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October 8, 2023    †    Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*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**).

Last Sunday, October 1, 2023:

Attendance: 118 (2 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 32 / 24 / 2

Offerings: \$5060 / \$7.51 / \$390 (electronic)

## Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

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

- Seniors visited Trinity Lutheran Church and School to assemble classroom furniture and take on tasks around the campus. While the seniors were hard at work, the rest of the Calvary students were busy ACT testing.
- Calvary welcomed 59 eighth grade students to the Survive & Thrive event, helping them prepare for their promotion to high school next year.
- Wednesday Chapel was led by Pastor Diener. Family Groups shared meals and devotions following chapel.
- Yesterday, Baseball Lions played in the CCAA Tournament, hosted at Calvary.

### **CALVARY ATHLETICS HOME GAMES!**

Show up! Be Loud! #FeeltheRoar

**Soccer** - Thursday, Oct. 12 vs LaMonte @ 5pm

**Baseball** - Thursday, Oct. 12 V/JV vs New Bloomfield @ 4:30PM

Check out our website [calvarylhs.org](http://calvarylhs.org) for all events!

**The Calvary FFA Chili Supper** is 5-7 p.m. this Tuesday, October 10 in the Calvary Cafe. The cost is \$12 per person for chili or chicken noodle soup. A labor auction will begin at 7 p.m. and FFA members will be selling 8 hours of work to help pay for their trip to National FFA Convention this year. Thank you for coming out to support these young men & women.

**YOU ARE INVITED!** – Join us on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for *The Internet is Distract—OH LOOK A KITTEN* by Ian McWethy. Follow Micah as she shuffles through the many distractions of the internet as she races to finish her paper on time!

**FRESH APPLES** – Don't miss your chance to purchase Fuji, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, and Jonathan apples by the ½ Peck, Peck, ½ Bushel or Bushel! Apple butter is also available by the pint jar. The order deadline is Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Order pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Profits from these sales are used to support the Booster Association who support all Calvary students. Go to **qr1.be/V7YS** to place your order online or contact the school office, 573-638-0228.

**DO YOU WANT TO BE A GREAT ROLE MODEL?** Our cheerleaders need you. If you are a fun, energetic team leader, we are looking to add *you* to our Calvary team! The CLHS cheerleaders are seeking a **varsity cheer coach**, ready to lead the charge in school spirit this 2023-2024 winter season. Resumes may be submitted to Calvary Lutheran High School, 2525 Rte. B, Jefferson City, MO 65101

**THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS** – Are you a Thrivent member and have Thrivent Action Team grants available? If you would like to help with projects at Calvary, we have a number of special projects that could be blessed by an action team grant! Contact John Christman to find out more.

## Happening at St. John's:

**The Sunday School is organizing a community service project** for a local single mother in need. There was an unfortunate series of traumatic events which have left the woman as a single mother with 3 children (1, 3, and 7) currently residing in her home. They have gone from 2 incomes to 1 income overnight. There will be an offering on Sunday, October 1st, and Sunday, October 8th, in the Narthex if you'd like to contribute to help this family. Some of the items she needs help with are diapers (size 4), wipes, gas money, assistance with bills, and also a playset for the children to enjoy to help get their minds off what has happened. Any amount is greatly appreciated!

**“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)*

**A LUTHERAN VIEW OF DEPRESSION...** You can listen to the new audiobook, “I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression” by Pastor Todd Peperkorn. Go to [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), enter your email address, and you'll receive a link to “I Trust When Dark My Road.” This new audiobook is produced by Lutheran Public Radio based in Collinsville, IL. LPR produces radio talk shows, podcasts, and 24/7 sacred music and talk stations.

### **This week:**

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

Tues-Thurs		Pastor gone to District Pastors' Conference
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Sunday, 10/15	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service Chili Supper / Hayride

# Confession and Absolution

## 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

**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

- 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

- 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

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!  
The stone that the builders re- | jected\*  
has become the | cornerstone.  
This is the LORD's | doing;\*  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.  
This is the day that the | LORD has made;\*  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.  
**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, for | he is good;\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

### Kyrie

## Gloria in Excelsis

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him.

Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?  
<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briars and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice,  
but behold, bloodshed;  
for righteousness,  
but behold, an outcry!

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:  
<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

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

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

<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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  $\ddagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## 544 O Love, How Deep

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race,  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame,  
And to this world Himself He came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
For us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus  
Still seeking not Himself but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,

For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dying breath.

- 6 For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

- △ 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

- 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** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, You have planted, nurtured and hedged around Your vineyard, the Church. You sent Your dear Son to give His life for her. Inspire her by Your Holy Spirit to yield much fruit for Your kingdom and grant that many find shelter on her holy hill. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Merciful Father, since Your Son has made us His own by His death, grant that we may share in His sufferings with confidence, and that we may also know the power of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Lord of the church, You promised that you would be with us to the end of the age. Continue to raise up pastors, chaplains, missionaries, teachers, and other workers in Your kingdom, that your people may know the comfort of Your mercy. Strengthen John Christman and Erich Ahlers and all who serve the

students at Calvary Lutheran High School Bless missionaries Sheila Strozier, Deborah St-Onge, and Aimee Cima, and military chaplains Amadeus Gandy, Fames Freitag, and Benjamin Riley . Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, grant all orphans a safe place in which to grow and thrive. Bring into their lives generous couples who will open their hearts to give them permanent homes through adoption. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Shine Your light upon us, O Lord, that we may do what is good and right and live as faithful citizens in our nation. Bless Joseph, our president; Michael, our governor; and all those elected and appointed to make, administer and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on those areas in our world where people live with the threat of violence. We pray especially that You would heal the tensions between Israel and Palestine and give them opportunity to live in peace that many may hear of Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Gracious Creator, look with Your favor upon Your creation, and send rain to renew all that gives glory to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Merciful Healer, show Your compassion to those who are hurting in body and soul. Hear our prayers on behalf of Paul Scheperle, Lois Belshe, Cindy Eggen, Lonnie Thompson, and those we name in our hearts, that they may continue to trust in You. Ease their struggles and heal them according to Your divine will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Loving Lord, we give you thanks for the many blessings You continually bestow upon us. This day, we pray that You would continue to bless those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, including Tim Heidbreder (10/11), Alexandria Castor (10/13), and Michelle Jones (10/14). Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Divine Vinedresser, You prune those whom You love. Strengthen our hearts to heed Your Law, that we may never presume to sin nor trust in our own deeds, but look to the rainfall of Your grace for our source of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, You bring forth from this barren earth a holy people to press forward to Your heavenly goal. Direct our zeal toward Your good and gracious purpose, and prosper the work of the hands that labor in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, prepare our hearts to receive the Lord's body and blood in this Holy Supper. Strengthen us in faith and renew us in love by this Holy Communion. Bring us at last with all the saints to dwell in Your everlasting presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Merciful Lord, You sing the song of Your love over the vineyard of Your Church. Lift her united voice through Your Spirit, that she in turn would freely praise Your lavish grace and proclaim Your salvation beyond her walls; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

**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

**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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

**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

### 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 blessèd 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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## 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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## 861 Christ Be My Leader

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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*Stand*

*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.

## Nunc Dimittis

- 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

- 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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**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 give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 825 Rise, Shine, You People

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in Him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
Of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
His new creation.

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