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July 27, 2025 **†** 7th 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 reflect God's gift of praying to Him.

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 20, 2025:

Attendance: 96 (3 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: ? / 18 / 7 Offerings: \$3222 / \$203 / \$170 (electronic)

Thank you to Matthew Frerking, our guest organist today! Matthew is a student at Concordia University – Nebraska, in the Director of Parish Music program. He is a member at Trinity, Columbia.

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 <a href="mailto:right-needed-n

You may also go directly to the online sign-up at linktr.ee/calvarylhs .

OPEN TO ALL: *FREE* FAMILY GAME SHOW EVENT AT CALVARY — On Monday, August 4 at 7 p.m., best-selling author, comedian and resilience expert, Chris "Shoof" Scheufele will host a family night filled with entertainment and training for the whole family. 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. 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! 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.

SPORTS PHYSICALS THIS TUESDAY! – Dr. Gregg Kuhlmann, D.O. is a sports medicine doctor at the Missouri Orthopedic Institute at MU Health Care, Jefferson City. Dr. Kuhlmann has been a long-time supporter of Lutheran education and has generously volunteered to offer sports physicals to Calvary, Trinity & Immanuel students for a \$15 donation to CLHS Boosters. Students that plan to participate in ANY school sport next school year are required to have a current physical. **Physicals will be offered on Tuesday, July 29 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Calvary.** Please thank Dr. Kuhlmann for his generosity and partnership. **Sign up for your spot!** Visit linktr.ee/calvarylhs

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

- Part-time Outreach Coordinator
- Volunteer Assistant Soccer Coach

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

OFFICE HOURS – Beginning August 1st, the Calvary school office will be open regularly Monday through Friday, 7:30am-4:00pm

Happening at St. John's:

How well do you float? Find out when you join the youth for the annual float trip on August 16! If you plan on going, let Janice know. She needs a final count by August 1.

"There is no joy like the joy of welcoming another child into your life. You will marvel anew at how perfectly formed your little one is and over how quickly you will fall head over heels in love with him. You will be enchanted with every tiny aspect of her appearance. The color of her hair, the shape of her nose, and the winsomeness of her smile will occasion endless happy debates about from which side of the family (yours, of course) she got that adorable trait." Steve Mosher, Population Research Institute, author of "Ten Great Reasons to Have Another Child" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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This week:

Sunday, 7/27	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service
Sunday, 8/03	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service

Sanctity of Life

On the sixth day of Creation, God created Adam. He declared that this creation, formed from the dust of the earth was in the Image of God (Gen 1:26). This is the foundation for all human life. Later, God told Noah (Gen 9:6) that human life is protected because it is made in God's image.

At the Missouri District Convention, we passed several resolutions which affirm this gift of life and direct us as a church to defend and care for all human life.

In particular, we declared public opposition to Missouri State
Amendment 3 which was passed last year, which ignores God's
protection of the unborn. In this resolution, we also encouraged
members of congregations to "peacefully and proactively speak about
God's gift of life within their callings and support political action at the
federal, state, and local levels to abolish abortion."

In anther resolution, we approached the evil of abortion from another perspective, identifying that life and personhood begins at conception. To argue otherwise "rejects a full understanding of the incarnation." That is, we recognize that Jesus did not become a person when He was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem, but He already possessed a human nature from the moment He was conceived in her womb. Had He been aborted, it would not have been merely a removal of tissue, but it would have put to death the divine Savior.

So also, every child conceived is already a person, before he or she is born – even before he or she is fully formed and able to exist on his or her own outside of the womb! Jesus shared in our humanity from His very conception, and saves not only those who are able with their mouths to confess Him, but everyone of every age whom He has called to be His!

In Convention, we also gave thanks for all of those who continue to testify to God's gift of life – including but not limited to Lutherans for Life and individuals within various congregations – and pledged to continue to support the sanctity of life.

Confession and Absolution

504 Father Most Holy

- Father most holy, merciful, and tender;
 Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
 Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender,
 Light never waning;
- 2 Trinity blessèd, unity unshaken, Goodness unbounded, very God of heaven, Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, Hope of all living,
- Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee; All for Thy worship were and are created; Now, as we also worship Thee devoutly, Hear Thou our voices.
- △ 4 Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory,
 One in three persons, over all exalted!
 Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee,
 Now and forever.

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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

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.

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

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.

Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15

C Amen.

Stand

Introit

Service of the Word

service of the word

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Call upon me in the day of trouble;*
  I will deliver you, and you shall glo- rify me.
With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD!*
  I will keep your | statutes.
I call to you; | save me,*
  that I may observe your testi- monies.
I rise before dawn and cry for help;*
  I hope in your words.
My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,*
  that I may meditate on your promise.
Hear my voice according to your | steadfast love;*
  O LORD, according to your justice give me life.
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.
Call upon me in the day of | trouble;*
  I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.
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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.
- 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, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:20-33

²⁰Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Colossians 2:6–19

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a

circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

- **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 11:1-13

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him

at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

- 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.
- 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.
- 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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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

→ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For faith to offer our petitions and unburden our hearts from the weight of sin and trouble, and that we would live in the light of God's promises, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For pastors, chaplains, and missionaries who embrace the honor and duty to lead the people of God in prayer as we all offer our petitions in the name of Jesus, especially for Pastor Steve Resner and missionaries Gavin Johnson, Kali Wood, Kathy Conrad, and Anika Slayton, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- That all the families of the people of God would live in prayer, and thus come to know the full blessing of God's fatherly care, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- P For all the children of God, that they would recognize and give thanks for the gifts of the Lord, especially for Nathan Brautigam (7/30), let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For our nation to be a repentant and faithful place where wickedness is curbed and God's gracious presence is welcomed with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For prayerful hearts that leave all vengeance in the hands of God and trust His justice to preserve the righteous and vanquish the wicked, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For all who suffer, [especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, and Rev. Lee Hagan ,] that God, who heard and considered the prayers of Abraham, would spare them and draw them ever closer to Himself, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For a child's confidence as we come to the Lord's table this day, that we might approach in sure and certain faith so that, in the gifts of Christ's body and blood, the forgiveness we ask for will be given and the life we seek we will find, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing and look to You as the Giver of all good gifts. Make us ever eager to come to You in prayer and thanksgiving, as Your Son has taught us. By Your Holy Spirit, bring us to behold in Christ the fulfillment of those things for which we pray Your holy name, Your coming kingdom, daily bread, forgiveness, shelter in temptation and deliverance from every evil; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Offering

Offertory LSB 159

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)

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

G 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:
- 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 ⅓ 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

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 163

 \mathbf{C} Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy

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

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

Sit

Distribution

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

- Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today; Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood. The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold; All that You are we here receive. And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity, Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast. Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844-1932, alt.

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770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- What a friend we have in Jesus,
 All our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
 Oh, what needless pain we bear—
 All because we do not carry
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged— Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

 Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819-86
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528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

- Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
 My great Redeemer's praise,
 The glories of my God and King,
 The triumphs of His grace!
- My gracious Master and my God,
 Assist me to proclaim,
 To spread through all the earth abroad,
 The honors of Thy name.
- Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
 That bids our sorrows cease;'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
 'Tis life and health and peace.

- He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
 He sets the pris'ner free.
 His blood can make the foulest clean;
 His blood avails for me.
- Look unto Him, ye nations; own
 Your God, ye fallen race.
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 Be justified by grace.
- See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an off ring made
 For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.
 Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt.
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797 Praise the Almighty

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death; With songs and anthems I come before Him As long as He allows me breath. From Him my life and all things came; Bless, O my soul, His holy name. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal; Earthborn they are and soon decay. Vain are their counsels at life's last portal, When the dark grave engulfs its prey. Since mortals can no help afford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from salvation can nothing sever, And who in hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in Him, our Lord

Will aid and counsel now afford. Alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
 Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
 Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
 Their faithful God He will remain.
 He helps His children in distress,
 The widows and the fatherless.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
 Of Him who does such wondrous things!
 All that has being, to praise Him solely,
 With happy heart its amen sings.
 Children of God, with angel host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Text: Johann Daniel Hermschmidt, 1675-1723; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866-1949, alt.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

- 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

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.

Benediction LSB 166

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.

647 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head,
 You are her one foundation;
 In You she trusts, before You bows,
 And waits for Your salvation.
 Built on this rock secure,
 Your Church shall endure
 Though all the world decay
 And all things pass away.
 O hear, O hear us, Jesus!

- O Lord, let this Your little flock,
 Your name alone confessing,
 Continue in Your loving care,
 True unity possessing.
 Your sacraments, O Lord,
 And Your saving Word
 To us, Lord, pure retain.
 Grant that they may remain
 Our only strength and comfort.
- 3 Help us to serve You evermore
 With hearts both pure and lowly;
 And may Your Word, that light divine,
 Shine on in splendor holy
 That we repentance show,
 In faith ever grow;
 The pow'r of sin destroy
 And evils that annoy.
 O make us faithful Christians.
- 4 And for Your Gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;

Teach us to bear Your blessèd cross.

To find in You all pleasure.

O grant us steadfastness

In joy and distress,

Lest we, Lord, You forsake.

Let us by grace partake

 $Of \ endless \ joy \ and \ gladness.$ Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891–1976, alt. Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110003409

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