed.

Theologically, you know what it means to be the object of perfect love. Let Christ be your role model.” *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Director of Christian Life Resource – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### **EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF**

**LUTHERANS...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: The Movies “Sound of Freedom” and “Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny,” An Attempt by Concordia University Texas to Reject the Governance & Oversight of the LCMS, Truth & Tolerance, Female Pastors & the Lutheran Church of Australia and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

#### **This week:**

Sunday, 8/6      9am      Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
                         10am      Divine Service

Tues, 8/8            7:30pm Elders' meeting

Sunday, 8/13      9am      Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
                         10am      Divine Service

# Confession and Absolution

## 614 “As Surely as I Live,” God Said

- 1 “As surely as I live,” God said,  
“I would not see the sinner dead.  
I want him turned from error’s ways,  
Repentant, living endless days.”
- 2 And so our Lord gave this command:  
“Go forth and preach in ev’ry land;  
Bestow on all My pard’ning grace  
Who will repent and mend their ways.
- 3 “All those whose sins you thus remit  
I truly pardon and acquit,  
And those whose sins you will retain  
Condemned and guilty shall remain.
- 4 “What you will bind, that bound shall be;  
What you will loose, that shall be free;  
To My dear Church the keys are giv’n  
To open, close the gates of heav’n.”
- 5 The words which absolution give  
Are His who died that we might live;  
The minister whom Christ has sent  
Is but His humble instrument.
- 6 When ministers lay on their hands,  
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
He who by grace the Word believes  
The purchase of His blood receives.
- 7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be  
For absolution full and free,  
In which You show Your richest grace;  
From false indulgence guard our race.
- △ 8 Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As was, is now, and so shall be  
World without end, eternally!

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*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.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; \*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!  
He spread a cloud for a | covering, \*  
and fire to give | light by night.  
They asked, and he | brought quail, \*  
and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance.  
He opened the rock, and water | gushed out; \*  
it flowed through the desert like a | river.

For he remembered his holy | promise,\*  
and Abraham, his | servant.

So he brought his people | out with joy,\*  
his chosen ones with | singing.

**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.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

*Isaiah 55:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 9:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>8</sup>This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>10</sup>And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup>though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— <sup>12</sup>she was

told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>13</sup>As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

- 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 14:13–21*

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

*Sit*

## 642 O Living Bread from Heaven

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,  
How well You feed your guest!  
The gifts that You have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows.



- 2 My Lord, You here have led me  
To this most holy place  
And with Yourself have fed me  
The treasures of Your grace;  
For You have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor You have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before Your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.  
And when You call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.

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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 people of God, that in the steadfast love of their Lord they may give thanks and have confidence that no danger, trouble or hardship can separate them from the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all pastors and church workers, that the Lord would bless their service and bless all who are considering and preparing for church work, especially for Pastor Morris, missionaries Jordan Logston, Genevieve (Gena) Nelson, Gary Schulte, Erica Tape, Joyce Erber, Linda Just, and Tirzah Krey, and military chaplains Darren Harbaugh, Russel Dewell and Eric Wismar, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** In gratitude for all God provides for our bodies and lives, that we might not covet or turn elsewhere for what comes from His hand alone, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For eyes to see the Lord's mercies anew every morning, and for grateful hearts to receive and share our Lord's rich and daily grace with the needy and His Church, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those who serve us in government and protect us in our communities, that they may discern the right path and lead us with honor and integrity, let us pray

to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the sick, troubled, grieving and dying, especially for Paula Scheperle, Lois Belshe, Cindy Eggen, Linda Wunderlich, and Lonnie Thompson, that they may receive grace according to God's merciful will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the sick, troubled, grieving and dying, especially for Paula Scheperle, Lois Belshe, Cindy Eggen, Linda Wunderlich, and Lonnie Thompson, that they may receive grace according to God's merciful will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who recognize and celebrate the Lord's many blessings, especially for Lucille Marie Castor, brought into the family of God, and those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, including Jace Snyder (8/6), Berdene Thompson (8/6), Joy Heidbreder (8/9), LeeRoy Wunderlich (8/9), Grace Young (8/10), Taylor Dennigmann (8/10), Colton Distler (8/12), and Leroy & Barb Stahlman (8/11), let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in our Father's steadfast love, especially as we receive Christ's body and blood in His Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** O Lord, let us seek You while You may be found, call upon You in the day of salvation and be prepared by Your mercy for the day of judgment; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Offering

### Offertory

*LSB 159*

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

### 628 Your Table I Approach

- 1 Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood,

Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

4 Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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### 573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee;  
That, I know, could never be;  
For this heart would still refuse Thee  
Had Thy grace not chosen me.  
Thou hast from the sin that stained me  
Washed and cleansed and set me free  
And unto this end ordained me,  
That I ever live to Thee.

2 It was grace in Christ that called me,  
Taught my darkened heart and mind;  
Else the world had yet enthralled me,  
To Thy heav'nly glories blind.  
Now I worship none above Thee;  
For Thy grace alone I thirst,  
Knowing well that, if I love Thee,  
Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.

△ 3 Praise the God of all creation;  
Praise the Father's boundless love.  
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,  
Priest and King enthroned above.  
Praise the Spirit of salvation,  
Him by whom our spirits live.  
Undivided adoration  
To the great Jehovah give.

Text: Josiah Conder, 1789–1855, alt.

## 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendor,  
There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
  
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev'rence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal  
He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him,  
Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
That I nevermore will leave You.
  
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.
  
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless  
Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
Pledge and seal of my salvation!
  
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.

- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
     Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
     Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
 Let me be a fit partaker  
     Of this blessed food from heaven,  
     For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
 You once left Your throne in heaven  
     On the cross for me to languish  
     And to die in bitter anguish,  
 To forego all joy and gladness  
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
     By this blood redeemed and living,  
     Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
 Let me gladly here obey You.  
     By Your love I am invited,  
     Be Your love with love requited;  
 By this Supper let me measure,  
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
     Through the gift of grace You give me  
     As Your guest in heav'n receive 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  $\text{✠}$  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 ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 818 In Thee Is Gladness

- 1 In Thee is gladness  
Amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given  
The gifts of heaven,  
Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest,  
Our bonds Thou breakest;  
Who trusts Thee surely  
Has built securely;  
He stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining  
To see Thy shining,  
Dying or living  
To Thee are cleaving;  
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!
- 2 Since He is ours,  
We fear no powers,  
Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
He sees and blesses  
In worst distresses;  
He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story  
Tell of His glory  
With hearts and voices;  
All heav'n rejoices  
In Him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness,  
Triumph o'er sadness,  
Love Him and praise Him

And still shall raise Him  
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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