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February 25, 2024 🗘 The Second Sunday in Lent

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

**Today** the paraments are purple for the season of Lent. This is a penitential season, in which we will reflect on our need for a Savior, a need filled by Jesus' death on the cross.

**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, February 18, 2024: Attendance: 64 (4 livestream) Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 22 / 15 / 2 Offerings: \$1295 / \$1 / \$815 (electronic) Wednesday, Feb 14, 2024 Attendance: 25 (4); Offerings: \$126

# **Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information**

CALVARY INSIDER - Wondering what went on at Calvary this week?

- Multiple lives were impacted on Tuesday when many came out to donate in our blood drive! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated.
- The Calvary Choir led Wednesday chapel at Immanuel Lutheran.
- Calvary chapel was led by Pastor Kopper.
- Following chapel, students walked through our second annual culture fair. Tables featured information about their culture and food to share!
- FFA officers went to the Capitol on Thursday morning for the Governor's FFA week Proclamation!

**5**<sup>m</sup> **& 6**<sup>m</sup> **GRADE GAME NIGHT** – Calling all 5<sup>m</sup> and 6<sup>m</sup> grade students! Join us on March 15<sup>m</sup> from 6-8pm at Calvary Lutheran High School for one of our favorite events...GAME NIGHT! We will have games of every kind set up - dodgeball, gaga ball, 9-Square, E-sports, and board games to name a few. The event is FREE! Pizza and drinks will be provided for all attendees, and chaperones will be present for the entire event. RSVP to Abby Luebbert at (573) 638-0228 or luebberta@calvaryLhs.org.

**OPEN HOUSE THIS TUESDAY!** – Looking into high school options for your student? You are invited to "Consider Calvary" at Open House Nights to hear first-hand from current students and parents about their experiences at Calvary. The final open house for this school year will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27. Call the office at 573-638-0228 or visit linktr.ee/calvarylhs to reserve your spot today!

**CALVARY'S GIFT OPPORTUNITIES** – Calvary's Gift is a unique upscale thrift store located at 722 Jefferson Street, 100% volunteer run, and help is needed! Calvary's Gift benefits EVERY Calvary student in the form of "bridging the gap" of the cost of education and the price of tuition. If you have a few hours each month and would like to be a part of a dynamic group of people, reach out to Calvary's Gift at

(573) 659-8176 for more information or to apply.

**CRIMSON & SILVER DINNER AUCTION** – Tickets are available for the 2024 Crimson and Silver Dinner Auction at the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, April 20, beginning at 4:00pm. Ticket price is \$50 per person, and tables of 8 are available for \$375. Purchase tickets online at www.calvarylhs.org/auction.

# SAVE THE DATE -

- Mar. 15 5. & 6. Grade Game Night, 6-8PM
- Apr. 20 Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction calvarylhs.org/auction
- May 31 20<sup>a</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament calvarylhs.org/golftournament

# Happening at St. John's:

**Spend time with God and be reminded of His grace** this Wednesday at 7pm. This week's sermon is based on Psalm 41:4, "I Have Sinned."

**E2** Conference at Calvary on Saturday! The Missouri District is presenting another Equip and Encourage Conference this Saturday morning. Topics presented will include "congregational structure options," "intergenerational faith formation," "reaching/engaging your community," "shared youth ministry ideas," "family discipleship," and more!

**"Our Heavenly Father remains active and almighty,** especially in the difficult circumstances that life issues involve. In joining Himself to us with His incarnation, wisdom, power, atonement, and resurrection, Jesus makes every human life blessed—and a blessing! He lovingly and ably handles decisions about welfare and affliction, life and death, so that we don't have to do it on our own." *Pastor Michael Salemink – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* 

**GRACE, FAITH, SCRIPTURE & CHRIST ALONE...** 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 topics include: The Deconstruction of Christianity Movement, The Book of Mormon, A Cloud of Witnesses, The Book of Zechariah and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

# This week:

Sunday, 2/25	9am 10am 7pm	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service Adult Information Class
Tues, 2/27 Wed, 2/28 Sat, 3/2	7pm	a Confirmation Class Midweek Lent Service a-noon E2 at Calvary
Sunday, 3/3	9am 10am 7pm	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service Adult Information Class

# **Confession and Absolution**

# 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

- Why should cross and trial grieve me? Christ is near With His cheer; Never will He leave me. Who can rob me of the heaven That God's Son For me won When His life was given?
- When life's troubles rise to meet me, Though their weight May be great, They will not defeat me.
   God, my loving Savior, sends them; He who knows All my woes
   Knows how best to end them.
- God gives me my days of gladness, And I will Trust Him still
   When He sends me sadness.
   God is good; His love attends me Day by day, Come what may,
   Guides me and defends me.
- From God's joy can nothing sever, For I am His dear lamb, He, my Shepherd ever.
  I am His because He gave me His own blood For my good, By His death to save me.
- Now in Christ, death cannot slay me, Though it might, Day and night,
   Trouble and dismay me.
   Christ has made my death a portal From the strife Of this life
   To His joy immortal!

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#### Stand

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

## Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Exhortation

- 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.
- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- 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,
- 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

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\* for they have been | from of old. You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!\* He is their help | and their shield. The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;\* he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; he will bless those who | fear the LORD,\* both the small | and the great. We will | bless the LORD\* from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD! 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. Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,\* for they have been | from of old.

## Kyrie

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you....

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name

Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

# Epistle

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### Stand

#### **Holy Gospel**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

#### Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the

gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

#### **Nicene Creed**

 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  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;

 I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
 With tender mercy cheer me.

 Earth has no pleasure I would share.
 Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare

 If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.

 And should my heart for sorrow break,

 My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
 Thou art the portion I have sought;
 Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
 Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
 Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place May glorify Thy lavish grace And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile. Give strength and patience unto me To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy comfort still afford.

Lord, let at last Thine angels come, To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home, That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep My body safe in peaceful sleep Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me, That these mine eyes with joy may see, O Son of God, Thy glorious face, My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend, And I will praise Thee without end.
Text: Wartin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

## Sermon

#### Stand

# Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

# **Presentation of Offering**

# **Prayer of the Church**

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all Christians, that the Holy Spirit might enable us to deny our selves, take up our crosses and follow Christ through this troubled life into heaven, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the Church, that all servants of the Church may fulfill the ministries committed to them, and that we may each boldly confess Christ before the world, especially for Pastor Weisenborn and missionary Mark Mantey, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For faith and perseverance, that we might neither shun our Lord's suffering nor our own, and that we might be delivered out of the hand of the wicked and redeemed from the grasp of the ruthless, let us pray to the Lord:

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

- P For all families, that even as God blessed and multiplied Abraham, all mothers with child might be protected and all fathers equipped to lead and raise their households in the fear and love of God, and for Joyce Messer (2/27), Leah Schollmeyer (2/27), Tim Meller (2/28), and Alfred Heinrich (3/1), as they celebrate birthdays, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- That the Lord, to whom belongs all kingship and rule over the nations, would bless Joseph, our president, and those who govern to rule wisely and in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For [Paula Scheperle, Cindy Eggen, and Marguerite Young <u>and</u>] all in need of healing and restoration, that they may bear their crosses and endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For [the family of Lonnie Thompson and the family of Chris Long] and all who mourn those who have died in the faith, that they would continue to find comfort in the communion of saints and the resurrection of the body, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- That the Lord would deepen our hunger for His table through our afflictions, that we may eat and drink Christ's body and blood and be satisfied with Christ's saving life, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Heavenly Father, receive our praise this day for St. Peter and his confession that Jesus is the Christ. We rejoice that Your Son builds His Church upon this rock and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Keep us in this faith all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- It is meet and right so to do.

#### **Proper Preface**

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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

 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:

 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 + → 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 H 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

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

# 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured; Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

- He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
   To all believers life eternal yields;
   With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
   Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.
   O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.
   Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
   Text: Public domain

#### 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

- My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me, Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
   Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take
   Frail flesh and die?
- He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
   But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.
   But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!
- Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing; Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King. Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.
- Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
   Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
   A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
   Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes That He His foes
   From thence might free.
- In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
   In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
   What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
- Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
   Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
   This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!
   Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683
   Text: Public domain

#### 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
   Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
   Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love,
   Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy

Shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death, He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
 Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head. We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever. Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.
Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt.
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# 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

- O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be, Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.
- 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day! My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art! Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928 Text: Public domain

#### 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 + in peace.
- C Amen.

# **Nunc Dimittis**

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

- 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.

# 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
 Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
 Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
 So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear, For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near. Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe, For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go. Lord, when the shadows lengthen 3 And night has come, I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home. Then nothing can impede me, O blessèd Friend; So take my hand and lead me

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