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May 25, 2025      ✠      The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

**Today** the paraments are white. Christ is arisen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

**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**).

Sunday, May 18, 2025:

Attendance: 98 (4 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: ? / 13 / 2

Offerings: \$2923 / \$120.00 / \$170 (electronic)

# Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

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

- Calvary underclassmen wrapped up their school year with Finals on Monday and Tuesday
- Staff met Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday to join in end of year meetings, enjoying a teacher appreciation lunch on Thursday presented by Calvary's student government.
- The class of 2025 made final graduation preparation on Friday.

**CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2025!** – Calvary graduated 30 seniors this weekend! We pray God's richest blessings on them as they engage the world as servant leaders – in their homes, in college, and the work place.

**WE ARE BLESSED BY YOUR SUPPORT!** –Thank you to everyone who shared in making the 2024-2025 school year successful. We're really thankful of your prayers and gifts! With your support, we are able to partner with families at the intersection of education and faith development. Together, we are Building Christian Leaders!

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** – Our office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th. Moving into the summer, Calvary's office will be closed on Fridays in June & July. We are happy to serve Monday through Thursday, 8 AM to 4 PM.

**CALVARY BOYS YOUTH CAMPS - YOUTH Baseball** – Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30a.m. on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> for Calvary's Youth Baseball Camp! Infield, outfield, hitting, pitching, and catching will all be covered. This event is free of charge.

Please RSVP by calling the Calvary office at (573) 638-0228.

**BE PART OF THE TEAM** – Calvary is seeking mission-minded individuals to complete the team.

- Part-time Outreach Coordinator
- Boys Head Basketball Coach

Applications can be submitted to John Christman at [administrator@calvarylhs.org](mailto:administrator@calvarylhs.org)

## **SAVE THE DATE** –

May 30 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament  
July 15 Youth Boys Baseball Camp

## Happening at St. John's:

**Next Sunday, June 1, is the day congregations throughout the state** will be praying for the upcoming Missouri District convention. We look to God for His guidance as plans for mission and ministry will be set for the next triennium. Churches will also be collecting an offering that delegates will bring to the opening worship service in Columbia on June 22. These funds will be added to the endowment that provides scholarships for university and seminary students from our state who were preparing for professional church work vocations. With a convention theme of “Bold Hope in Christ,” we can look to the future with confidence as we work together in His kingdom. Thank you for your support!

**The Largest Diaper Shower returns** as Lutherans for Life of Missouri collect diapers and wipes for local agencies. Bring diapers, wipes, or a donation to buy them between now and Father's Day, and leave them in the designated spot in the narthex.

**The Lake Area Community Orchestra** will begin their summer concert series at Russellville – at Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Hall, on Tuesday, May 27 at 7pm.

**“We rightly honor our dead** who are near to us in time, realizing this is but a passing phase of memory, that in another already-determined Time, all the graves shall be opened, and all shall rise to meet the Judge of the Living and the Dead, whose Kingdom shall have no end. Memory eternal.” *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### **This week:**

Sunday, 5/25	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service

Sunday, 6/1	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service

# Holy Baptism

## Confession and Absolution

### 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

*sts. 1–6*

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;  
Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell;  
My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught,  
No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought,  
Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state  
Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great,  
He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart;  
He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.
- 5 God said to His belovèd Son:  
"It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
And bring to all salvation.

From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever.”

- 6 The Son obeyed His Father’s will,  
Was born of virgin mother;  
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow’r disguised He bore;  
A servant’s form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.

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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 151*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## Absolution

*LSB 151*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained

servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

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## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: v. 22*

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;\*

he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

My heart is in anguish with- | in me;\*

the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.

But I | call to God,\*

and the LORD will | save me.

Evening and morning and at noon I utter my com- | plaint and moan,\*

and he | hears my voice.

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle | that I wage,\*

for many are arrayed a- | gainst 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.**

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;\*

he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**  
**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**  
**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**  
**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**  
**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**  
**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- 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.**

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## First Reading

*Acts 16:9–15*

<sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

<sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The

Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27*

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

<sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

<sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.



## Holy Gospel

*John 16:23–33*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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## 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

*sts. 7–10*

7 To me He said: “Stay close to Me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be;  
For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.

8 “Though he will shed My precious blood,  
Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict’ry win;

My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

- 9 “Now to My Father I depart,  
From earth to heav’n ascending,  
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart,  
The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you  
And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 “What I on earth have done and taught  
Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy  
The heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you.”

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## Sermon

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## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

## 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.

Lord God, our heavenly Father, You never refuse the cries of Your children. In the name of our Lord Jesus, we ask for help and protection and for the good of our families, our neighbors and rulers, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our pastors, and our overseers. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Lord, as Paul preached the Word to the Macedonians, so You desire all people to hear the Gospel. We pray for the saving peace of Christ among the nations, both here and throughout the world. Call and equip pastors, missionaries and church workers to serve Your Church in Christ's name. Bless the work of missionary Megan Fedder and military chaplains Travis Ferguson, Mark Moreno, and Travis Henry. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Heavenly Father, direct and enrich the efforts of the faithful women of Your Church. Make them eager and wise in good works, serving the ministry of the Church as faithful Lydia served the mission of St. Paul. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty God, give wisdom to our leaders and government, that they may lead with integrity and according to Your perfect will. Protect police officers, emergency personnel, disaster-relief workers and the members of our armed forces as they serve in our defense and for the well-being of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Gracious Father, look with favor upon all Your children, and direct us to see and give thanks for Your gracious gifts and tender mercies. Watch over especially those who celebrate another year of your blessings, including Jonathan Stahlman (5/26), Adrienne Martin (5/27), Tina Åmick (5/28), Myra Hall (5/29), and Robert Shelton (5/29). Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Merciful Lord, You hear our prayers for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus. In His name, we cast our burdens upon You [especially those of Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, Tammy Deaver, Marjorie Loesch, and Curt Bracher]. Sustain us in the midst of terror and trial, and hear us as we cry out to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord, You graciously provide us with the gift of Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Grant us repentance and faith as we commune this day, that we may receive for our good His precious gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Offering

### Offertory

LSB 159

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His  
people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O  
Jerusalem.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly good, 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 161*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we

receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C 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  $\nabla$  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  $\nabla$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **Lord’s Prayer**

**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.

## **Pax Domini**

*LSB 163*

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

**C** Amen.

## **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 163*

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy  
on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy  
on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us  
peace.

*Sit*

## **Distribution**

### **618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain

4    Weary am I and heavy laden;  
      With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
      My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain

5    What higher gift can we inherit?  
      It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
      The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

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## **411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

1    I want to walk as a child of the light.  
      I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
      The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain

ref In Him there is no darkness at all.  
      The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
      Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2    I want to see the brightness of God.  
      I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
      And show me the way to the Father. Refrain

3    I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
      I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
      We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

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## **766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above**

1    Our Father, who from heav'n above  
      Bids all of us to live in love  
      As members of one family  
      And pray to You in unity,  
Teach us no thoughtless words to say  
      But from our inmost hearts to pray.

2    Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord,  
      In purity to keep Your Word,



That to the glory of Your name  
We walk before You free from blame.  
Let no false teaching us pervert;  
All poor deluded souls convert.

- 3 Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain  
And Your eternal righteous reign.  
The Holy Ghost enrich our day  
With gifts attendant on our way.  
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage;  
Preserve Your Church from age to age.
- 4 Your gracious will on earth be done  
As it is done before Your throne,  
That patiently we may obey  
Throughout our lives all that You say.  
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill  
That sets itself against Your will.
- 5 Give us this day our daily bread,  
And let us all be clothed and fed.  
Save us from hardship, war, and strife;  
In plague and famine, spare our life,  
That we in honest peace may live,  
To care and greed no entrance give.
- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,  
That they may trouble us no more;  
We, too, will gladly those forgive  
Who hurt us by the way they live.  
Help us in our community  
To serve each other willingly.
- 7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,  
Where our grim foe and all his horde  
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.  
Help us resist, help us to stand  
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,  
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.
- 8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;  
The times and days are perilous.  
Redeem us from eternal death,  
And, when we yield our dying breath,

Console us, grant us calm release,  
And take our souls to You in peace.

- 9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.  
Make strong our faith in You, that we  
May doubt not but with trust believe  
That what we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in Your name and at Your Word  
We say, “Amen, O hear us, Lord!”

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## Hymn

- 1 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,  
I know not how to ask or what to say;  
I only know my need, as deep as life,  
And only You can teach me how to pray.
- 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
Help me to see Your purpose and Your will—  
Where I have failed, what I have done amiss;  
Held in forgiving love, let me be still.
- 3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vision clear  
Of human need; O give me eyes to see  
Fulfillment of my life in love outpoured,  
My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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*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.

*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

*LSB 164*

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has  
done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy

with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## 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.

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 836 O God of Light

- 1 O God of light, Your Word, a lamp unfailing,  
Shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way  
And show Your grace, Your plan for us unveiling,  
And guide our footsteps to the perfect day.
- 2 From days of old, through blind and willful ages,  
Though we rebelled, You gently sought again  
And spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages,  
Who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.
- 3 Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing  
To sinful hearts Your justice and Your grace;  
And questing spirits, longing for Your healing,  
See Your compassion in the Savior's face.
- 4 To all the world Your summons You are sending,  
Through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race,  
That myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,  
May praise and celebrate Your gift of grace.

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