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February 15, 2026      ✠      The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

**Today** the paraments are white as we celebrate the Lord's Transfiguration, when His glory shone (though not to its full extent) before the disciples

**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 8, 2026:

Attendance: 85 (5 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 14 / 18 / 4

Offerings: \$3996 / \$54 / \$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 Pastor Knippa. Witness Workshop followed chapel. This event welcomes local pastors & church workers to role play with students to practice sharing their faith.
- Calvary was excited to welcome several shadow students this week!

**LION BASKETBALL** – Cheer on your Lions at the final **home** game of the season:

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

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

**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.

**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!

**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.

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS** –

Feb 23 **Calvary Blood Drive**, 1-6PM in the Café at Calvary

May 29 Calvary Benefit Golf Tournament

[calvarylhs.org/golftournament](http://calvarylhs.org/golftournament)

## Happening at St. John's:

**Game Night Tonight!!!!** Join the youth tonight for a night of fun and fellowship. Youth will supply the drinks; please bring a snack and your favorite game. We will start around 5:30.

**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 and the Duncans are providing dinner this week.

**Strengthening parents to share the faith at home . . .** Next week, we will begin a "Faith at Home Milestones" series of events. Parents are invited to come together to talk with Pastor Whittle about the challenges of raising children today, and especially about passing on the faith to them. Next week, the parents of 2 year olds will gather together. Look for more information about more gatherings, and find out how you can help!

**"The message of Jesus' transfiguration**—the fact that Jesus is God and Savior—has the power to transfigure you, to give you metamorphosis, to transform you from a bug to a butterfly! That's what metamorphosis means. So, this week—and forever!—live a new life, one worthy of Christ, in whose sunshine and light, in whose transfiguration, you now bask." *Rev. Paul Marggraf – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### **This week:**

Sunday, 2/15	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
	5:30	Game Night

Mon, 2/16	6:30	Confirmation
Wed, 2/18	6pm	Dinner
	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, 2/22	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Faith at Home Milestones – 2 year olds

# Sackcloth and Ashes

This Wednesday, Lutheran churches (and many others) will begin the observance of the season of Lent. It arose in the early church as a way to set aside a time of more intense focus on our life in Christ.

While we generally try to avoid thoughts and discussions of painful topics, such as our own shortcomings, it is difficult to fully appreciate God's gift of salvation through Jesus Christ without taking a closer look at why He had to come, why He had to die.

We begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Whether or not a church (or an individual Christian) uses the practice of giving/receiving ashes, the day is set aside for every Christian to be mindful of his or her great need for Jesus. The ashes are a reminder of what we are worth because of our sin!

When God sent Jonah to speak to the Ninevites, we often remember what happened to Jonah, getting swallowed and spit back by the fish. It is also important to remember why this happened in the first place. When God told Jonah to go, He said it was because "their evil has come up before me." God wanted the Ninevites to change, to turn from their evil ways.

Jonah did not want to face them, fearing that they would not receive the message well. But, when he finally obeyed God and called them to repentance, they did. Scripture records (Jonah 3:6), "the word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he issued a proclamation . . . Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands." When "they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it."

It is not necessary to wear sackcloth or sit in ashes to turn from your sins. But we, too, need to acknowledge our sin and turn away from it, trusting in the Lord's forgiveness and salvation. Jesus came to save us from our sin, not that we should continue to do it and live in it.

# Confession and Absolution

## 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past  
And hope of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified  
And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death,  
We see Thy kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright  
And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.

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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  $\text{✠}$  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

*Psalms 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9*

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;\*  
 for the LORD our God is | holy!  
 The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!\*  
 He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!  
 The LORD is great in | Zion;\*  
 he is exalted over all the | peoples.  
 Let them praise your great and | awesome name!\*  
 Ho- | ly is he!  
 The King in his might loves | justice.\*  
 You have established equity; you have executed justice and  
 righteousness in | Jacob.  
 Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!\*  
 Ho- | ly is he!

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.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;\*  
for the LORD our God is | holy!

## 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.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 24:8–18*

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 17:1–9*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

**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*

### **413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair**

- 1 O wondrous type! O vision fair  
Of glory that the Church may share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
Where brighter than the sun He glows!
- 2 With Moses and Elijah nigh  
The \_incarnate Lord holds converse high;  
And from the cloud the Holy One  
Bears record to the only Son.
- 3 With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above  
Who joy in God with perfect love.
- 4 And faithful hearts are raised on high  
By this great vision's mystery,  
For which in joyful strains we raise

The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

△ 5 O Father, with the eternal Son  
And Holy Spirit ever one,  
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace  
To see Thy glory face to face.

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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 holy fear as we hear the very words of Christ, who is both God and man, that we would see His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all Christians, that they may faithfully confess their Lord's name and receive His Word and blessed Sacraments; for our Lutheran Church, especially her secretary and the men nominated to serve as president and first vice-president, that they may have wisdom and discernment for the good of the Church; for and for all servants of the Word, that they should have no fear and boldly confess Christ, including Pastor Joshua Ketelsen, missionary Johanna Stinnet, and military chaplains Charles Mallie, Keith Witte, and Larry Beane, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For families, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households; for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week,

including Jason Wade (2/16) and Benjamin Propst 2/21); and for all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who make, administer and judge our laws, that rightly fearing God, they would establish equity in this land, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those in need of Christ's healing touch, [*especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, Ethel Heidebreder, and Sharon Fischer* \_\_\_\_\_,] that they would receive His comfort in the midst of their fears and wholeness of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who drink from the cup of the new covenant, that Christ's blood, shed for us, would make us worthy to recline with saints and angels in heaven, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For faith to reverently receive the Word of Christ, that we who have heard His voice would live our lives gladly according to His way, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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**

### **623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;

All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.

4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven's high and holy feast.

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## 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
    Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.  
He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
    “Come and taste the blessed feast.”

2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
    In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
    Of His sacred covenant.

3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
    Blood and body, giv'n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
    Hung upon the cursed tree.

4 God descends with heav'nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour  
    In this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
    That I taste His love divine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,

Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.

- 6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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### 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.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, 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 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**

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- 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.**

### 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness,  
Voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem  
Ever raised by choirs on high;  
In the house of God abiding  
Thus they sing eternally.
- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest,  
True Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluia, joyful mother,  
All thy children sing with thee,  
But by Babylon's sad waters  
Mourning exiles now are we.
- 3 Alleluia cannot always  
Be our song while here below;  
Alleluia, our transgressions  
Make us for a while forgo;  
For the solemn time is coming  
When our tears for sin must flow.
- 4 Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,  
Grant us, blessed Trinity,  
At the last to keep Thine Easter  
With Thy faithful saints on high;  
There to Thee forever singing  
Alleluia joyfully.

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