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May 5, 2024 **The Sixth 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 28, 2024: Attendance: 73 (7 livestream) Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 20 / 16 / 2 Offerings: \$2153 / \$1 / \$390 (electronic)

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

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

- Baseball lions celebrated their seniors at Tuesday's game against Tuscumbia.
- Wednesday began with students filling the bus to attend the Missouri March for Life at the Capitol. Afternoon classes followed.
- FFA Lions hosted a Petting Zoo and Agriculture Day on Thursday.
- Thank you to everyone who came out to the Spring Concert! Calvary's band, choirs, soloists, dancers, and artists presented a beautiful night of entertainment.
- Following the concert, students past and present joined together for the final Game Night of the year!

**POSITION AVAILABLE** – Calvary Lutheran High School is seeking a missionminded individual to teach one credit of Art for the 2024-2025 school year. Interested applicants can contact Principal Erich Ahlers at (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>w</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 with your interest. To register your team, go to calvarylhs.org/golftournament Space is Limited!

**DONATE. SHOP. VOLUNTEER.** – It's a great time to visit Calvary's Gift! Donate your gently-used items. Then, do some shopping for decorations, gifts, and more. You are also invited to come and volunteer at the store. This could mean sorting items, handling donations, or ringing up sales. Reach out by calling (573) 821-8875 to see where & when you can best fit. Stop by to donate and shop at 722 Jefferson Street!

**FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – Missouri allows private K-12 tuition to be paid from a 529 fund. This is a great opportunity for families (or friends of a family) to contribute specifically to a student's education through state-tax deductible contributions. Qualified withdrawals for tuition expenses can happen now or well into the future. Call John Christman (573-638-0228) or your financial advisor today to learn more.

# SAVE THE DATE -

May 25Graduation of the Class of 2024May 3120- Annual Benefit Golf Tournament calvarylhs.org/golftournament

# 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.

"The Ascension assures us that Jesus has finished His work of salvation and now rules ALL things in this world for the good of His Kingdom and His Church: that is, you and me! What is Christ's goal that the song highlights? Jesus wants His Body, us, to be with Him where He is in paradise, in heaven." *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • *lutheransforlife.org* 

**QUALITY, QUANTITY, QUALIFIED...** 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 Movie "Civil War," Brokenness Theology, Pascal's Wager, The Hymn "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" and more. You can listen on-demand at <u>issuesetc.org</u>, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or your favorite podcast provider. **This week:** 

Sunday, 5/5	9am 10am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service
Tues, 5/7	6:30pn	n Confirmation
Sunday, 5/12		Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service Mothers' Day Brunch Provided by the Sunday School

# **Confession and Absolution**

# 542 When I Behold Jesus Christ

- When I behold Jesus Christ, True God who died for me, I wonder much at His love As He hung on the tree. Refrain
- ref What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this? You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary. What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this? You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.
- For me You gave all Your love, For me You suffered pain;
   I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain. Refrain
- You had no sin, holy Lord, But You were tortured, tried;
   On Golgotha there for all My sins You bled and died. Refrain
- 4 What love is this? Greater love No one has ever known.
  - My life with God— this I owe To You, and You alone. Refrain

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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

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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.

- 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

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul. Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\* sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise! Bless our God, O | peoples;\* let the sound of his praise be heard. who has kept our soul among the | living\* and has not let our | feet slip. Blessèd | be God,\* because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from 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. Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

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# Kyrie

# **Gloria in Excelsis**

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

 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 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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 10:34-48

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets

bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

# Epistle

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

# Stand

# Alleluia

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

# **Holy Gospel**

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
<sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.
<sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not

John 15:9–17

1 John 5:1-8

choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

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

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

# **Apostles' Creed**

 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 H everlasting. Amen.

#### Sit

# 602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

- The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me
   To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!
   Saints blest with these rich gifts Are children who proclaim
   That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
- The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own; New life He gives that makes Us His and His alone. Here He forgives our sins With water and His Word;

The triune God Himself Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.

 The gifts of grace and peace From absolution flow; The pastor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 Forgiveness that we need Is granted to us there; The Lord of mercy sends Us forth in His blest care.

 The gifts are there each day The holy Word is read;
 God's children listen, hear, Receive, and they are fed.
 Christ fills them with Himself, Blest words that give them life, Restoring and refreshing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see; Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary. The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin; We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.

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6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!
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# Sermon

#### Stand

#### Offertory

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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 who come and hear God's Word, that they would rightly fear God and learn what He has done for their souls, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the work of our missionaries, that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name, for Mary Anne Rall and Emma Jensen, for military chaplains Trenton Wollberg, Richard Schultz, David Witte, and Brian Banke, and for Pastor Williams, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the people of God, that like our Lord Jesus who loved the world and laid down His life for all, they also may lay down their lives for others in love, let us pray to the Lord:

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

- P For our nation's leaders, that God would cause them to serve wisely for our good in accord with His revealed order; and though we do not always know what the Master is doing by the authorities He gives, that we would make ample use of the freedom Jesus has given in His name to ask the Father for everything as friends and fellow sons, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the members of this congregation, that they would give thanks for the blessings of the Lord in Christ and share those benefits with others, especially this week for Raelynn Zimmerman (5/5), Ruby Kautsch (5/9), Isaiah Kauffman (5/10), Chera McCoy (5/11), Adam Ziegelbein (5/11), Patty Ott (5/11), and Brad & Julie Plaster (5/7), let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially Paula Scheperle, Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, Palmer Ott, Barb Stahlman, Bob Duncan, and Erin (Theroff) \_\_\_\_\_,] that they would receive from God all His good gifts of healing for the body, grace to bear the cross, and finally a blessed end and the gift of eternal life in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

For all who come to the Holy Supper, that having received the testimony of God in the water of Baptism, they may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus and so overcome the world by faith in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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. 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

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 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

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- 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.

6 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

#### 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

- Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare; Unite my thankful heart to Thee, And reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, Thine alone I am; Be Thou alone my constant flame.
- O grant that nothing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
   Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
   All coldness from my heart remove;
   My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.

- 3 This love unwearied I pursue And dauntlessly to Thee aspire. Oh, may Thy love my hope renew, Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire! And day and night, be all my care To guard this sacred treasure there.
- 4 In suff'ring be Thy love my peace, In weakness be Thy love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus. in that final hour. Be Thou my rod and staff and guide, And draw me safely to Thy side! Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.

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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.

С Amen.

#### Nunc Dimittis

С 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,

С 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.



# Salutation

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

# Benedicamus

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

C Amen, amen, amen.

# 829 Christ the Eternal Lord

- Christ the eternal Lord, Whose promise here we claim, Whose gifts of grace are freely poured On all who name Your name; With thankfulness and praise We stand before Your throne, Intent to serve You all our days And make Your glory known.
- Christ the unchanging Word To ev'ry passing age, Whose timeless teachings still are heard Set forth on Scripture's page; Transform our thought and mind, Enlighten all who read, Within Your Word by faith to find The bread of life indeed.
- Christ the redeeming Son, Who shares our human birth, And by His death salvation won For ev'ry child of earth; Inspire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love abroad, That all may honor Christ today And follow Him as Lord.
- Christ the unfading Light Of everlasting day,
   Our Morning Star in splendor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
   That light of truth You give To servants as to friends,

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Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief journey ends.

5 Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing,
Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.
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