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August 17, 2025 10<sup>th</sup> 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 remind us to trust the Lord, for He is faithful!

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, August 10, 2025:

Attendance: 90 (3 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: ? / 18 / Offerings: \$1870 / \$73 / \$170 (electronic)

## Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

**CALVARY INSIDER - What went on at Calvary this week?** 

- Thank you to everyone who donated blood at the first blood drive of the school year! You made a positive impact!
- The 21<sup>st</sup> Academic Year began Wednesday morning with Opening Worship.
- New students were introduced to their Family Groups: a small group that they will get to know and do activities with throughout their high school career.
- Our students enjoyed orientation hosted by Student Government and the annual dress code video.

**SCHOOL BEGINS!** — Our students started the 2025-2026 school year this week with a mix of classes and fun activities. Our theme for the year, "<u>Do Not Conform, Be Transformed</u>" comes from Romans 12:2, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

**WEEKLY CHAPEL** – Join us every Wednesday morning for chapel at 10:30 online at <u>twitch.tv/calvarylhs</u> or our Facebook page. We would love to have you worship with our students and faculty.

**LAST CALL FOR CALVARY WEAR ORDER -** The \*\*BIG\*\* spirit wear order is here for pre-order! Get your Calvary Wear and Calvary Fall Activities wear! This is also the time to order Calvary logo items that can be worn during the school day. Visit **linktr.ee/calvarylhs** to view both the Spirit Wear and the Fall Activities wear catalogs. **Order due date has been extended to** <u>TOMORROW, **Monday, August 18**</u>. This is the time to grab CLHS items for yourself or your favorite Lions. Orders can be dropped off or called in to the school office 573-638-0228.

**TAX-ADVANTAGES OF SUPPORTING CALVARY** — When you visit your financial planner or tax adviser, ask them about tax benefits that can come from supporting ministry at Calvary. Great options include gifting investments directly to Calvary or meeting the RMD from your IRA by designating Calvary. Contact John Christman at administrator@calvarylhs.org to learn more.

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

- Part-time Outreach Coordinator
- Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Volunteer Assistant Soccer Coach

Applications can be submitted to John Christman at <a href="mailto:administrator@calvarylhs.org">administrator@calvarylhs.org</a>

## Happening at St. John's:

#### Lifelight will begin soon. Watch here for more details!

"Never apologize for sharing God's Word. Never excuse holding or defending a godly position that clearly states how a life issue stands according to Scripture. Abortion is wrong, as is assisted suicide, and many other life issues happening in our world." *Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • *lutheransforlife.org* 

#### THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS...

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 teachings include: Biblical Manhood, Loving Your LGBTQ Neighbor Without Compromise, The Death of Mainline Protestantism, Gen Z Women & the Church 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, 8/17		Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service
Saturday, 8/23	8am	LWML Retreat
Sunday, 8/24		Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service

# Confession and Absolution

## 836 O God of Light

- 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.
- 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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#### 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.
- C Amen.

Stand

# Service of the Word

## Service of the Word

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Introit
                                      Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22
   Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- tain you;*
     he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
   Give ear to my prayer, O God,*
     and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!
   For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could | bear it;*
     it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could
   hide from him.
   But it is you, a man, my | equal,*
     my companion, my fa- | miliar friend.
   We used to take sweet counsel to- gether;*
     within God's house we walked in the throng.
   But I | call to God,*
     and the LORD will | save 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;*
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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.
- 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.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; 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.

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you."

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?
<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

<sup>21</sup>"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran;
I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.
<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>23</sup>"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off?
<sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him?
declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle**

Hebrews 11:17—12:3

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—

<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—

<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup>And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

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#### Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

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

<sup>49</sup>[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

## 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

- Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
   Curb those who by deceit or sword
   Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
   And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.
- O Comforter of priceless worth,
  Send peace and unity on earth;
  Support us in our final strife
  And lead us out of death to life.

  Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
  Text: Public domain

#### Sermon

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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

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of hosts, our fathers in the faith gave a good confession of Your truth before the powers of this world. In the spirit of Jeremiah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, strengthen our hearts in days of division to confess in our words and lives the glory of Your name. Bless the work of missionaries Jen-Ye (Irene) Paul, Jonathan Clausing, Dee Dee Wasmund, Robin Wildauer, Jordan Andreasen, and military chaplains Jeffrey Williams, Kurtis Bueltmann, and Benjamin Bahr. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, bless this congregation and our life together around the Word and table of the Lord. Grant that the work of God would go forth from this place, and that it would bless and prosper all things according to His will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord of the church, look with Your favor on the congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, that they may be places where Your Word is faithfully proclaimed and people are brought into Your kingdom. Look with Your favor especially on Christ the King and Pastor Ron Lehenbauer. According to Your will, answer their prayers for another pastor to deliver Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, be with those who have wandered from the faith, those who have been absent from the Lord's house, and those we have hurt or wounded in word and deed. Reconcile them to Yourself, that they would know the forgiveness of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord God, You called Jeremiah as a youth and used Him in Your service. We give You thanks for the young Christians You have made Your children. By Your Word, strengthen them for daily life, and help them to grow as Your people. Keep them and all youth in Your care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, You shepherd the nations according to Your Word.

Grant our rulers wisdom and faith to serve for the good of their people and to promote peace and quietness for the flourishing of every godly endeavor. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Loving Father, bless those among us who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, that we may continue to give thanks to You for Your gifts of life and salvation. Bless especially Martin Kautsch (8/17), Linda Hart (8/19), Trent Wade (8/19), Cindy Kautsch (8/20), Veralyn Long (8/2), and Renee Marr (8/23). Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Merciful Lord, grant healing to the sick, [especially to Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, and Rev. Lee Hagan ,] strength to the weak, endurance to bear up under trial, patience to await His deliverance, and peace at the last. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Holy One, sanctify and keep all who come to Your table this day by Your Word and Holy Spirit, that they would receive the body and blood of Your Son in sincere repentance and firm faith and to their abundant blessing, bringing forth the fruits thereof in peace and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty Father, Your dear Son suffered and died for our redemption. Embolden us by the witness of that great company of saints who remained faithful unto death, that we would likewise fix our eyes on Christ and so share in His victory over the grave; 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:
  - 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

- 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

## 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

- 1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
  Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
  These are my life and strength forever,
  By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain
- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!
- With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
   I live in Thee and Thou in me.
   No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
   It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain
- Who can condemn me now? For surely
   The Lord is nigh, who justifies.

   No hell I fear, and thus securely
   With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer; For He who is of death the master With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain
- My heart has now become Thy dwelling,
   O blessèd, holy Trinity.
   With angels I, Thy praises telling,
   Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain
   Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677-1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.

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## 582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

1 God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever; To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure

Throughout all generations.

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt. Text: Public domain

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

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.

- 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
- 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
   Text: Kathleen Thomerson, 1934–2025

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## Hymn

- 1 Your table I approach;
  Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
  Let not an unrepentant heart
  Prove hurtful to me there.
- Lord, I confess my sins
   And mourn their wretched bands;
   A contrite heart is sure to find
   Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,

Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.

- Search not how this takes place,
   This wondrous mystery;
   God can accomplish vastly more
   Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
  To thank You day and night
  For Your true body and true blood,
  O God, my peace and light.
  Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633-1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, alt.

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

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.

### 583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

- 1 God has spoken by His prophets,
  Spoken His unchanging Word;
  Each from age to age proclaiming
  God, the one, the righteous Lord.
  In the world's despair and turmoil,
  One firm anchor holds us fast:
  God is king, His throne eternal;
  God the first, and God the last.
- 2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son, Brightness of the Father's glory, With the Father ever one; Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was; Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.
- 3 God is speaking by His Spirit,
  Speaking to our hearts again,
  In the ageless Word declaring
  His own message, now as then.
  Through the rise and fall of nations
  One sure faith yet standing fast;
  God abides, His Word unchanging;
  God the first, and God the last.

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