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November 23, 2025      ✠      Last Sunday of the Church Year

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

**Today** the paraments are green as the church year comes to a close.

**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, November 16, 2025:

Attendance: 84 (4 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 21 / 16 / 6

Offerings: \$2098 / \$97.55 / \$170 (electronic)

# Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

**CALVARY INSIDER** – Curious about what went on at Calvary this week?

- 7 Calvary students and chaperones visited Concordia Nebraska on Monday.
- Students and families celebrated awards from the Fall athletic season on Tuesday
- Friday afternoon was spent giving thanks! Following a special Thanksgiving chapel led by Pastor Powell, Calvary students, staff, alumni, and families joined together for a potluck feast and fellowship!

**CALVARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – Join us Friday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. for the annual Calvary Christmas concert! Enjoy pieces performed by the Calvary Choirs and Band that are sure to get you ready for the Christmas season!

**WEEK OF GIVING THANKS** – As we enter this week, we are giving thanks for you – your prayers, your financial support, your gifts of time – all to make a Christ-centered, relationship-driven high school experience a reality for teenagers and their families. Thank you for supporting Calvary during its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Week of Giving! You are a blessing!

**SHADOWS WELCOME** – Applications for Calvary's class of 2030 are incoming! 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to schedule shadow days at Calvary with interest in applying for the 2026-27 school year! If you know an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who would benefit from a Christian high school education, please invite them to visit the school with you. Parents, call us today to set up a shadow day for your child to experience Calvary.

**\$50 EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS** – Registration is OPEN for the 2026-2027 school year! Incoming 8th graders and current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students can already register for next year! When you apply or re-register for next school year with your \$100 registration fee before January 5, 2026, you will receive a \$50 credit toward your student's '26-'27 tuition. REGISTER TODAY!

**OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING** – The school office will be closed for Thanksgiving Monday, November 24 through Friday, November 28 to allow for time with family. Happy Thanksgiving!

**SAVE THE DATE –**

Dec. 12

Christmas Concert at 7PM

## Happening at St. John's:

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!** Join us at 9am on Thursday to give Thanks to God for another year, another harvest, another measure of His eternal blessings.

**“Thankful hearts and people produce a grateful culture,** a society that is set free to live freely, set free from the mere whims of others, allowing all to live, everyone from the smallest to the perceived greatest. Whether you trust in God or not, freedom exudes gratitude. Gratitude is the grace that blesses all in this life. It gives others some semblance of hope.” *Rev. Mark Frith, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### **THE FAITH ONCE FOR ALL DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS...**

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### **This week:**

Sunday, 11/23	9am 10am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service
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Tues, 11/25	7pm	Lutheran Basics
Thurs, 11/27	9am	Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, 11/30	9am 10am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service Children's Christmas Program Practice
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## The End, or . . .?

Today is the “Last Sunday of the Church Year.” Unlike the calendar year, the church year begins with Advent, as we look forward to Jesus’ appearance.

The Old Testament believers had the promise of a Messiah. From the Garden of Eden, they had been told that God would send a Savior. Various details were given, as we will hear from the prophets Isaiah, Micah, and others. God would redeem His people from their sin.

When Jesus came, many of those who had been given the promise of the Messiah did not believe that God had fulfilled that promise. Some still wait for the Messiah to come, while others assume it is just a story with no real expectation of fulfillment.

Today, we know that the Messiah came. Jesus was (is) the Messiah, the Promised One, who was foretold – the One who would restore the relationship between God and His people, a relationship which had been broken by sin. Jesus would pay the price for sin with His own blood, dying on the cross for the sins of the world.

The price for sin has been paid. We have been saved. But we still live with sin. We still sin and face its consequences. Some have concluded (again) that the promises of God are a myth, or don’t mean what the church has said that they mean.

As we celebrate the end of a church year, it is not that this is “all there is.” We continue to hold on to the promise that the Messiah will return. Though He completely paid for sin on the cross, there is one more thing to do – He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

At the end of another church year, we remember that Christ will come again. This is not the end. So we turn again to the One who promised. We pray with the saints in heaven, “Come, Lord Jesus,” knowing that when He comes, then will sin and its effects finally be undone. When He returns in glory, the perfection of God’s creation will be restored, and all who believe in Him with it. When He returns, our sorrows and struggles will be wiped away. Come, Lord Jesus!

# Confession and Absolution

## 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

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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.

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# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8*

Let all the earth | fear the LORD; \*  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!  
Come, bless the LORD, all you servants | of the LORD, \*  
who stand by night in the house | of the LORD!  
Lift up your hands to the | holy place \*  
and | bless the LORD!  
May the LORD bless you from | Zion, \*  
he who made | heaven and earth!  
**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 all the earth | fear the LORD;\*

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!

## **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.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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### **Old Testament Reading**

*Malachi 3:13–18*

<sup>13</sup>“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ <sup>14</sup>You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”

<sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name.

<sup>17</sup>“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle**

*Colossians 1:13–20*

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.



<sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## 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 23:27–43*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

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

<sup>27</sup>And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are

you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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

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

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### 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

- 1 Lord, enthroned in heav’nly splendor,  
First-begotten from the dead,  
You alone, our strong defender,  
Lifting up Your people’s head.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus, true and living bread!  
Jesus, true and living bread!
- 2 Though the lowliest form now veil You  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there Your angels hail You,  
Branch and flow’r of Jesse’s stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
We in worship join with them;  
We in worship join with them.
- 3 Paschal Lamb, Your off’ring, finished  
Once for all when You were slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall forevermore remain,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Cleansing souls from ev’ry stain;  
Cleansing souls from ev’ry stain.
- 4 Life-imparting heav’nly manna,  
Stricken rock with streaming side,  
Heav’n and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship You, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Ris’n, ascended, glorified!

Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

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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.

O Lord, grant that we may rejoice in Christ, who displays His kingly reign first from the cross and on whom we wait for the revelation of all that is to come, that we may enter into our eternal rest by the merits of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** O Lord, bless this congregation and Your whole Church with faithful pastors and church workers who speak without embarrassment or apology the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen. Grant that we, as hearers of this Gospel, may respond with thanksgiving. Give courage and boldness to speak the Truth especially to Pastor Sam Powell, missionaries Robyn Steele, Daniel Jastram, Heidi Paul, and Rachel Krause. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** O Lord, by Christ's atoning death we are spared as sons and estimated as treasured possessions of the Father. Bless all Christian homes, that as the children of Your kingdom we would grow in the fear of the Lord and the esteem of Your name, serve You faithfully, and walk in Your charge undismayed by the prosperity of the wicked, until all is revealed at the Last Day. Bless especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, including Matt Wilkerson (11/24), Ron Klatt (11/27), Robert Klatt (11/27), and Ron & Ruth Ann Klatt (11/25). Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** O Lord, let the earth fear You and all the world's inhabitants stand in awe of Your Christ, for You alone with the Holy Spirit are King of kings and Lord of lords. Preserve those who fear and serve You in this fallen world. Maintain good government among us. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus, for Your kingdom is not of this world and our citizenship is with You in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** O Lord, grant healing and peace to all those afflicted in body and mind. Relieve the suffering, give peace to the dying and comfort those who grieve, [especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, Bob Duncan, and Beth Depke] that in their need You may be their strength and peace. Lord, in

Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, bring us in repentance and faith to receive rightly Your Son's body and blood. Manifest in us the unity of faith and a strong witness before the world. By this communion, let our lives bear the good fruits of Your Spirit in holy words and works. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** O Lord, preserve Your people from all temptation and amid all trial, lest they give into the power of evil or despair. Grant that Your people be bold and faithful witnesses to those around them. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** O Christ, our King, in Your blood the saints of all ages wash their robes and find entrance to paradise with You. Bring us also with them out of death and the grave and into resurrection and eternal life at the Last Day, when we will see You crowned with glory; for You are the Lamb who was slain and now lives and reigns with the Father and the 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, 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*

**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

### 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–85, alt.  
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### 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,



All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–78  
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## 610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

- 1 Lord Jesus, think on me  
And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free  
And make me pure within.
- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me,  
By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me Your loving servant be  
And taste Your promised rest.
- 3 Lord Jesus, think on me  
Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery,  
O be my health and life!
- 4 Lord Jesus, think on me  
Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity  
Point out Your chosen way.
- 5 Lord Jesus, think on me  
That, when this life is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see  
And share Your joy at last.

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## 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended.  
O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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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.

### **680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise**

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise  
Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head  
Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally  
Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree  
All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing  
Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes  
Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee  
Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing  
Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

- 4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize  
Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise  
Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
- 5 Thine the glory in the night  
No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree  
Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy  
Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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