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September 21, 2025 ✝ St. Matthew, Apostle &
Evangelist

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 St Matthew, whose call by Jesus led him to be one of the primary witnesses of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

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 (8 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 16 / 11 / 6

Offerings: \$1458 / \$82 / \$170 (electronic)

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

CALVARY INSIDER – How did the first month of school go?

- The Calvary Choir led chapel at Trinity, sharing joyful music and a message.
- Jake Schniepp, Program Director from Heit's Point, shared a chapel message from Colossians 1:17 on Wednesday.
- Thank you to everyone that helped make yesterday's Volleyball Tournament a success! Go Lions!

CALVARY HOME GAMES THIS WEEK!

Show up! Be Loud! #FeeltheRoar

Sept 22 Soccer vs Liberty Christian 4:30 PM (Middle School Night)

Sept 25 Baseball vs Crocker 4:30 PM

Sept 25 Volleyball V, JV vs Russellville 5:00 PM

Sept 26 Volleyball V vs Chamois 6:00 PM (Senior Night)

MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT at CALVARY SOCCER: Middle school students (grades 5-8) are invited to attend the Calvary soccer game TOMORROW, Sept 22 at 4:30PM. 5th-8th graders wearing a Calvary shirt OR a shirt representing their current school will receive free admission. Come out, rep your school and cheer for the Lions!

LAST CALL FOR 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.

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.

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-

Oct 7 Survive & Thrive (8th Grade Visit Day)

Oct 9-11 Fall Drama

Happening at St. John's:

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

CPH Fall Bible Sale is going on now. See the catalogs on the table in the narthex, as well as "sample" items available for purchase. Pastor will be placing an order early this week if you are interested in purchasing any books.

"Good things take time. Your smiles, your encouraging words, your time and talents donated for pro-life work done in Christ are sure to be effective, even if you can't immediately see the effects." *Marie MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

NICENE CREED SERIES... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews with Pastor Timothy Winterstein, author of the new book "Worshipped & Glorified: A Study of the Nicene Creed" at issuesetc.org/nicenecreed.

This week:

Sunday, 9/21	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Fellowship
	3:30pm	Confirmation Class

Tues, 9/23	7pm	Lutheran Basics
Wed, 9/24	7pm	Midweek Bible Study
Sat, 9/27	8:30am	LWML Zone Board meeting

Sunday, 9/28	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
	2pm	Confirmation Class
	4pm	Circuit Forum

Sola Scriptura

At the time of the Reformation, Martin Luther and those who agreed with him set about to reform the church. They did not want to leave the church or start something new, but they recognized that some changes had occurred over the centuries since Christ's death and resurrection. Some changes were not problematic, but others were. There arose three Latin phrases that formed the basis for what Luther and those with him believed. One of those phrases was "sola Scriptura."

"Sola Scriptura" means simply "Scripture alone." To most American Christians, this probably sounds pretty simple and straightforward. To the church in the 1500s, though, this was a significant demand. Luther said that all doctrine – anything that we are to believe about God and His plan and work for the world – must be grounded in Scripture.

In Luther's day, that was not the case. Across Christendom – both in the West and in the East – the church relied on Scripture, but also on determinations of councils and on tradition. The Western church (now the Roman Catholic Church) also relied on Papal decrees. Luther argued that anything that did not have its foundation in Scripture should not be taught in the church. When he was accused of being a heretic, he demanded that he be proven wrong from the Word of God. He knew the Scriptures better than most and was aware that his faith and teaching rested on God's Word alone.

This principle of Sola Scriptura is the "formal principle" for the Lutheran church. It simply sets forth what is the basis for what we believe. Luther argued that popes and councils can err, but the Word of God is without error. Therefore, all doctrine must be built on the Word of God.

Luther also recognized that there are 66 books in the canon of Scripture. You may have heard of other books included in "Catholic Bibles." These are known as the Apocrypha, or apocryphal books. Luther included them in his translation of the Bible, considering them holy and God-pleasing books, but did not put them on the same level of the 66.

It is also important to recognize that many other Christian denominations claim to base doctrine on "Scripture alone," but they fit God's Word into the limits of human reason, rather than conforming human reason to God's Word. For Luther, God's Word is the final Word.

Confession and Absolution

518 By All Your Saints in Warfare

sts. 1, 25, 3

1 By all Your saints in warfare,
For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from Your throne.

25 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (September 21)
Praise, Lord, for him whose Gospel
Your human life declared,
Who, worldly gain forsaking,
Your path of suffering shared.
From all unrighteous mammon,
O raise our eyes anew
That we in our vocation
May rise and follow You.

△ 3 Then let us praise the Father
And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory
And praise to God alone.

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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 92:1–5; antiphon: Matthew 9:13b, c

I desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.*
For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*
and your faithful- | ness by night,
to the music of the lute | and the harp,*
to the melody | of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;*
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

How great are your works, | O LORD!*

Your thoughts are | very deep!

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.

I desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.*

For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.

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.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

C This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb

forever. Amen.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 2:8—3:11

⁸“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” ⁹And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

¹And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” ²So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

⁴And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. ⁵For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— ⁶not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. ⁷But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not

willing to listen to me. Because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. ⁸Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. ⁹Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” ¹⁰Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. ¹¹And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:7–16

⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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

Matthew 9:9–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

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

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

730 What Is the World to Me

- 1 What is the world to me
 With all its vaunted pleasure
 When You, and You alone,
 Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
 You only, dearest Lord,
 My soul’s delight shall be;
 You are my peace, my rest.
 What is the world to me!
- 2 The world seeks to be praised
 And honored by the mighty
 Yet never once reflects
 That they are frail and flighty.
 But what I truly prize
 Above all things is He,
 My Jesus, He alone.
 What is the world to me!
- 3 The world seeks after wealth
 And all that mammon offers
 Yet never is content

Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!

- 4 What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living

**and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

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

Prayer of the Church

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

Heavenly Father, we glorify You for Your sustaining love. We especially thank and praise You for the gift of Your Son, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins; for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for the companionship of Your Holy Church; and for the hope of the age to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

- [C]** **hear our prayer.**

- [P]** Almighty God, bless Matthew, our Synod president; Lee, our district president; Craig, our acting district president; Pastor Kent Pierce; Missionaries Jesse Liebman and Paul Mroczenski; Military Chaplains David Edwards, Joel Giese, and Winston Grieser; and all servants of Your Word. Keep them strong in their witness to Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

- [C]** **hear our prayer.**

- [P]** Gracious Lord, Your Son called Matthew from his tax booth to be an apostle who proclaimed salvation. Continue to call men into Your Holy Ministry, and endow them with every good gift to proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments in righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

- [C]** **hear our prayer.**

- [P]** Heavenly Father, open wide the hearts of Christians to one another, especially within the home and between neighbors. Let love be genuine, speech truthful and patience constant. Let us commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and,

therefore, unashamed to serve one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving Father, You are the giver of every good and perfect gift. Help us to receive Your many blessings with Thanksgiving. Look with Your favor on Hanna Brautigam (9/21), Miles Marshall (9/23), Cathy Scheperle (9/26), and Clint & Abby Distler (9/22) as they celebrate this week. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of the Harvest, there is no life without Your blessing. Look with favor upon us and send rain to give life to this dry land. Bless farmers that they may harvest abundantly to provide for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Father in heaven, look favorably on all public servants, giving them wisdom and courage to serve according to Your will. Guard all members of our armed forces, covering them with Your protecting hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Father of compassion, be near to those who cry out to You in time of need [*especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, and Chaplain Jim Mueller*]. Grant healing to the sick, according to Your will, and comfort the mourning with Christ's victory over death and the grave. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, how lovely is the dwelling place of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gives us sinners to eat and to drink of His flesh and blood here at the holy altar. Grant to all who come to this feast today repentant and believing hearts, that in the blessed Sacrament they would receive forgiveness, life and salvation, and be strengthened in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, Your Son chose to dine with tax collectors and sinners such as St. Matthew. As we remember him this day, grant that we might rejoice that Christ still chooses to dine with us sinners in His own feast of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, 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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Matthew, 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

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
 And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,
 Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
 Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
 No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
 Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee
 With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
 Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
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727 On Eagles' Wings

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!" Refrain
- ref And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.
- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. Refrain
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. Refrain
- 4 For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain
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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

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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.

909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever
And our confidence alone.
- 2 To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your loving-kindness,
Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within these walls today.
- 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful
All the gifts they ask to gain;

What they gain from You, forever
With the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.

△ 4 Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run!

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