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September 14, 2025 † Holy Cross Day

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

Today the paraments are red as we celebrate Holy Cross Day.

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, September 14, 2025:

Attendance: 77 (5 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 17 / 14 / 6

Offerings: \$3362 / \$102 / \$170 (electronic)

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

CALVARY INSIDER – How did the school year start out?

- On Tuesday morning, the foundation for the Fine Arts Wing was poured! Such exciting progress!
- Calvary welcomed 5th-8th grade students to Volleyball Middle School Night!
- The Calvary senior class led chapel the first Family Group Wednesday of the school year to follow.
- Six teams competed in the Calvary Soccer Showcase on Saturday.

CALVARY HOME GAMES THIS WEEK!

Show up! Be Loud! #FeeltheRoar

Sept 15 JV,V Volleyball vs Eugene at 5:00 PM

Sept 18 Soccer vs Dixon at 4:30 PM

Sept 20 Calvary Volleyball Tournament - Calvary plays at 8AM, 11AM & 2PM

SURVIVE & THRIVE – High school is a time of great anticipation and perhaps great anxiety. Calvary is here to help! As 8th graders look forward to high school, Calvary will equip them for the next step at Survive and Thrive – a half-day event focused on high school readiness as a redeemed child of God – to not only survive high school, but to thrive! If your 8th grader attends a school other than Trinity or Immanuel, contact John Christman for interest in attending this event 11:45-2:45 on Tuesday, October 7.

FALL MUM CERTIFICATES – 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

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS – Are you a Thrivent member and have Thrivent Action Team grants available? Now that school has started, if you would like to help with special events at Calvary, we have a number of projects that could be **immediately** blessed by an action team grant! Contact John Christman or Erich Ahlers to find out more.

Save the Date-

Sept 22 Soccer Middle School Night, 4:30 PM

Oct 9-11 Fall Drama

Happening at St. John's:

Midweek Bible Study begins this week, looking at Paul's Missions and Epistles!

Have you checked your information on instantchurchdirectory.com? We try to keep updated addresses, phone numbers, and birthday & anniversary information. This directory is for you, when you need to contact fellow members of St. John's. You can add your own photo if you want, though we will be trying to get church photos taken this fall. If you have not logged in before, use the email address we have on file for you, and it will automatically take you to our church's information. That information is only available to our own members.

"If we expect to be the one to change hearts by sowing seeds of judgment rather than love, we are changing the mission we have been sent to fulfill. Please use your Gospel-motivated voice For Life in love and may God bless your efforts!" *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

BOOK OF PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Proverbs. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tune In, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

This week:

Sunday, 9/14	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service Fellowship
	3:30pm	Confirmation Class
	5pm	Youth Work, Food, Fun
Wed, 9/17	7pm	Midweek Bible Study
Sunday, 9/21	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
	3:30pm	Confirmation Class

Lift High the Cross

It began in 335 AD. On September 13, the Basilica erected in Jerusalem over the Holy Sepulchre (the place where Jesus died) was consecrated. The following day, a relic of the cross on which Jesus was crucified, acquired by Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, was displayed to the faithful. Whether what was displayed was, in fact, the very cross on which Jesus was crucified, is still debated.

Whether or not it was, in fact, the true cross that was revealed that September 14, the church has since set aside this day as a commemoration of the cross. The cross by itself has no power, but being the instrument of Jesus' death, it has become a symbol intimately associated with Jesus and with Christianity.

There are some who prefer the image of the empty cross over the traditional crucifix. This was initially a Protestant reaction against Roman Catholicism. The justification often given is that Jesus' Resurrection proves the reality of God's action on our behalf. Therefore, the crucifix, which includes both the cross and Jesus' lifeless body, is said to stop short of the glory of the Resurrection.

Early Lutherans continued to use the image of the crucifix, highlighting that the cross has no power of its own; the blessing is found in the death of Jesus, not in a piece of wood. Further, if the Resurrection is key, a better image is the empty tomb. An empty cross just means that Jesus' body was removed, not that He rose again.

Whether the "crucifix" or the "empty cross," this symbol remains at the center of Christendom. We do not worship the cross nor any other symbol of Jesus' Crucifixion or Resurrection. The cross has no power to save or to bless. But it remains a poignant symbol for a God who loved each of us enough to bear our sins and die so that we would have eternal life! As we celebrate the cross, we rejoice in God's gift of salvation, planted firmly in history, demonstrating His love and guaranteeing our salvation!

Confession and Absolution

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

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

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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

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

Absolution

LSB 151

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

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation; *
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things! *
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth; *
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
With trumpets and the sound | of the horn *
make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!
**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.**
The LORD has made known his sal- | vation; *
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

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.
 Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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

John 12:20–33

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

- 1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay;
Tell how Christ, the world’s redeemer,
As a victim won the day.
- 2 Tell how, when at length the fullness
Of the appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman,
Left for us His Father’s home,
Blazed the path of true obedience,
Shone as light amidst the gloom.

3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
 He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing,
 Did His work, and met His death;
Like a lamb He humbly yielded
 On the cross His dying breath.

4 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
 Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom,
 None in fruit thine equal be;
Symbol of the world's redemption,
 For the weight that hung on thee!

△ 5 Unto God be praise and glory;
 To the Father and the Son,
To the _eternal Spirit honor
 Now and evermore be done;
Praise and glory in the highest
 While the timeless ages run.

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Sermon

Stand

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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace to proclaim the triumph of the cross throughout the world,
so all would rejoice in the victory of that love which hate could not
destroy and that life which death could not overcome, let us pray to
the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the continued proclamation of the cross's power, that from this
life-giving tree we would receive the gifts that preserve faith, let us
pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all pastors and servants of the Church, that they may be enabled
by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the wisdom of the cross before the
world, especially for Pastor Brian Thieme and Pastor Joseph
McCalley, missionary Yoxandris Marcano de Maita, and military
chaplains Graham Glover, Brad Boyer, and Vincent Shaw, let us
pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the households of this congregation, that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those among us who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, including Jerry Schulte (9/17), Palmer Ott (9/19), and Jerry & Janene Schulte (9/14), let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the nations, that war, hate and bloodshed would be overcome by peace, love and justice; and for all who serve in our armed forces, that God would protect those who labor to protect us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the earth, that God would send rain to sustain the life which He has given us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the family of Charlie Kirk, that they would continue to trust in the Lord and proclaim His kingdom, and for all who suffer violence on behalf of the truth, that God would use them to bring the truth to light, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who have requested our intercession, [*especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, and LeeRoy Wunderlich* _____], that our loving Father would be near to them and grant them peace in their afflictions, and according to His will, a blessed end to their troubles, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For worthy reception of the fruit of the cross this day, that through Christ's death we may walk the path to paradise and receive forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the whole Christian Church on earth, in thanksgiving for all the faithful who have gone before us, that God would bring us to share at last with them in the unending joy of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever.
- C** Amen.

Offering

Offertory

LSB 159

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

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

Proper Preface (Full)

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious

name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

LSB 163

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

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

Sit

Distribution

627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

- 1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He saved us from the evil foe.
- 2 As His pledge of love undying,
He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread,
And with the wine the blood He shed.
- 3 Jesus here Himself is sharing;
Heed then how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe,
His judgment then you shall receive.

- 4 Praise the Father, who from heaven
To His own this food has given,
Who, to mend what we have done,
Gave into death His only Son.
- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 6 Agony and bitter labor
Were the cost of God's high favor;
Do not come if you suppose
You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,
And receive My grace and favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician's help or skill.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying
If not for your justifying?
And what use this precious food
If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior's guest,
Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's wondrous love can do.

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560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.

- 2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
 Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
 Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
 Christ crucified, I come.
- 3 Wash me and take away each stain;
 Let nothing of my sin remain.
 For cleansing, though it be through pain,
 Christ crucified, I come.
- 4 And then for work to do for Thee,
 Which shall so sweet a service be
 That angels well might envy me,
 Christ crucified, I come.

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430 My Song Is Love Unknown

- 1 My song is love unknown,
 My Savior's love to me,
 Love to the loveless shown
 That they might lovely be.
 Oh, who am I
 That for my sake
 My Lord should take
 Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne
 Salvation to bestow;
 But men made strange, and none
 The longed-for Christ would know.
 But, oh, my friend,
 My friend indeed,
 Who at my need
 His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way
 And His sweet praises sing;
 Resounding all the day
 Hosannas to their King.
 Then "Crucify!"
 Is all their breath,
 And for His death
 They thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suffering goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683
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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.

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

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

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- 1 On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!

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