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March 8, 2026      †      The Third Sunday in Lent

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

**Today** the paraments are purple through the season of Lent. This is a color long associated with repentance as we focus on the cross and Jesus sacrifice *for us*.

**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, March 1, 2026:

Attendance: 78 (4 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 16 / 16 / 5

Offerings: \$2347 / \$13 / \$170 (electronic)

Wednesday, February 25

Attendance: 26 (4): Offering: \$115/\$570

# Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

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

- Spring Sports began on Monday! Parents and student athletes met with coaches for their information meeting on Tuesday.
- The Senior Class visited the State Capitol on Tuesday to reinforce what they have been learning in Government class with Mrs. Luetkemeyer.
- Mr. Sprengel shared a chapel message on humility from Micah 6:6-8.
- On Thursday, the Concordia University Chicago Wind Symphony, with director, Professor Johanna Anderson, conducted a band clinic with the Calvary Band.

**SPRING SPORTS SPIRITWEAR** – Order your Spring Activities Calvary Spirit Wear this week! New designs are available for Music, E Sports, Baseball, Golf, and Track & Field. Hats are also available! Stop by the school office or visit [linktr.ee/calvarylhs](http://linktr.ee/calvarylhs)

**Orders are due Friday, March 13.**

**5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GAME NIGHT** – Get ready for a night of fun at GAME NIGHT on March 13 from 6–8 PM at Calvary Lutheran High School! Bring your friends and enjoy awesome games and FREE pizza for everyone! The event is completely FREE, and chaperones will supervise the whole time. Come ready to have a great time. We can't wait to see you there! Visit [linktr.ee/calvarylhs](http://linktr.ee/calvarylhs) to register your students today!

**CRIMSON & SILVER DINNER AUCTION** – Order your 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.

**BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT** – Calvary's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be Friday, May 29 at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton. Start putting your team together now for a fun day supporting students at Calvary Lutheran High School! If you are interested in helping to plan this event, contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 for more information. Teams can register at [calvarylhs.org/golftournament](http://calvarylhs.org/golftournament).

**EQUIPPING THE EXPANSION** – If you are interested in bless Calvary students by gifting a specific items for the new building addition, the wishlist can be found at [ExpandingExcellenceCLHS.org/Equipping-Expansion](http://ExpandingExcellenceCLHS.org/Equipping-Expansion)

**SAVE THE DATE** –

May 1	FFA Petting Zoo
May 1	Spring Concert, 7PM
May 23	Graduation, 10AM

## Happening at St. John's:

**Happy Birthday, Ethel Heidbreder!** Today's fellowship after church is in honor of Ethel's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Join her and her family to celebrate!

**Lent continues with a midweek service.** 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 call to be disciples of Jesus** who live out our faith each day and, in so doing, work to make disciples of others, has never been greater ... We need to boldly proclaim what God has done for us in Christ. Not in a spirit of superiority or power, but in a posture of love and grace.” *Bishop Dan Selbo, North American Lutheran Church – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**KARAOKE FOR CHRISTIAN HYMNS...** You can sing hymns like “The Angel Gabriel,” “Silent Night,” “This Joyful Eastertide,” “The Day of Resurrection,” “Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest” and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 55 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at [lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke](http://lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke).

### **This week:**

Sunday, 3/8	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service Fellowship – Happy Birthday, Ethel!
Mon, 3/9	6:30	Confirmation
Tues, 3/10	6:30	Elders' Meeting
Wed, 3/11	6pm	Dinner
	7pm	Midweek Lent Service
Sunday, 3/8	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service

# Rejoicing in Suffering

Paul reflects in his letter to the Christians in Rome that “we rejoice in our sufferings.” Though he goes on to explain that “suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us,” rejoicing in suffering still seems a bit strange to most.

Generally speaking, humans seem to desire fulfillment or human flourishing. Sometimes this can be seen as a desire for the good of someone else. Many can even deal with suffering if they see in it a “higher purpose.” But rejoicing in that suffering? That is still a tough sell. Perhaps it will help to define “rejoicing.” The word used by Paul here is often translated as “boasting.” “We boast in our sufferings.” It is not that Paul is excited about suffering, but glad that God has chosen Paul to suffer, or that God identifies Paul as capable of handling it.

Notice that Paul does not suggest rejoicing in suffering for suffering’s sake. This is not finding joy in pain. But it is important to note that Paul does not say that we can always or necessarily see specific purpose in suffering. Part of the point here is that we trust God.

Some will point to Paul’s encouragement from 1 Corinthians (10:13), that God “will not let you be tempted beyond your ability.” But it may also be helpful to remember his words in the next letter to the Corinthians (2Cor 1:8-9), that “. . . we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves, but on God who raises the dead.” Paul went on to describe that God delivered them then, and will continue to do so.

You suffer. You will suffer, as long as you live on earth. Do not think of the suffering as being rejected or ignored by God, but let that suffering turn you to the One who can help. He may end the suffering. Or He may remind you that He will be with you through it. Either way, when you turn to Him, you win, trusting in God’s mercy and love.

# Confession and Absolution

## 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
  
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
  
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86

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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 84:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\*  
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.  
How lovely is your | dwelling place,\*  
O | LORD of hosts!  
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD,\*  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.  
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where  
she may | lay her young,\*  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.  
Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\*  
ever sing- | ing your praise!

**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 those whose strength is | in you,\*  
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

## Kyrie

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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### Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 17:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD

among us or not?”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 5:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## Holy Gospel

*John 4:5–26*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

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

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will

give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”<sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”<sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”<sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.<sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.<sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.<sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”<sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”<sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

**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.

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### 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

- 1 May God bestow on us His grace,  
With blessings rich provide us;  
And may the brightness of His face  
To life eternal guide us,  
That we His saving health may know,  
His gracious will and pleasure,  
And also to the nations show  
Christ's riches without measure  
And unto God convert them.
  
- 2 Thine over all shall be the praise  
And thanks of ev'ry nation;  
And all the world with joy shall raise  
The voice of exultation.  
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,  
Nor suffer sin to flourish;  
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word  
Their souls to feed and nourish,  
In righteous paths to keep them.
  
- △ 3 O let the people praise Thy worth,  
In all good works increasing;  
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,  
Thy Word is rich in blessing.  
May God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit bless us!  
Let all the world praise Him alone,  
Let solemn awe possess us.  
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.  
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### Sermon

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### 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 of hosts, Your ancient people worshiped You in Jerusalem, and in Christ You are now worshiped among all nations. Grant us faithful hearts to worship in spirit and truth, that many would come to know You in Your Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** O God, You led Your ancient people by the hand of Moses and Aaron. Lead us through the wilderness of this world by the hand of faithful pastors, that we would be refreshed by the living water flowing from the stricken side of Christ. Bless the work of Pastor James Lanning, and military chaplains Brian Chisamore, Shawn Hazel, Jens Jenson, and Timothy Radkey. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Lord of all, You bestow Your riches on all who call upon You. Bless parents with all wisdom as they teach their children Your ways, that all in the household may confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord. Bless your children, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, including Ethel Heidbreder (3/9), Savannah Shelton (3/11), and Bert & Mary Messer (3/8). Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Heavenly Father, preserve our nation, and prosper the cause of justice in this land. Guide and grant Your wisdom to Donald, our president; the Congress of the United States; *Mike*, our governor; and all elected and appointed civil servants. Grant us peace among the nations, and watch over those who protect us in the armed forces of our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** O great Physician of body and soul, by Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity [*especially Cindy Eggen and Marguerite Young*].

Hold them all in Your almighty hands and bring them consolation. Heal them according to Your gracious will, and give us all grace to accept and bear our crosses with faith in You, that we would always be prepared to depart this life in faith and come to Your heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Merciful God, grant us safe haven at Your altar, that we who bear the weight of this world and its sorrows would always long for Your courts and the blessings You have prepared for those who sing Your praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Almighty Lord, to You all hearts are open and all sins are known. Strengthen our hearts by Your grace, that we who daily sin much would make confession boldly and then joyfully receive Your precious word of absolution. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** These and whatever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, 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 overcame the

assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

### 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 blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603-68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841-1931, alt.  
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### 543 What Wondrous Love Is This

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
    When I was sinking down  
    Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
    To God and to the Lamb,  
    Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
    And when from death I'm free,  
    I'll sing His love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt.  
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## 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
    Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
    Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
    Feed me till I want no more;  
    Feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain  
    Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
    Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
    Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
    Be Thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
    Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
    Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to Thee;

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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

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.**

## 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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