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January 18, 2026  The Confession of St. Peter

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

Today the paraments are white as we rejoice that Jesus came to bless the water of Holy Baptism, that we who are baptized might be made Holy like Him.

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, January 11, 2026:

Attendance: 92 (5 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 18 / 15 / 6

Offerings: \$2909 / \$142.80 / \$170 (electronic)

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

CALVARY INSIDER – What happened at Calvary after returning from break?

- Pastor McCalley led Wednesday chapel. Following chapel, students joined for devotional time, food, and fellowship in Family Groups.
- Calvary hosted 2000+ guests at its the home Archery Tournament this weekend. On Friday, Archery Seniors and their parents were recognized for the hard work put into the program over the last 4 years.
- Students and teachers from Springfield Lutheran High School, in their inaugural school year, visited on Friday to shadow Calvary's school day.

TAKING A STAND FOR LIFE: Please pray for Calvary students, teachers and families as they travel to Washington D.C. this week for the National March for Life.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT at CALVARY BASKETBALL: Middle school students (grade 5-8) are invited to attend the Calvary varsity basketball games Tuesday, Feb 3rd beginning at 6 PM. 5th-8th graders wearing a Calvary shirt OR a shirt from their current school will receive free admission. Come out, rep your school and cheer for the Lions!

DISCOVER CALVARY DAY! – The Calvary Student ambassadors are looking forward to a Visit Day event on February 5th! This day is intended for 7th grade students to discover the advantages of a Lutheran high school education and the many opportunities available at Calvary. If you know a 7th grader (or 8th grader that has not attended before) who would benefit from knowing more about the Calvary experience, contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: *Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction* – Mark your calendar! The 2026 Crimson and Silver Dinner Auction at the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall will be held on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 4:00pm. Ticket information coming soon!

SAVE LIVES AT THE CALVARY BLOOD DRIVE – Mark your calendars for the next Calvary blood drive on Tuesday, February 23, from 1-6 PM in the Café at Calvary Lutheran High School. Please consider donating to help save a life!

UPCOMING EVENTS –

Jan 30	Homecoming Basketball Games, 6PM
Feb. 3	Middle School Night at Calvary Basketball Games
Feb. 5	Discover Calvary Day (7 th Grade Visit Day)
Feb. 6-7	Calvary Boys Basketball Tournament
Feb 20-21	Winter One Act Performances
April 25	Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction
May 29	Calvary Golf Tournament

Happening at St. John's:

Have you heard of LERT? Lutheran Early Response Teams go on behalf of LCMS Disaster Response and Relief to help congregations and communities following a disaster. Volunteers are trained to help in specific ways. LERT volunteers helped after the tornado in 2019. They also work to help the community in between disasters! Find more information at lcms-lert.org. Watch for more information, including a possible training event in our area.

“Our task is to make sure that our fellow Lutherans and our neighbors know how much God loves us just as we are. Look at this fingerprint: God made each of us unique. There is no one else just like you. God knew you before you were born (Jeremiah 1:5). He knitted you together in your mother’s womb. You were fearfully and wonderfully made, and God had a plan for your life even before you took a breath in this sinful, beautiful world that He created for you (Psalm 139:13-16).” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST...
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This week:

Sunday, 1/18	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Calvary Brunch (hosted by Ladies' Aid)
		Annual Voters' Meeting

Tues, 1/20	7pm	Lutheran Basics
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Sunday, 1/25	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service

A Righteous Confession

Today, we celebrate Peter's Confession that Jesus is the Christ. Without understanding of the Old Testament, it may not mean much to people. It is a title indicating the fulfillment of all of God's promises beginning at the Garden.

In Genesis 3, God tells the serpent that the offspring of the woman will bruise his head. This is the first promise of the Messiah (Christ) who will come to redeem God's creation. Later, through various people called by God, He would continue to give more details about the coming Savior. But clearly, the truth remained somewhat hidden or obscured by people's perceptions and desires.

Later, Jesus would tell the disciples that He spoke in parables "because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand" (Matthew 13:13). Even though Jesus spoke with authority unparalleled among the teachers of Israel and performed miracles, many still did not see that He was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, the One who was to come to save people from their sins (as the angel told Joseph, Matthew 1:21). So the people who witnessed Jesus were confused, thinking Him perhaps a great prophet or even John or Elijah. But they did not think that He was the One who would change everything!

Today, many still miss the full realization of who Jesus is and what He came to do. Even among Christians, He is often seen as someone who came to enable and encourage us to please God. They see important aspects of Jesus as a great teacher and a good example. But they miss that He came to pay the price that we cannot pay. He came to bear our stripes (Isaiah 53) and even to "be made sin" (2 Corinthians 5), taking our place and dying for us.

Jesus is, indeed, the Christ, the anointed One, the One promised to redeem and rescue God's creation. By His death, the world was made right with God, a blessing that is only revealed and received through faith. Through faith, you know that He is the Christ, who came to save you.

Confession and Absolution

912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

1 Christ is our cornerstone,
 On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
 The courts of heav'n are filled.

On His great love
 Our hopes we place
 Of present grace
And joys above.

2 Here may we gain from heav'n
 The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
 Be with us evermore
Until that day
 When all the blest
 To endless rest
Are called away.

△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise
 These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
 The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
 In joyful song,
 Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

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Stand

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

Invocation

¶ In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
¶ Amen.

Exhortation

¶ Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess
our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our

LSB 184

Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

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P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 89:1, 5, 15–16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | O Lord,*
and shall not be | put to shame.
I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;*
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all genera- |
tions.
Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,*
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!
Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,
who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

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 will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*

and shall not be | put to shame.

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'ly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have

mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You revealed to the apostle Peter the blessed truth that Your Son Jesus is the Christ. Strengthen us by the proclamation of this truth that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 4:8–13

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good

deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

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

Epistle

2 Peter 1:1-15

¹Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

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

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.
C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.**

Sit

512 At the Name of Jesus

- 1 At the name of Jesus
 Ev'ry knee shall bow,
 Ev'ry tongue confess Him
 King of glory now.
 'Tis the Father's pleasure
 We should call Him Lord,
 Who from the beginning
 Was the mighty Word.
- 2 At His voice creation
 Sprang at once to sight,
 All the angel faces,
 All the hosts of light,
 Thrones and bright dominions,
 Stars upon their way,
 All the heav'ly orders
 In their great array.
- 3 Humbled for a season,
 To receive a name
 From the lips of sinners
 Unto whom He came,
 Faithfully He bore it
 Spotless to the last,
 Brought it back victorious
 When from death He passed;
- 4 Bore it up triumphant
 With its human light,
 Through all ranks of creatures

To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

5 In your hearts enthrone Him;
There let Him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
Crown Him as your captain
In temptation's hour;
Let His will enfold you
In its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again
In His Father's glory,
With His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him
King of glory now.

△ 7 Glory then to Jesus,
Who, the Prince of light,
To a world in darkness
Brought the gift of sight;
Praise to God the Father;
In the Spirit's love
Praise we all together
Him who reigns above.

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Presentation of Offering

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, receive our praise this day for St. Peter and his confession that Jesus is the Christ. We rejoice that Your Son builds His Church upon this rock and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Keep us in this faith all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You placed the wood of the cross on the back of Your only begotten Son, that as the promised offspring of Abraham He might possess the gates of hell. Bless, we pray, His Church and all those called to preach and teach within her. Give them certainty that hell cannot prevail against them, and so embolden them in faith to trample every power of the enemy underfoot. Comfort and guide especially Pastor Gary Brandt, missionaries Dale Kaster and Gustavo Maita, and military chaplains Ryan Schnake and Coleman Geraci. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, as You call and gather us into Your family, so bless the households of this congregation. Bless husbands and wives, fathers and mothers as they go about their work of strengthening marriage and raising children. Let their love abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, and fill their homes with the righteousness that comes through Christ Jesus. Strengthen Peggy Heidbreder (1/19) and all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Shine Your light upon us, O Lord, that we may do what is good and right and live as faithful citizens in our nation. Bless Donald, our president; Mike, our governor; and all those elected and appointed to make, administer and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of glory, You are the Great Physician of body and soul. Give rest, healing and relief to all who are sick or in any need *especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, Beth Depke, Bert & Mary Messer, and the family of Velinda Holtgrewe*. Be with all expectant mothers and their children. Invite them and us to cast all

anxiety on You, and so live in the certainty of Your steadfast love.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving Father, until Your Son returns in glory, He gives us His body and blood to sustain us. Grant that all who receive this gift today may receive it in faith, trusting that it is given for the forgiveness of their sins and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, grant us the grace to take up our crosses and follow wherever You lead. Give us courage in the face of challenge and adversity and compassion and harmony in our lives together. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, 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 Peter, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify

Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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

LSB 197

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 \ddagger 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 \ddagger 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 197

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

¶ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood,
And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see
Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined
To any habitation;
But You are present even now
Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.

5 Though reason cannot understand,
 Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
 At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessedèd comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603–68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.
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576 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
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588 Jesus Loves Me

sts. 1, ref. 2

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain

ref Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Lets His little child come in. Refrain

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
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587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

1 I know my faith is founded
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing,
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.
Our reason cannot fathom
The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom
Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient,
It makes divinely sure;

And trusting in its wisdom,
My faith shall rest secure.

- 2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,
For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure
And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with You beside me,
I shall be undismayed;
And led by Your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance
To ev'ry evil foe.
- 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You;
Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me,
Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure,
Lord, take me home to You,
Your riches to inherit
As all You said holds true.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
Until Your heav'n I gain,
Where I by Your great mercy
The end of faith attain.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

LSB 199

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and
preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart **†** in peace.
C Amen.

Nunc Dimitis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according
to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast
prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

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.

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

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1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
 Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
 With ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'ly chorus!
 Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
 May see You face to face.

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