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March 3, 2024      †      The Third 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 25, 2024:

Attendance: 92 (2 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 21 / 26 / 2

Offerings: \$3957 / \$106.59 / \$690 (electronic)

Wednesday, Feb 28, 2024

Attendance: 18 (5); Offerings: \$60

## Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

**CALVARY INSIDER** – Wondering what went on at Calvary this week?

- Monday was the first day of spring sports practices! Track & Field, Baseball, and Golf have begun their training for their first competitions in a few weeks!
- The seniors visited the capitol on Tuesday as part of their government class, to see our government in action!
- The Calvary Choir led Wednesday chapel at Trinity Lutheran.
- Calvary chapel was led by Pastor Hobratschk. He shared a message on Identity.

**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](http://www.calvarylhs.org/auction) or call the school office at (573) 638-0228.

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE GAME NIGHT** – Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students! Join us on March 15<sup>th</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, board games and more! 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](mailto:luebberta@calvaryLhs.org).

**THRIVENT CHOICE** – Please consider designating Thrivent Choice dollars to the Lutheran High School Association of Mid-Missouri (Calvary Lutheran High School). Thousands of available dollars in Mid-Missouri go undesignated every year. All 2023 Choice Dollars must be designated by March 31. Contact your Thrivent representative if you are unsure how you can support your favorite ministry.

**CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENT** – After an early taste of warmer weather, we can't wait for the **20<sup>th</sup>** annual Calvary Benefit Golf Tournament ***Friday, May 31, 2024*** at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton! Whether you're interested in entering a team, sponsoring a hole, or being a part of the committee, we would love to have you! Contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or [administrator@calvarylhs.org](mailto:administrator@calvarylhs.org) with your interest. To register your team, go to [calvarylhs.org/golftournament](http://calvarylhs.org/golftournament) Space is Limited!

**SAVE THE DATE** –

Mar. 15 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Game Night, 6-8PM

Apr. 20 Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction [calvarylhs.org/auction](http://calvarylhs.org/auction)

May 31 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament [calvarylhs.org/golftournament](http://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 41:5, "Soon and Never."

"[W]e were made for light and life. God's Word and Sacraments cast darkness aside in our lives; they draw us closer to Him and make us strong unto salvation ... cling to the promises of Christ. May we recognize that we are blessed For Life even when we are surrounded by darkness, and may we in our darkest seasons, through the work of the Holy Spirit, lean toward the Son for light and for hope." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**HABAKKUK BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of Habakkuk. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

### **This week:**

Sunday, 3/3	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
	7pm	Adult Information Class
Tues, 3/5	6:30pm	Confirmation Class
Wed, 3/6	7pm	Midweek Lent Service
Sunday, 3/10	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Fellowship – celebrating Ethel Heidbreder's birthday
	7pm	Adult Information Class

# Confession and Absolution

## 579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

- 1 The Law of God is good and wise  
And sets His will before our eyes,  
Shows us the way of righteousness,  
And dooms to death when we transgress.
- 2 Its light of holiness imparts  
The knowledge of our sinful hearts  
That we may see our lost estate  
And turn from sin before too late.
- 3 To those who help in Christ have found  
And would in works of love abound  
It shows what deeds are His delight  
And should be done as good and right.
- 4 But those who scornfully disdain  
God's Law shall then in sin remain;  
Its terror in their ear resounds  
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.
- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall  
Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sin to die  
And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at His throne,  
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.  
Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;\*  
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters.  
Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me up,\*  
or the pit close its mouth | over me.  
Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good;\*  
according to your abundant mercy, | turn to me.  
**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.**  
For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

### Kyrie

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>"You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>"You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>"You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

<sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?”

<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

<sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

<sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

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

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\text{✝}$  everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

- 1 May God bestow on us His grace,  
With blessings rich provide us;  
And may the brightness of His face  
To life eternal guide us,  
That we His saving health may know,  
His gracious will and pleasure,  
And also to the nations show  
Christ's riches without measure  
And unto God convert them.
- 2 Thine over all shall be the praise  
And thanks of ev'ry nation;  
And all the world with joy shall raise  
The voice of exultation.  
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,  
Nor suffer sin to flourish;  
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word  
Their souls to feed and nourish,  
In righteous paths to keep them.



△ 3 O let the people praise Thy worth,  
In all good works increasing;  
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,  
Thy Word is rich in blessing.  
May God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit bless us!  
Let all the world praise Him alone,  
Let solemn awe possess us.  
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That our jealous God would save the third and fourth generations who will come after us from His punishment, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For zeal this Lent, that following Christ we may cast every idol from our hearts and be devoted to Him alone, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the continued proclamation of the cross's power, that from this life-giving tree we would receive the gifts that preserve faith, especially for Pastor Kurowski, missionaries Joan Jastram, Robert Rhein, Ruth Maita, and Aurelie Mock, and military chaplains Brian Chisamore, Shawn Hazel, Jens Jenson, and Timothy Radkey, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That our heavenly Father would preserve and bless all Christian households; that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other; that fathers and mothers would diligently bring up their children in the fear of the Lord; and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their

neighbors in this life, especially for those who celebrate this week, including Marv Theroff (3/4), Paige Reed (3/4), Clint Distler (3/5), Edgar Kautsch (3/7), and Esther Heidbreder (3/9), and Bert & Mary Messer (3/8), let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That the Lord of the perfect Law would bless [*Joseph and*] all who govern us; that He would make them wise in His ways and uphold justice; and that He would help us serve and obey them in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For [*Paula Scheperle, Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, \_\_\_\_\_ and*] all who suffer in our midst, that the flood may not sweep over them nor the pit close its mouth on them; and that God would deliver them in His steadfast love, granting them healing, comfort and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That our Redeemer would declare us innocent in Christ of all hidden faults and keep us back from presumptuous sins, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who come before the Lord's presence to eat Christ's body and blood on this holy day, that we would boast not of ourselves but of Christ alone, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That our God, whose true temple was destroyed by wicked men yet raised up again after three days, would grant us and all the saints to share in the glory of His Son's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, 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.

**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 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

**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

### 624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

- 1 The infant Priest was holy born  
For us unholy and forlorn;  
From fleshly temple forth came He,  
Anointed from eternity.
- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh  
Was icon of God's righteousness.  
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;  
His hand removed impurity.
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came  
To God's own altar lit with flame;  
While weeping angels hid their eyes,  
This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be  
Of Him who hung upon the tree.  
He leads us to the Holy Place  
Within the veil, before God's face.
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,  
As at the rail on bended knee  
Our hungry mouths from Him receive  
The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim

Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing  
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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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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## 429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

- 1 We sing the praise of Him who died,  
Of Him who died upon the cross.  
The sinner's hope let all deride;  
For this we count the world but loss.
- 2 Inscribed upon the cross we see  
In shining letters, "God is love."  
He bears our sins upon the tree;  
He brings us mercy from above.
- 3 The cross! It takes our guilt away;  
It holds the fainting spirit up;  
It cheers with hope the gloomy day  
And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.
- 4 It makes the coward spirit brave  
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;  
It takes the terror from the grave  
And gilds the bed of death with light;

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
The measure and the pledge of love,  
The sinner's refuge here below,  
The angels' theme in heav'n above.

6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace  
By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
Be praise from all the ransomed race  
Forever and forevermore.

Text (sts. 1–5): Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855; (st. 6): Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861  
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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 ☩ 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.

## 645 Built on the Rock

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above  
Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.
- 3 We are God's house of living stones,  
Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes,  
Telling how God has received us.  
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice  
And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim  
Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come

Where Christ His message is bringing:  
“I know My own; My own know Me.  
You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

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