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April 7, 2024      †      The Second Sunday of Easter

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

**He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! Today** the paraments are white as we continue to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection.

**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, March 31, 2024:

Attendance: 106/35 (3 livestream)

Offerings: \$2780 / \$251 / \$390 (electronic)

3/30 Easter Vigil- Attendance: 7 (2)

3/29 Good Friday- Attendance: 48 (1) Offering: \$455/\$5

3/28 Maundy Thur- Attendance: 34 (2) Offering: \$273/\$5

## Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

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

- Select Choir participated in the Missouri Senate Memorial Service on Tuesday afternoon at the Capitol.
- Lion Golfers competed in the Versailles Invitational on Wednesday.
- Pastor Diener led Wednesday chapel with an Easter message.
- Juniors and seniors danced the night away at Prom on Friday! Project Prom (game night) followed early into the next morning.

**LION ATHLETICS** – Upcoming **Home** baseball games:

Monday, April 8 – Home vs. CFS @ 4:30

Tuesday, April 9 – Home vs. New Haven @ 4:30

Fri/Sat, April 12-13 – **Calvary Baseball Tournament**

**Fri- 4:30**

**Sat- 1:30 & 4:00**

Want to stay up to date with Calvary games and events?

Visit: <https://www.calvarylhs.org/calendar/>

**DINNER! AUCTION! FELLOWSHIP!** – 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.

**TWENTY YEARS OF CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENTS!** – Assemble your team and shine your clubs! The **20<sup>th</sup>** annual Calvary Benefit Golf Tournament is **Friday, May 31, 2024** at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton! Consider entering a team, sponsoring a hole, or volunteering your time to help! 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!

**TAX-ADVANTAGES OF SUPPORTING CALVARY** – As you visit your tax adviser, ask them about tax benefits that can come from supporting the ministry of Calvary. Great options include gifting stock directly to Calvary or meeting the RMD from your IRA by designating Calvary. Contact John Christman at [administrator@calvarylhs.org](mailto:administrator@calvarylhs.org) to learn more.

**SAVE THE DATE** –

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:

**Quarterly Voters' Meeting** is next week, following fellowship.

**Pancake Breakfast** at St. Paul's – Lohman today. They will be serving from 10 until 1.

“**In the resurrection** we find solace in our mourning, in our uncertainty, and in our troubles. Our longing for escape finds its hope in the resurrection of Christ. It is God's approval upon the redemptive work of His Son. It is the assurance that as He was raised from the dead, so shall we, and all who have ‘fallen asleep in Him’ shall be raised to life eternal.” *Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERAN WORSHIP SERIES...**The Kyrie, The Sanctus, The Pax Domini, The Agnus Dei, The Nunc Dimittis... Why do Lutherans worship the way they do? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently completed a series on “Classical Christian Worship” with Dr. Arthur Just, author of “Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service.” You can listen to this six-part series at [issuesetc.org/classicalworship](http://issuesetc.org/classicalworship).

### This week:

Sunday, 4/7      9am      Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
                         10am      Divine Service

Mon, 4/8            9:30am Elders' meeting

Tues, 4/9           6:30pm Confirmation

Fri, 4/12            7pm      Church Council

Sunday, 4/14      9am      Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
                         10am      Divine Service  
                         Fellowship  
                         Voters' Meeting

# Confession and Absolution

## 487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel  
Into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters,  
Led them with unmoistened foot  
Through the Red Sea waters.
  
- 2 'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ has burst His prison  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to whom is giv'n  
Laud and praise undying.
  
- 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to gladden faithful hearts  
Which with true affection  
Welcome in unwearied strain  
Jesus' resurrection!
  
- 4 For today among His own  
Christ appeared, bestowing  
His deep peace, which evermore  
Passes human knowing.  
Neither could the gates of death  
Nor the tomb's dark portal  
Nor the watchers nor the seal  
Hold Him as a mortal.
  
- 5 Alleluia! Now we cry  
To our King immortal,  
Who, triumphant, burst the bars  
Of the tomb's dark portal.  
Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel

## Into joy from sadness!

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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

*LSB 184*

- 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

*LSB 184*

- 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

*LSB 185*

- 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

*Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to

sal- | vation—\*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;\*

make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;\*

tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;\*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength;\*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*

his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever, \*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

**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.**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to

sal- | vation—\*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

## Kyrie

### Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**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.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God;

through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 4:32–35*

<sup>32</sup>The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 John 1:1–2:2*

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:19–31*

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

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

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**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 † everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

#### **470 O Sons and Daughters of the King**

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their master dear  
And said, "My peace be with you here."  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be."  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 9 On this most holy day of days  
Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

*LSB 192*

- 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.

Heavenly Father, Your Son is the firstborn from the dead. In Him, we have been reborn into a new and living hope. Nurture us with the pure milk of Your Word, that we may grow to maturity of faith and have everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Grant to those ordained and commissioned for Your service the gift of the Spirit, wisdom that comes down from above, and grace to faithfully fulfill their holy calling where You have placed them. Bless especially Pastor Lange, missionaries Patty Lawson, Jonah Domenichelli, Sergio Fritzler, Angela Sharp, Shauen Trump, Eric Stinnett, and Benjamin Helge. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** As Your people are united in the common life and love of our Savior, grant that we would share that life and love with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Build up the households of Your people, that Your holy children, begotten in Baptism, may grow in Your grace and share together in Your forgiveness and life. Grant the comfort of Your presence especially to Jessica Plaster (4/8), McKendra Fischer (4/11), and Allan & Doris Propst (4/12). Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

**P** You have instituted authorities to carry out Your justice. Bless all who make, administer and judge the laws of our land. Give them wisdom, integrity and honor to serve according to Your good will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** As Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your presence and comfort to the troubled in our midst [*especially Paula Schepferle, Cindy Eggen, Marquerite Young, and LeeRoy Wunderlich*]. Comfort also those who weep with the blessed joy of Easter morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father of the risen Christ, You give us the crucified and risen body and blood of our Lord in this Holy Supper. Let us taste that the Lord is good and continually grow up unto salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the blessed Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; 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

*LSB 194*

**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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of

Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 195*

- 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

*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

*LSB 197*

- 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 197*

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

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 198*

- 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

### 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.  
He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
"Come and taste the blessèd feast."
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
Blood and body, giv'n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
Hung upon the cursèd tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour  
In this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,

Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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## 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

- 1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing  
In Your holy wounds I find,  
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling  
Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within  
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning  
Keep me from its first beginning.
  
- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation  
Fascinate my sinful mind,  
Draw me to Your cross and passion,  
And new courage I shall find.  
Or should Satan press me hard,  
Let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"  
That the tempter flee confounded.
  
- 3 If the world my heart entices  
With the broad and easy road,  
With seductive, sinful vices,  
Let me weigh the awful load  
You were willing to endure.  
Help me flee all thoughts impure  
And to master each temptation,  
Calm in prayer and meditation.
  
- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me  
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;  
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,  
Granting new life to my soul.  
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet  
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;  
For Your all-atoning passion  
Has procured my soul's salvation.
  
- 5 O my God, my rock and tower,  
Grant that in Your death I trust,  
Knowing death has lost its power  
Since You crushed it in the dust.

Savior, let Your agony  
Ever help and comfort me;  
When I die be my protection,  
Light and life and resurrection.

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## 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:

O Lord, have mercy!

- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:

O Lord, have mercy!

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## 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

- 1 He is arisen! Glorious Word!  
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are open.  
My Jesus did triumphant die,  
And Satan's arrows broken lie,

Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.

O hear what cheer!

Christ victorious,

Rising glorious,

Life is giving.

He was dead but now is living!

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## *Stand*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

### **The Dismissal**

*LSB 199*

**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**

*LSB 199*

**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**

*LSB 200*

**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**

*LSB 201*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

### **Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Benediction

LSB 202

- 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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun.  
Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee.  
Alleluia! Refrain

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