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September 28, 2025 **†** 16th 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. In the readings, we are reminded that wealth does not save, and the love of money is deadly.

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 21, 2025:

Attendance: 94 (2 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 17 / 18 / 8

Offerings: \$3143 / \$128 / \$170 (electronic)

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

CALVARY INSIDER – What happened this past week at Calvary?

- The Calvary Choir led chapel at Immanuel, sharing joyful music and a message.
- Students joined together for See You At The Pole before chapel on Wednesday.
- Pastor Prill shared a message on the power of prayer from Philippians 4:6.
- Freshmen and sophomores participated in CDFY's baseline training on Thursday, aiming to increase awareness of the impact alcohol and other drugs can have on students, families, and the community.
- Friday's Volleyball Senior Night recognized the hard work and leadership from Lily Foutes over the past four years.

CALVARY HOME GAMES THIS WEEK Show up! Be Loud! #FeeltheRoar

Sept 29	Baseball vs Dixon 5:00 PM
Sept 30	Soccer vs LaMonte 4:30 PM
Sept 30	Baseball vs Tuscumbia 5:30PM
Oct 2	Baseball vs St. Elizabeth 5:00PM
Oct 3	Soccer vs Rolla Royals 4:30 PM

Oct 4 Calvary Cross Country Meet, Binder Park, 9:30 AM

FALL DRAMA AHOY! – The Calvary Drama department has all hands on deck to set sail! Join us, Mateys, on October 10- at 7pm and October 11- at 6pm for *Treasure Island*, adapted from Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novel by Dan Neidermyer.

FALL BREAK – The office will not be open on Thursday, October 2 and Friday, October 3. There will be no school to allow teachers to attend the LEA Convocation.

ATTENTION 8⁻⁻ **GRADERS** – Ever feel like you're saying words but they're not getting through? Communication is a key survival skill for high school. Collaboration is a skill that will ensure that you thrive! At Survive and Thrive, you will learn about both in preparation for high school. This half-day event hosted by Calvary will focus on equipping you for the next step! As 8⁻⁻ 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 8⁻⁻ 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.

Save the Date-

Oct 7 Survive & Thrive (8 Grade Visit Day)

Oct 10-11 Fall Drama – Treasure Island, Fri – 7PM, Sat – 6PM

Oct 27 Open House, 7:00 PM

Happening at St. John's:

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

Celebrate with fellow Lutherans this Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church - Columbia and Campus Lutheran Church - Columbia. Enjoy German Brats and Apple Wine (and lots more!). See flyers on the bulletin board for details.

Being a child is a calling. Being a parent is a calling. Being a student is a calling. Being a citizen is a calling. Each so-called occupation is a calling. The role one fills in one's church is a calling. As God crafts each of us in our callings, He places us in the presence of neighbors whom we are to love on His behalf." Rev. Adam Osier, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

PROMISES OF GOD 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 teachings on God's promises for you with Pastor Will Weedon of "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever." You'll find the entire series at issuesetc.org/promisesofgod.

This week:

Sunday, 9/28	9am 10am 2pm 4pm	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service Confirmation Class Circuit Forum
Tues, 9/30 Wed, 10/1 Sat, 10/4	7pm 7pm	Lutheran Basics Midweek Bible Study Festivals at Campus, Trinity - Columbia
Sunday10/5		Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service Confirmation Class

Sola Fide

Last week, I explained "Sola Scriptura". Today, I want to focus on "Sola Fide" (pronounced "sohla feeday"). This is the Latin term translated as "Faith Alone." This was another key element of the Reformation.

Luther had understood that God had certain expectations of him. He did his best to meet those expectations, but was painfully aware that he fell short. He agonized over his sins and constantly strove to measure up to God's expectations. When he realized that God was first and foremost merciful, that God was not always waiting and ready to punish, Luther felt great relief. Finally, he understood that our salvation does not depend on our works, but only on faith – and even that faith was a gift of God. He recognized that Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace you have been saved through faith" was the key to God's relationship with us, and gave the comfort that Luther had long been longing for.

So Luther struggled to make this known in the church, and he was branded a heretic. People were being told that they had to give money or do works of service to make them or those they loved right with God, even after death (to reduce time in purgatory). Luther taught that God saved them despite their sins, and without their money or works. The only thing that they needed to "do" was believe and trust that God had already done everything through Jesus. Jesus' blood had paid the price for every person.

This became for Luther and others the "material principle." This term describes what is central and most important to a person or church. For the Lutheran Church, the material principle is that we are saved by grace through faith. Everything else we know about God, and all that we do in His service, revolves around this. For the Reformers, the doctrine of justification would become the one point on which they would not concede, the foundation for everything else.

Luther did not say that works were unimportant, just that they did not contribute to our salvation. On the contrary, doing good works served as a faithful response to God's gift of grace. Knowing that you are saved and cannot earn God's favor, you nonetheless serve Him by loving your neighbor and further proclaiming God's grace. But God's grace alone is sufficient to save you from your sins.

Confession and Absolution

797 Praise the Almighty

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death; With songs and anthems I come before Him As long as He allows me breath. From Him my life and all things came; Bless, O my soul, His holy name. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal; Earthborn they are and soon decay. Vain are their counsels at life's last portal, When the dark grave engulfs its prey. Since mortals can no help afford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
 Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
 And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
 To all who trust in Him, our Lord
 Will aid and counsel now afford.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
 Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
 Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
 Their faithful God He will remain.
 He helps His children in distress,
 The widows and the fatherless.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
 Of Him who does such wondrous things!
 All that has being, to praise Him solely,
 With happy heart its amen sings.
 Children of God, with angel host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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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

- 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 H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:73-75, 77; antiphon: v. 76

Let your steadfast love | comfort me*

according to your promise to your | servant.

Your hands have made and | fashioned me;*

give me understanding that I may learn your com- mandments.

Those who fear you shall see me | and rejoice,*

because I have hoped in your word.

I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are | righteous,*

and that in faithfulness you have af- | flicted me.

Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;*

for your law is | my delight.

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.

Let your steadfast love | comfort me*

according to your promise to your | servant.

Kyrie LSB 152

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

- A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of

God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 6:1-7

1"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster

and bring near the seat of violence?

4"Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock

and calves from the midst of the stall,

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils.

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

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

Epistle 1 Timothy 3:1–13

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but soberminded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

- **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 16:19-31

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' 25But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead "

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

Sit

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy comfort still afford.

3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come, To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home, That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep My body safe in peaceful sleep Until Thy reappearing. And then from death awaken me, That these mine eyes with joy may see, O Son of God, Thy glorious face, My Savior and my fount of grace. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend, And I will praise Thee without end. Text: Martin Schalling, 1532-1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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

Lord of life, You provide us with daily bread in abundance. Preserve us from the worship of idleness and love of leisure lest we misuse Your gifts to our ruin. Foster in us contentment, righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness and gentleness. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, as You once gave Moses and the prophets so that people might hear Your Word, continue to provide pastors and other laborers to make Your Gospel known among the nations. Preserve those who currently serve within Your Church, and raise up more workers to labor in the harvest. Bless Pastor Tim Morris, Pastor Dave Prill, missionaries Kim Bueltmann, Ashley Lehr, Jason Steffenson, Walter Steele, Keah Payne, Kristina Shaver, Hannah Hester, and military chaplains Timiothy Steele and Cody Norton. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Father in heaven, preserve our homes from idols and sins of idleness. Bless fathers and mothers as they catechize their children, that generations to come might faithfully guard their hearts and rejoice in Your gifts. Continue to strengthen Doug Brautigam (9/28), Dacey Colbert (9/28), Jon Reed (9/28), Cara Ziegelbein (9/29), Doug & Michele Brautigam (9/30), and Lynn & Marla Young (10/1) as they celebrate this week. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Merciful God, You have promised to hold accountable all who hold authority over us. Bless Donald, our president; *Mike*, our governor; all legislative bodies; all judges and magistrates; and all who serve the public trust, that they may act with integrity and honor in the

- fulfillment of all their duties and serve the causes of peace and justice for all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, You open the eyes of the blind and lift up those who are bowed down. Hear our prayers on behalf of those in need of Your mercy [especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, Chaplain Jim Mueller, and Beth

 Dapke

 7. Provide restoration and deliverance according to Your good and gracious will, and in the time of affliction that is given to them, strengthen their faith that they would cling to Your promises and praise Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, grant that we who commune on Christ's holy body and blood would repent of our sins, trust Christ's full forgiveness, and receive Him for strengthening of our faith and for greater love to serve those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, embolden all faithful Christians here and scattered throughout the world. Grant that we may always make the good confession, even in the midst of persecution. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, we praise Your name for Your faithfulness to Abraham, Lazarus and to all the saints who have gone before us. Enliven us by Your Word and Sacraments, that convinced of Jesus' death and resurrection, we may eagerly await the day of our resurrection for His sake; through Him, 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

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 + 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

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673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

- Jerusalem, my happy home,When shall I come to thee?When shall my sorrows have an end?Thy joys when shall I see?
- O happy harbor of the saints,
 O sweet and pleasant soil!
 In thee no sorrow may be found,
 No grief, no care, no toil.
- Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
 Continually are green;
 There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs
 As nowhere else are seen.
- 4 There trees forevermore bear fruit And evermore do spring;
 There evermore the angels dwell And evermore do sing.
- Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
 Around my Savior stand;

 And soon my friends in Christ below
 Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
 For that bright home of love
 That I may see Thee and adore
 With all Thy saints above.

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716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

I walk in danger all the way.
The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey,
Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares
May seize me unawares
If I should fail to watch and pray.
I walk in danger all the way.

- I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending; In patience I must bear each day The cross of God's own sending. When in adversity I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my soul dismay, I pass through trials all the way.
- 3 And death pursues me all the way,
 Nowhere I rest securely;
 He comes by night, he comes by day,
 He takes his prey most surely.
 A failing breath, and I
 In death's strong grasp may lie
 To face eternity today
 As death pursues me all the way.
- 4 I walk with angels all the way,
 They shield me and befriend me;
 All Satan's pow'r is held at bay
 When heav'nly hosts attend me;
 They are my sure defense,
 All fear and sorrow, hence!
 Unharmed by foes, do what they may,
 I walk with angels all the way.
- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me; Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan's pow'r assails me; And by His footsteps led, My path I safely tread. No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.
- My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow, When God's good healing shall allay All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow. Then, worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on. For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way. Text: Hans Adolf Brorson, 1694-1764; tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863-1938, 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

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

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.

850 God of Grace and God of Glory

- God of grace and God of glory,
 On Your people pour Your pow'r;
 Crown Your ancient Church's story;
 Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the facing of this hour,
 For the facing of this hour.
- Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.
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