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September 7, 2025      ✠      13<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 we continue in the season of Pentecost. Jesus' words in today's Gospel reading remind each of us to take up the cross given us as we follow the Savior.

**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 31, 2025:

Attendance: 113 (4 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 16 / 18 / 5

Offerings: \$2220 / \$570 / \$170 (electronic)

# Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

## **CALVARY INSIDER – How did the school year start out?**

- Soccer Lions played their first game of the season at Greed Ridge on Tuesday.
- Pastor Steensma led Wednesday chapel and shared a message on handling conflict with love and respect.
- The Class of 2026 took their banner photo on Wednesday. This photo will be displayed, across from the Gym, for the duration of the school year.

## **CALVARY HOME GAMES THIS WEEK!**

Show up! Be Loud! #FeeltheRoar

Sept 8 Soccer v Fulton 5:00PM

Sept 8 V Volleyball v Otterville 5:00PM

Sept 9 JV/V Volleyball v New Bloomfield 5:00PM (Middle School Night)

Sept 11 Soccer v Smithton 4:30PM

Sept 11 V/JV Volleyball v Smithton 4:30PM

Sept 13 Calvary Soccer Showcase @ 179 Soccer Complex

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT AT CALVARY VOLLEYBALL GAMES:**

Middle school students are invited to attend the Calvary volleyball games **THIS TUESDAY**, Sep 9 (5:00 p.m., JV followed by Varsity) Students (grades 5-8) wearing a Calvary shirt OR a shirt representing their current school will receive free admission. Come out, rep your school, meet the team and cheer for the Lions!

**FALL MUM CERTIFICATES ARE HERE!** – Certificates for mums can be purchased at the school office (573-638- 0228), or from a Calvary student. Certificates can be redeemed at Trinklein's Greenhouse now through September 27. The cost is \$12 each for a 9" Mum pot. Trinklein's is open Mon - Sat, 10 am - 4 pm, and they are located at 7518 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, MO. Funds raised will be used by Calvary students for their senior class gift toward school improvement.

**IMMEDIATE NEED** – Calvary is seeking a mission-minded individual to serve as a:

- Part-time Weekend Custodian

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

**APPLE ORDER** – Calvary will not have the annual Apple Sale fundraiser this year. Thank you to everyone that has purchased and helped make it happen in past years.

## **Save the Date-**

Sept 9 Volleyball Middle School Night, 5:00 PM

Sept 22 Soccer Middle School Night, 4:30 PM

Oct 9-11 Fall Drama

## Happening at St. John's:

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

**“Difficult situations like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis** can tempt us to forget our Savior’s presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He wrings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanging, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**CHRISTOLOGICAL, CREEDAL, CONFESSIONAL...** 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: A Lutheran Perspective on Philosophy & Theology, The Nicene Creed, The Lord’s Prayer, The Image of God in a Broken World, Witnessing Tips and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

### **This week:**

Sunday, 9/7	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Ladies’ Aid Meeting
	3:30pm	Confirmation Class

Tuesday, 9/9	7pm	Lutheran Basics
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Sunday, 9/14	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Fellowship
	3:30pm	Confirmation Class

# Forgiven!

If there is one word to describe Christians, it should be this one: “forgiven.” There is a range of what people (both inside and outside the church) think of when they think of a Christian, but this is at the very heart of it.

Some, especially those outside the church, assume that being a Christian means following a particular moral code. When a person does something contrary to that moral code, he/she must not be a very good Christian. The ten commandments generally forms the basis for that code, but there is often more to it. Typically, anyone who has a complaint against Christianity adds his/her pet issue to what a Christian should be and do.

But being a Christian is not about what you do or say. Being a Christian is first and foremost that which is indicated in the Rite of Holy Baptism when the pastor marks one with the sign of the cross on the forehead and heart as one “redeemed by Christ the Crucified.” A Christian is one whose sin has been forgiven, paid for by Jesus on the cross. A Christian is one who has been clothed with Christ’s righteousness. What one does or says does not make him or her a Christian! Only Christ can make a person a Christian, a part of His eternal kingdom.

That said, a Christian will do what Christ wants him or her to do. When a person claims to be a Christian but his works and life are an affront to the Word and works of Jesus, he is a liar (1 John 1:8).

On the other hand, even the most devout believer still sins and falls short (Romans 3:23, 7:15). Those sins do not make a person an unbeliever. They cause her to turn to Jesus and acknowledge His forgiveness of her.

Just as you, a child of God, are forgiven, you are also called to forgive (Lord’s Prayer). Because you have been forgiven, you have been given what you need to forgive those who sin against you.

Rejoice! You are forgiven. You are a beloved child of God.

# Confession and Absolution

## 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

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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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*LSB 151*

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

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

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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

## Absolution

LSB 151

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27*

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,\*  
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

My soul melts away for | sorrow,\*  
strengthen me according | to your word!

Put false ways | far from me\*  
and graciously teach | me your law!

I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;\*  
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.

I cling to your testimonies, | O LORD;\*  
let me not be | put to shame!

I will run in the way of your com- | mandments\*  
when you en- | large my heart!

**Glorify 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.**

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,\*  
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

## 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 merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Philemon 1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps



is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**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 14:25–35*

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

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

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is

thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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

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

*Sit*

## 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the \_unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
“You have done it all to Me.”  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
“Give as I have giv’n to you”?
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

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## Sermon

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### Nicene Creed

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

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

## Prayer of the Church

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

You have granted us great privilege and mercy, O Lord, that we should be called Your people. Work in us by Your Spirit, that we may love what is good and obey Your command cheerfully. Keep us from an easy faith that costs us nothing, and preserve us so that we may be the salt of the earth and light in the darkness of a world that does not know You. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** O Lord, bless this congregation and all congregations of our Synod; Matthew, our Synod president; *Craig*, our acting district president; Gary, pastor at Peace in Camdenton, missionary Heidi Bishop de Mazariegos, and military chaplains Merlin Stephan, Christopher Knepper, and Benjamin Schroeder; and all servants of the Church, that they would be strengthened to cherish each member of Christ's Body as dearly beloved brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Heavenly Father, You are our life and length of days, and You set before us Your gift of life in Your Holy Word for us and for our children. Preserve Your institutions of marriage and family. Guard husbands and wives, parents and children, both from despising and from idolizing one another. Instead, let every relationship in the home exemplify Your unconditional love for us in Christ, and grant that all might follow Him in their service to one another. Bless those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, including Brice Ziegelbein (9/7), Victoria Wade (9/9), Dewayne Shelton (9/10), H.F. Seidel (9/13), and Nolan & Camryn Wunderlich (9/9). Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** O God, most merciful Father, without Your care and preservation all things wither and die. Open the windows of heaven and send bountiful rain on us to revive and renew the land. Graciously hear our prayer that we may praise and glorify Your name forever and ever. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Give Your aid, O Lord, to all elected and appointed public officials, especially our president, the Congress of these United States, our governor, the legislature of this state and all who serve us in Your name in government. Grant peace to the nations, and prosper to the

benefit of all people the cause of justice. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** God, our King, You promise blessing to those who follow in Your way, yet You also call them to carry their crosses. Grant Your peace to those who suffer among us [*especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, and Lee Hagan*]. Guide them by Your Word to follow Your way through the pains of this world to the glories of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Gracious God, grant that all who come to the Lord's Supper this day may in faith receive Your Son's body and blood and with it the forgiveness of sins, the desire to amend our sinful lives, and the strength to confess the true faith in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful servants of every time and place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, until He comes again in power and glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Offering

## Offertory

LSB 159

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*LSB 160*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface (Full)

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

## Distribution

### 642 O Living Bread from Heaven

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,  
How well You feed your guest!  
The gifts that You have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me  
To this most holy place  
And with Yourself have fed me  
The treasures of Your grace;  
For You have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor You have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before Your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.  
And when You call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.

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### 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

- 1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,



Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 2    Take my hands and let them move  
      At the impulse of Thy love;  
      Take my feet and let them be  
      Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3    Take my voice and let me sing  
      Always, only for my King;  
      Take my lips and let them be  
      Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4    Take my silver and my gold,  
      Not a mite would I withhold;  
      Take my intellect and use  
      Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5    Take my will and make it Thine,  
      It shall be no longer mine;  
      Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
      It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6    Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
      At Thy feet its treasure store;  
      Take myself, and I will be  
      Ever, only, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79  
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## **707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

- 1    Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
      To keep His statutes still!  
      Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
      To know and do His will!
- 2    Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
      And make my heart sincere;  
      Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
      But keep my conscience clear.
- 3    Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
      A stricter watch to keep;  
      And should I e'er forget Thy way,  
      Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

- 4    Make me to walk in Thy commands—  
     'Tis a delightful road—  
     Nor let my head or heart or hands  
     Offend against my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
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## 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!

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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.**

## **Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**C Amen.**

## **918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer**

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

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