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July 20, 2025 ✠ 6th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Today the paraments are green, as they are for most of the season after Pentecost. Today's readings include people's responses when they encountered the Lord.

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, July 13, 2025:

Attendance: 72 (6 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 14 / 10 / 5

Offerings: \$1576 / \$4 / \$170 (electronic)

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

RETREAT DONATIONS – Calvary's Summer Retreat is held at Heit's Point Lutheran Camp in July. It is a favorite for our students and staff. This event would not be possible without the generosity of MANY! One way to help is by donating necessary food items used to prepare meals. If you are interested in what items are needed, please contact Sam Ziegelbein at (573) 638-0228 or ziegelbeins@calvarylhs.org. You may also go directly to the online sign-up at linktr.ee/calvarylhs.

BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY!: *FREE* GAME SHOW EVENT AT CALVARY – Come on out Monday, August 4, at 7 p.m. for an evening of entertainment and training for the whole family hosted by best-selling author, comedian and resilience expert, Chris "Shoof" Scheufele. Chris will teach simple, fun, laugh-out-loud, faith-based methods to help unite youth and parents, and help students achieve unbelievable growth in social skills, emotional regulation, and resilience! See how youth, parents & schools can work together to help build resilient students. Discover the various facets of student aggression and learn how to help youth squash conflicts instantly. Spread the word!
<https://www.chrisintheclassroom.com/>

SAVE LIVES... GIVE BLOOD – Join us Tuesday, August 12 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. for the first blood drive of the school year! Appointments can be made online at redcross.org/give or call Calvary, (573) 638-0228.

JOIN THE CALVARY TEAM – Calvary is seeking mission-minded individuals to complete the team:

- Part-time Outreach Coordinator
- Teacher for one period of Algebra I for the 2025-26 school year

Applications can be submitted to John Christman at administrator@calvarylhs.org

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM PROJECTS - If you are a Thrivent member and have 2025 Action Team Grants available, consider Calvary! We have MANY projects happening before school as well as some exciting events that happen in early fall that could benefit from your involvement and a \$250 seed money grant! Please contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org if you would love to help Calvary in this way.

Save the Date

Aug. 4	Family Game Show Event, 7PM
Aug. 12	Calvary Blood Drive, 1-6PM
Aug. 13	First Day of School

Voters' Meeting is today.

How well do you float? Find out when you join the youth for the annual float trip on August 16!

Thank you to the St. John's family for either bringing diapers or wipes or giving Barb money to purchase them. I was able to take 318 diapers and the wipes to Swaddling Clothes Ministry at Hope Lutheran Chapel in Osage Beach this past week. They are very thankful to receive this donation from you.

"Sometimes the answer to a problem is as simple as asking for help. Let's not hesitate to bring all our questions, troubles, and needs to the Lord. Thank Him for the people He provides for our help. Pray that He will give you the opportunity today to be His help to others." *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: Young Women Rejecting Feminism; The Movies "Conclave" and "Sinner;" The Lord's Supper; The Hymn "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

This week:

Sunday, 7/20	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Voters' Meeting
		Loesch Reunion

Sunday, 7/27	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service

Recruitment

Have you looked recently at the age of people sitting in church? People are not getting younger. The average age of members in congregations is also getting older. There seems to be a perennial problem of keeping young people in the church. The problem may be getting worse. It is not just with members, but also church workers – pastors, teachers, etc.

Here at St. John's, you only regularly deal with one pastor. And even he is getting older, day by day. You have probably heard about a shortage of pastors to serve congregations in the LCMS. Pastors are retiring or leaving the ministry faster than new pastor are being ordained. As long as there is a pastor here, that seems largely to be someone else's problem. Eventually, the problem belongs to everyone.

At the Missouri District convention, we passed a resolution "to encourage congregations to intentionally recruit youth and adults to consider church work vocations." Serving as a pastor, a deaconess, a teacher, a director of Christian education and the like are not particularly glamorous. They are not among the most high-paying fields. There is a tendency to nudge youth toward vocations which will give them power, prestige, and financial security in this world. But those things are fleeting and ultimately temporary. There are many professions in which one can be encouraged to help others. But there is no help so great as helping a person know the promise of eternal life!

We would do well to steer our youth to varieties of service in the church. Those do not have to be professional church work but can be involvement in the congregation as lay leaders. But we would be remiss if we did not encourage those with the God-given gifts to pursue training to become pastors, teachers, and the like. And let us not forget the musicians! There is also a shortage of organists and other church musicians

Encourage the youth in your life to consider how they will serve in the church as they grow older, and perhaps point them towards education which will help in that pursuit.

If interested, I am also looking for someone to share materials relating to the Set Apart to Serve initiative, as well as seminaries and universities.

Confession and Absolution

538 Praise Be to Christ

- 1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see
The image of the Father shown,
The firstborn Son revealed and known,
The truth and grace of deity;
Through whom creation came to birth,
Whose fingers set the stars in place,
The unseen pow'rs, and this small earth,
The furthest bounds of time and space.
- 2 Praise be to Him whose sov'reign sway
And will upholds creation's plan;
Who is, before all worlds began
And when our world has passed away:
Lord of the Church, its life and head,
Redemption's price and source and theme,
Alive, the firstborn from the dead,
To reign as all-in-all supreme.
- 3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High,
The fullness of the Godhead shares;
And yet our human nature bears,
Who came as man to bleed and die.
And from His cross there flows our peace
Who chose for us the path He trod,
That so might sins and sorrows cease
And all be reconciled to God.

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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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: v. 105

Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.
The LORD is my | portion;*
I promise to | keep your words.
I entreat your favor with | all my heart;*
be gracious to me according to your | promise.
When I think | on my ways,*
I turn my feet to your testi- | monies;
I hasten and do | not delay*
to keep your com- | mandments.
The earth, O LORD, is full of your | steadfast love;*

teach me your | statutes!
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.
 Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
 and a light | to my path.

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 Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one

thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:1–14

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 1:21–29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all

creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

536 One Thing's Needful

- 1 One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure
 Teach me highly to regard.
All else, though it first give pleasure,
 Is a yoke that presses hard!
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
 This one thing is needful; all others are vain—
 I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain!
- 2 How were Mary's thoughts devoted
 Her eternal joy to find
As intent each word she noted,
 At her Savior's feet reclined!
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,
While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!
 All earthly concerns she forgot for her Lord
 And found her contentment in hearing His Word.
- 3 Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure,
 Jesus, is revealed in You.
Let me find in You my pleasure,
 And my wayward will subdue,
Humility there and simplicity reigning,
In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.
 If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,
 The blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.
- 4 Nothing have I, Christ, to offer,
 You alone, my highest good.
Nothing have I, Lord, to proffer
 But Your crimson-colored blood.
Your death on the cross has death wholly defeated
And thereby my righteousness fully completed;
 Salvation's white raiments I there did obtain,
 And in them in glory with You I shall reign.
- 5 Therefore You alone, my Savior,
 Shall be all in all to me;
Search my heart and my behavior,
 Root out all hypocrisy.
Through all my life's pilgrimage, guard and uphold me,
In loving forgiveness, O Jesus, enfold me.
 This one thing is needful; all others are vain—
 I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain!

Sermon

Stand

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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all the saints here in Christ, that they may be presented to the Father as those whom Christ has made holy and righteous and fit for eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all pastors and those studying to be pastors, all deaconesses, missionaries, translators, teachers and those who work to bring God's Word to His people, that their labors may be fruitful and their hearts faithful, especially for Pastor Pete Lange, missionaries Ross Shaver, Jeancarlos Ramirez, and Mindy Thews, and for military chaplains Edward Wright and Phillip Callahan, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the young people of the LCMS as they gather in New Orleans, that their eyes may be fixed on Jesus, who endured the cross for them; that they may have hope and discipline to run their course after Christ; and that they may return safely to their homes, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who make, judge and administer our laws, that they may know the ways of the Lord and follow them for the good of all people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those in our community who give thanks to the Lord for His many blessings, and especially for those in our midst who celebrate, including Brennen Stinson (7/20), Alaina Snyder (7/20), Shawna Walker (7/21), Deborah Payne (7/26), and Donn & Sheryl Schmoeger (7/22), let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and those who suffer, the grieving and the dying, [especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, and LeeRoy Wunderlich, and for the family of Jerry Eggen] and those we name in our hearts, that they may rejoice in their sufferings for the sake of Christ and know healing and grace according to God's will, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who join in the Supper of Christ's body and blood this day, that they may treasure this precious gift as the good portion that is above all earthly things, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faith to follow the example of those beloved saints who labored among us and now rest from their labors, that we, too, may seek out ways to serve our Master who so faithfully serves us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, grant to us all good things needful to this body and life, and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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.

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

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 ✠ 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 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

625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,
May I in grace possess You.
Let me with holy food be fed,
In hunger I address You.
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,
And, humbly by my prayer implored,
Give me Your grace and mercy.
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,
To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide,
Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,
Refuge in You alone I seek,
To share Your cup of healing.
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,
For full and free remission
I come with prayer before Your sight
In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me
That I receive You worthily,
Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord,
My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart's discord,
O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me
That You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt.
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862 Oh, Blest the House

- 1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His—
How sad and poor and dark it is!
- 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found
And all in hope and love abound;
They trust their God and serve Him still
And do in all His holy will!

- 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav'n be lost!
- 4 Oh, blest that house; it prospers well.
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown
How richly God can bless His own.
- 5 Then here will I and mine today
A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake His Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!

Text: Christoph Carl Ludwig von Pfeil, 1712–84; (sts. 1–2, 4–5): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 3):
tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal, 1880, Columbus
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685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.

Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt.

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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

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165

- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has
been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared
in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people
Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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.

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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.

683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

- 1 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.
- 2 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 suffering 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!

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