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April 28, 2024    †    The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

**Christ 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, April 21, 2024:

Attendance: 81 (2 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 21 / 19 / 2

Offerings: \$2403 / \$1 / \$690 (electronic)

## Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

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

- On Monday, 8 students participated in Sketch Day, an annual event that dates back to 1948. These students spent the day sketching scenes from the city.
- Students had a day off from their studies on Tuesday to compete in the CCAA Conference Track Meet (Boys Team finished 1<sup>st</sup> and the Girls Team took 2<sup>nd</sup>), the Calvary Golf Invitational and Scholar Bowl Quarter Finals...
- **SCHOLAR BOWL TO STATE!** The Scholar Bowl team won their Quarter Final match in Joplin on Tues. to advance to the State Championship rounds on May 3!
- Students welcomed their grandparents and guests to VIP Day on Wednesday, sharing a tour and concluding with chapel led by Pastor Whittle. Thank you to all who were able to join us!
- Did you know one donation can help save more than one life? Thank you to all who donated blood at Friday's blood drive. You are life-savers!

### **LION ATHLETICS** –

Cheer on your lions at their final home game of the Spring Baseball season!

Tuesday, April 30 – Home vs. Tuscumbia @ 4:30

If you would like information about Away contests for all sports, please check [calvarylhs.org/calendar](http://calvarylhs.org/calendar) or call the office to be put on an email list.

**PETTING ZOO** – Calvary's FFA will be hosting a Petting Zoo/Agriculture Day on Thursday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event is open to anyone who would like to attend. If you have questions about the event or would like to schedule your group to attend, contact Hanna Henley at [henleyh@calvarylhs.org](mailto:henleyh@calvarylhs.org).

**SPRING CONCERT ON FRIDAY** – Join Calvary in celebration of the arts this Friday, May 3 at 7:00pm. Calvary's band, choirs, soloists, dancers, and artists will present a beautiful night of entertainment. Come join us!

**POSITION AVAILABLE** – Calvary Lutheran High School is seeking a mission-minded individual to teach one credit of Art for the 2024-2025 school year. Interested applicants can contact Principal Erich Ahlers at ([principal@calvarylhs.org](mailto:principal@calvarylhs.org)) or 573.638.0228. Resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled. They may also be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

**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!

## Happening at St. John's:

**For Mothers' Day, the Sunday School** will be hosting a brunch in place of the normal fellowship time. They will be serving pulled pork and all the fixings. There will be a freewill offering, with the money going toward the trip to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky later this year.

**“It is He who sustains us each and every day.** It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives.” *Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Taylor Swift's Latest Album, Men Competing in Women's Sports, The Benefits of Liturgical Worship, "I Have Overcome the World," "Love One Another" and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

### **This week:**

Sunday, 4/28    9am    Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
                         10am    Divine Service

Tues, 4/30        6:30pm Confirmation

Sunday, 5/5        9am    Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
                         10am    Divine Service

# Confession and Absolution

## 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife.  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- △ 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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

*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 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

A little while, and you will see me no | longer,\*  
and again a little while, and you will | see me.

I will extol you, my | God and King,\*  
and bless your name forever and | ever.

Every day I will | bless you\*  
and praise your name forever and | ever.

The LORD is gracious and | merciful,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*  
and all your saints shall | bless you!

My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,\*  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

**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.

A little while, and you will see me no | longer,\*  
and again a little while, and you will | see me.

## 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.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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*

### First Reading

*Acts 8:26–40*

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he

invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 John 4:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of

judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 15:1–8*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

**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*

### 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side.  
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
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** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the Church on earth, that she would be protected from all false teaching and the spirit of the Antichrist, and so always confess Christ come in the flesh, remaining faithful to Him, our only true God; for pastors, missionaries, and military chaplains, that they would be bold to shine the light of Christ in the darkness of this world; especially for Pastor Lehenbauer, Pastor Kris Morris, for Markie Burch, Gary Kessler, Barbara Bush, and Rebecca Bartelt, and for Michael Kearney, Matthew Mortenson, James Buckman, and Karl Gibbs, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For God's people, that as branches of the vine, all sin and dead works would be pruned and cut off from them; and that drawing life from the Son, they would continually produce the fruits of faith and good works, especially for Bob Duncan (5/2) and Randy Shelton (5/3), let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all those in need of Baptism, that nothing would prevent them from being

welcomed into God's kingdom and given everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For our president and all in authority, that they may serve honorably and in accord with God's good order, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who faithfully endure suffering and affliction of body, mind, or soul, [especially Paula Scheperle, Cindy Eggen, Marquerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, and Palmer Ott], that they would ever look to the Lord and so fix their hearts where true joy is found, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who come to God's feast of love, that they may worthily eat of Christ's body and blood, abiding in this love of God and God in them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Heavenly Father, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, and Your saints shall bless You; for You live and reign with the Holy Spirit, ever 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**

### **622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared  
    This feast for our salvation;  
It is Your body and Your blood,  
    And at Your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to You for needed rest,  
    For comfort, and for pardon.
  
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,  
    Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in Your presence they behold  
    Your glory, all excelling,  
And though Your people shall not see  
Your glory and Your majesty  
    Till dawns the judgment morning,
  
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined  
    To any habitation;  
But You are present even now  
    Here with Your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
Unmoved by any daring hand  
    Or subtle craft and cunning.
  
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
    Your precious Word believing  
That Your true body and Your blood  
    Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true;  
All things are possible with You,  
    For You are Lord Almighty.
  
- 5 Though reason cannot understand,  
    Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now  
    At once in many places.  
I leave to You how this can be;  
Your Word alone suffices me;  
    I trust its truth unfailing.

- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;  
Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessèd comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

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## 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.
- 3 Only Jesus can impart  
Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,

Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known,  
All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life  
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

- 5 O my Savior, help afford  
By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.

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### 837 Lift High the Cross

*sts. ref-6*

- ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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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 ☩ 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.

## 585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,  
For round us falls the eventide.  
O let Your Word, that saving light,  
Shine forth undimmed into the night.
- 2 In these last days of great distress  
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That we keep pure till life is spent



Your holy Word and Sacrament.

- 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold  
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold  
To shine Your Word of saving grace  
Into each dark and loveless place.
- 4 May glorious truths that we have heard,  
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,  
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,  
Bold, unified in act and song.
- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.

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