

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lohman (Stringtown), Missouri
Phone (573) 782-3191 Cell: (573) 818-2112
Brian Whittle, Pastor
Email: stjohnstringtown@gmail.com
Website: www.stjohnstringtown.org
Facebook: fb.me/stjohnstringtown/

February 1, 2026 ✠ The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Today the paraments are green for the season of Epiphany. This season is focused on the early life and ministry of Jesus, as He first revealed the kingdom of God.

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 18, 2026:

Attendance: 77 (no livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 14 / 17 / 4

Offerings: \$2933 / \$151.30 / \$170 (electronic)

Sunday, January 25 – in-person service was cancelled

Attendance: 27 livestream;

online offering - \$170 (week prior)

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

CALVARY INSIDER – What happened at Calvary during the last week of January?

- Students decorated the halls to celebrate Spirit Week with the theme, "Calvary: Under Construction."
- Homecoming week spirit dress up days encouraged Calvary students to dress up ahead of Friday night's games! The dance rounded out the festivities on Saturday evening.

LION BASKETBALL – Upcoming games at **Home**:

February 6-7 Boys Basketball Showcase

Calvary Boys play 6pm on Fri.

10:30 am, 4pm on Sat.

Visit calvarylhs.org/calendar/ to view the full calendar!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT at CALVARY BASKETBALL: Middle school students are invited to attend the Calvary varsity basketball games **THIS** Tuesday, Feb 3 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!

DON'T MISS OUT ON DISCOVER CALVARY DAY! – The Calvary Student ambassadors are looking forward to this Visit Day event on February 5! 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.

CRIMSON & DINNER! AUCTION – Tickets are available for the 2025 Crimson and Silver Dinner Auction at the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, April 26, beginning at 4:00pm. Ticket price is \$50 per person, and tables of 8 are available for \$375. Purchase tickets online at linktr.ee/calvarylhs or call the school office at (573) 638-0228.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

Feb 20-21	Winter One Act Performances
Feb 25	Calvary Blood Drive, 1-6PM in the Café at Calvary
April 25	Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction
May 29	Calvary Golf Tournament

Today, the following are being installed, after having been elected at the annual Voters' Meeting: President – Ron Klatt; Secretary – Barbara Stahlman; Treasurer – William Kautsch; Elder – Tim Meller; Trustee – Donn Schmoeger; Evangelism – Cindy Kautsch; Sunday School – Abby Distler; Finance – Marla Young.

“You may have a messy story. Your family may have a dysfunctional past. Your past (or present) may be filled with greed, sexual immorality, or other idols. But Jesus won't let that stop Him from reaching out to you with the message of His unconditional love. You might be far from good, but you are not too far gone for God.” *Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

SANCTIFYING YOUR EXERCISE ROUTINE WITH THE WORD OF GOD..Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: A Christian View of Leisure, Remember the Sabbath Day, Bioethics for Nurses, The Movie “Knives Out: Wake up Dead Man” and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

This week:

Sunday, 2/1	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
Mon, 2/2	6:30	Confirmation
Tues, 2/3	7pm	Lutheran Basics
Sunday, 2/8	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Visit and Report from John Christman, Calvary LHS Fellowship

Two Kingdoms

Luther caused a bit of a stir when he described that we live in two kingdoms: the kingdom of the left, which is basically the civil realm, and the kingdom of the right, which is the realm in which the church operates. It is of critical importance to recognize at the outset that God is the ruler of both kingdoms. The civil realm is not, as many today think, out of God's control and authority.

The lefthand kingdom, the civil realm, is governed by mortals, acting through governments, legislation, enforcement, courts, and the like. Though governments are arranged differently in different places, Luther recognized that all governments exist only by and under the will of God (see what Paul says about governments in Romans 13). Nonetheless, because these governments are filled with sinful people, they do not always act in God-pleasing ways. Yet, Luther would argue (based especially on Paul's writings), Christians are subject to those governments, and should honor and obey them unless they specifically go against the will of God (Acts 5:29).

The righthand kingdom is sometimes called the spiritual kingdom. That does not mean, though, that it exists in another dimension, or has no contact or relationship with the world in which we live. Though some today think that any talk of faith should be kept out of the civil realm, that is not how God works. The church is "smack dab" in the middle of the civil realm because we who live in the civil realm sin and need forgiveness. And forgiveness – the Gospel – is the business of the church, and the gift God offers through it.

God so works through the two kingdoms that they should work together and in harmony. The rulers of the civil realm should keep peace and tranquility so that Christians can worship the True God. The church equips its members to show God's grace within the civil realm. It is no accident that hospitals, schools, and even hotels had their beginnings in the church, where Christians could use the gifts God had given them to do good to their neighbor. The church is avoiding its calling and mission if it remains isolated from the community around it. Through Christ, the church can show His compassion to those around who need it!

Confession and Absolution

904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.
- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

- △ 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

Text (sts. 1–3): Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 4): Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein, 1707, Berlin; (st. 4): tr. unknown, alt.
Text: Public domain

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 184

P 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 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

LSB 185

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 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,*
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;
but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates | day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not | wither.*

In all that he does, he | prospers.

The wicked | are not so,*
 but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.
 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,*
 nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous.
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.
 For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
 but the way of the wicked will | perish.

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'nly 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.
 Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers
 that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and
 protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all
 temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
 and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1–8

¹Hear what the LORD says:
Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
³“O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!
⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
⁸He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

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

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

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the

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

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.

Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, alt.
Text: Public domain

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.

Lord, You have called us to good work in our various vocations. Give us courage that we might never be ashamed of Christ and Him crucified, but be free to boast in the Lord within our callings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of all wisdom, You tell us plainly that the Word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but it is Your power to all who are being saved. Strengthen the faith of pastors and congregations, that they would not turn to man-made wisdom but boldly proclaim Christ and Him crucified. Give that boldness especially to Pastor Kent Pierce and missionaries Shara Osiro, David Preus, and Matt Wasmund. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Bless especially those who celebrate birthdays this week, including Nolan Wunderlich (2/2) and Brenda Wunderlich (2/2). Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord of lords, You rescued Your people from Egypt and confounded Balak, king of Moab, for their protection. Guide the decisions and actions of all earthly authorities, that Your people may live in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, when Christ returns in His glory You promise to wipe away every tear from every eye. Comfort those who mourn. Heal and deliver, according to Your good and gracious will, those troubled by sickness and affliction [including Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, Beth Depke, Ethel Heidbreder, and Sharon Fischer]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of all righteousness, You command us to be holy as You are holy, and You sanctify us with Your Son's body and blood. Prepare the hearts of all who partake of the Sacrament today, that they might repent of their sin, trust in Your promises and find their righteousness in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy Father, You know the way of the righteous. Preserve Your people from walking in the counsel of the wicked, from standing in the way of sinners and from sitting in the seat of scoffers. By Your grace, cause them to delight in Your Holy Word. 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 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 ✠ 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 197

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

[C] **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.

Distribution

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
 Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
 Come into the daylight's splendor,
 There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
 He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
 Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
 And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
 For with words of life immortal
 He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
 Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
 That I nevermore will leave You.

- 3 He who craves a precious treasure
 Neither cost nor pain will measure;
 But the priceless gifts of heaven
 God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
 Christ's true body, for you riven,
 And His blood, for you once given.

- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
 Over this surpassing wonder
 That the bread of life is boundless
 Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
 Oh, most glorious consolation,
 Pledge and seal of my salvation!

- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,

Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-77; (sts. 1, 4-5): tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; (sts. 2-3, 6-8): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Text (sts. 1, 4-5): © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110003409
Text (sts. 2-3, 6-8): Public domain

683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

- 1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;
Be Thou alone my constant flame.

- 2 O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.
- 3 This love unwearied I pursue
And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,
Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
And day and night, be all my care
To guard this sacred treasure there.
- 4 In suffering be Thy love my peace,
In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide,
And draw me safely to Thy side!
- Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
Text: Public domain

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,

Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
 Anthems be to Thee addressed,
 God in man made manifest.

- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
 Christ will then like lightning shine,
 All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
 Thou by all wilt be confessed,
 God in man made manifest.

- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy holy Word—
 Grace to imitate Thee now
 And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany
 And may praise Thee, ever blest,
 God in man made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt.
Text: Public domain

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 Dimittis

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.

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
 By the cross are sanctified;
 Peace is there that knows no measure,
 Joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
Text: Public domain

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.
Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2026 Concordia Publishing House.