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February 8, 2026            The 5<sup>th</sup> 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, February 1, 2026:

Attendance: 67 (8 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 9 / 18 / 3

Offerings: \$3951 / \$71.26 / \$170 (electronic)

# Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

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

- Wednesday chapel was led by Pastor Steensma. Following chapel, students and staff joined with their family groups for a devotion, food and fellowship.
- Nearly 40 7th grade students participated in Discover Calvary Day on Thursday.
- Our Basketball Lions played their hardest in the Calvary Boys Basketball Showcase hosted Friday and Saturday.

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

**Feb. 16 JV/V Boys vs. Laquey, 5PM**

Visit [calvarylhs.org/calendar/](http://calvarylhs.org/calendar/) to view the full calendar!

**UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES** – Are you exploring high school options for your student? We invite you to join us at Calvary's Open House nights, where you can hear directly from our students and parents about their experiences. The events start at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19 and Tuesday, February 24. Call the office at 573-638-0228 or visit [linktr.ee/calvarylhs](http://linktr.ee/calvarylhs) to reserve your spot today!

**WINTER DRAMA ONE-ACTS** – The Calvary Drama Department has been rehearsing for their 2026 One-Act Festival! This year there will have two shows; *We Are The Sea* and *13 Ways to Screw Up Your College Interview*. There will be two opportunities for you to enjoy the shows:

Friday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 21, 6:00 p.m.

**CRIMSON & DINNER! AUCTION** – You can now get tickets for the 2026 Crimson and Silver Dinner Auction, happening at St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, April 25. Doors open at 4:00pm. Tickets are \$50 each, or you can reserve a table for eight for \$375. To buy tickets, visit [linktr.ee/calvarylhs](http://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 Benefit Golf Tournament

**Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18.** We will be having dinners on Wednesday nights at 6, followed by worship at 7. Please sign up on the table in the narthex if you would like to help with one of the meals. The Evangelism Committee is providing dinner on Ash Wednesday.

**“God loves you in your vulnerability** so much that He subjected Himself to conform to a vulnerable human body. So today ... remember that Jesus, in whom all things hold together, loves you, individually. He is fully present with you just as He was in His mother’s arms. God’s peace be with you this day, this night.” *Andrea Delwiche – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**THE LIGHT OF GOD’S WORD IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS...**  
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 subjects include: A Christian View of Leisure, Responding to Transgenderism in Light of God’s Word, Jesus as Priest, Faithful Ministry in a Post-Christian Culture, Reducing Theology to Pithy Slogans, Christian Apologetics and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

### **This week:**

Sunday, 2/8	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Fellowship
Mon, 2/9	6:30	Confirmation
Tues, 2/10	7pm	Lutheran Basics
Sunday, 2/15	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service

# **Fervent Love Toward One Another**

In one of the post-communion prayers, the pastor prays that God would “strengthen us . . . in fervent love toward one another.” Though people often think of the Lord’s Supper primarily in terms of their relationship with God, there is this other aspect that bears our consideration and effort.

The church, and therefore the Christians who belong to it, exists in the world. There are some who may think that the church should be separate from the world; there are even Christian groups which try to completely divorce themselves from the world around them. But that is not what Jesus created the church to be. Luther recognized that the church exists to show and share the presence of Christ with the world. It is the light in the darkness of sin. It is the embodiment of Jesus’ love and compassion. It is, because God is, a place of refuge and strength (see Psalm 46 and “A Mighty Fortress”).

Being followers of Christ and members of His church, we are called to love our neighbor. This means doing good to our neighbor even if we also endure persecution. It includes helping other believers as well as non-believers. Though we should, with the Father, desire that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth (1 Timothy 2:4), sometimes we simply help where help is needed; we do not place conditions on the love of God which He shows through us.

The Christian groups which exist to point out the sins of the world without giving aid and showing mercy where appropriate miss what God has called them to be. So do the groups which go with the world and ignore sin.

We are called both as individuals and as a church to share the love of God in Christ Jesus. Because our sins, which are great, have been forgiven by the Father (Matthew 18:21ff), so we should forgive the sins of others. And we should give them help as they endure the evils and temptations of the fallen world around them!

# Confession and Absolution

## 825 Rise, Shine, You People

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in Him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
With grace unbounded.
  
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
Now are forgiven.
  
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
Of Jesus' glory.
  
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
His new creation.

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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 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 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12*

Blessèd are you, | O LORD;\*  
teach me your | statutes!  
How can a young man keep his | way pure?\*  
By guarding it according | to your word.  
With my whole heart I | seek you;\*  
let me not wander from your com- | mandments!  
I have stored up your word | in my heart,\*  
that I might not sin a- | gainst you.  
Blessèd are you, | O LORD;\*  
teach me your | statutes!  
With my lips | I declare\*  
all the just decrees | of your mouth.  
In the way of your testimonies | I delight\*  
as much as in all | riches.  
I will meditate on your | precepts\*  
and fix my eyes | on your ways.  
I will delight in your | statutes;\*

I will not for- | get your word.  
**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.  
Blessèd are you, | O LORD,\*  
teach me your | statutes!

## 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.  
O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith  
that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be  
defended by Your mighty power; 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

*Isaiah 58:3–9a*

<sup>3</sup>“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?"

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day  
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,  
and a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>"Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of wickedness,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover him,

and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?  
<sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up speedily;  
your righteousness shall go before you;

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God

decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

- C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 5:13–20*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass

from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **Nicene Creed**

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

**578 Thy Strong Word**

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conq'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,

Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

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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** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
  
**P** For counsel and aid for those who cry to the Lord in weakness and in need, that the Lord would bless and prosper His Church so that she may be salt and light, giving bold witness to the redemption provided in Jesus Christ and giving shape to God's love by showing compassion to all in need, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
  
**P** For our Synod, her congregations and schools, her pastors, teachers,

deaconesses, musicians and all her faithful servants; especially for Pastor Tim Morris, Pastor Dave Prill, and for missionaries Christel Neuendorf, Danelle Putnam, Cheryl Ferry, and Tyler McMILLER, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Synod convention this summer and those who are making preparations, especially those gathering nominations for elected office, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our homes, husbands and wives, the children in their care and extended family, that the Lord would guide us to serve each other in love; and that our homes would become places of blessing and peace where God's Word is spoken, forgiveness is shown and love is demonstrated in word and deed; for Brynlee Ziegelbein (2/8) and Marla Young (2/10) as they celebrate birthdays, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the rulers of this age whom God has placed in authority, that they may fulfill their duties in wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick, the suffering, the grieving and the dying, *[especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, Ethel Heidbreder, and Sharon Fischer]* that they would receive healing, relief, comfort and peace according to the Lord's will; and that they would be delivered from their afflictions, sustained in their struggles and be granted patience in their adversities, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who commune this day, that Christ, whose righteousness goes before us and whose glory is our rearguard, would visit His people at the altar with grace and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the mind of Christ, that we would not dismiss His gifts as folly, but judge and discern all things according to His wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** All these things we pray, O Lord, in confidence of Your mercy.

Supply us with all things needed and beneficial to us and to our faith, and keep from us all things harmful, that we may rest our fears in You and be granted a clear conscience and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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  $\ddagger$  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.

### 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.

*Sit*

### Distribution

**637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

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

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### **873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true and only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise;  
Triumph o'er the shades of night.  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return  
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88  
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### **563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

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## 526 You Are the Way; through You Alone

- 1 You are the way; through You alone  
Can we the Father find;  
In You, O Christ, has God revealed  
His heart and will and mind.
- 2 You are the truth; Your Word alone  
True wisdom can impart;  
You only can inform the mind  
And purify the heart.
- 3 You are the life; the empty tomb  
Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,  
And those who put their trust in You  
Not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life;

Grant us that way to know,  
That truth to keep, that life to win  
Whose joys eternal flow.

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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.

## 832 Jesus Shall Reign

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:  
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
Honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen.

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