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July 19, 2026 ✠ The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Today the paraments are green, following Pentecost. During this part of the church year, we focus on Jesus' teaching more than the events of His life, as we learn to grow in the faith given to 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, July 12, 2026:

Attendance: 77 (5 livestream)

Sunday School 13; Adult Bible Class 19; LYF 6

Offerings: \$2765; Loose \$11; Electronic \$185

7/5: \$2113; Loose \$65; Electronic \$185

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

CALVARY INSIDER – *What has been going on at Calvary over the summer?*

- The building expansion is weeks away from completion!
- Youth basketball and baseball camps were a great success!
- In addition to the expansion progress, many exciting updates around campus include the parking lot near the baseball field, upgraded flooring in the restrooms, and dirtwork for the new athletic track!

ONLY ONE MONTH AWAY – Calvary will begin its **22nd** academic year in exactly one month! Our first day of school is Wednesday, August 19. Thank you for praying for students, families, staff and coaches at Calvary, thanking God for His blessings and asking for His guidance and protection in the coming year!

RETREAT DONATIONS – Calvary's Summer Retreat is held at Heit's Point Lutheran Camp THIS WEEK. It is a favorite for our students and staff. This event would not be possible without the generosity of MANY! One way to help is by donating necessary food items used to prepare meals. If you are interested in what items are needed, please visit the online sign-up at linktr.ee/calvarylhs.

MOVING DAY! – The expansion is almost complete and we will need some help moving in. Many hands make light work. We are looking for helpers on August 8 to wash and move furniture, along with other moving day takes. If you would like to pitch in, email Erich Ahlers at principal@calvarylhs.org

SAVE LIVES... GIVE BLOOD – Join us Wednesday, August 12 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. for the first blood drive of the school year! Appointments can be made online at redcross.org/give or call Calvary, (573) 638-0228.

JOIN THE CALVARY TEAM – Calvary is seeking mission-minded individuals to complete the team:

- Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Teacher for one period of Algebra I for the 2026-2027 school year

Applications can be submitted to John Christman at

administrator@calvarylhs.org or Kerri Morris at morrisk@calvarylhs.org

Save the Date

Aug. 8 Calvary Moving Day!

Aug. 12 Calvary Blood Drive, 1-6PM

Aug. 15 Expanding Excellence Dedication, 1PM

Aug. 19 First Day of School

Happening at St. John's:

The quarterly voters' meeting is today, after the Sunday Fellowship.

Plans are being made for the annual Youth Float Trip, scheduled for August 1. Talk to Janice Coffelt by July 26 are interested.

“Each of us amounts to more than assorted cells, isolated fluids, and random spasms. Human means—in every case—a character, with an emerging identity, disclosing a history, developing toward an intended destiny. Every life is a story.” *Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS... 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: The Movie “The Odyssey;” Prosecuting Pornography; The Hymn “Entrust Your Days and Burdens;” Lutheranism in Canada and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

This week:

Sunday, 7/19	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Fellowship & Voters' Meeting

Sunday, 7/26	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service

Christianity and the World

Luther described that we live in two kingdoms: the kingdom of the world and the kingdom of God. All people belong to the first kingdom; believers belong to the second kingdom as well. That means that though Christians are “called out” and brought into God’s eternal kingdom, they still have responsibilities in the civil realm.

In his first letter to Timothy, Paul (2:1-2) encourages the young pastor (and those who would read this letter) to pray not only “for all people,” but particularly “for kings and all who are in high positions.” In his letter to the Romans (13:1ff), he writes, “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. . . . whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed.” Later, he writes that “. . . you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God” (v. 6). By this, he is not calling them pastors, but indicating that they are serving God through their vocations, carrying out His will in the civil realm.

This all has implications for how Christians should live in that realm. We are “different,” because we have faith in the Creator and are given to follow His will (though imperfectly). We do not simply strive for what makes us happy, but often put our neighbor’s need ahead of our own (Galatians 6:2; Philippians 2:3ff).

So how do we live and serve in a realm in which people seem to have different priorities? Among other things, we speak. We share the will of God. Sometimes this takes the form of Biblical exhortations. Other times, it is just speaking “common sense.” For example, there are many arguments against abortion that do not require believing in God or trusting the Bible as His Word.

We also vote, participating in the government of the civil realm as we are able. It is not wrong for a Christian to serve in various government offices, but it is especially important for Christians to vote.

In elections this fall, there will be important measures on the ballot, especially in and for the state of Missouri. Study them and learn about them so that you can make a wise and Godly decision at the ballot box!

Confession and Absolution

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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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

Psalms 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer,*
listen to my | plea for grace.

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk | in your truth; *
 unite my heart to | fear your name.
 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart, *
 and I will glorify your name for- | ever.
 For great is your steadfast | love toward me; *
 you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.
 O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men |
 seek my life, *
 and they do not set you be- | fore them.
 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious, *
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and | faithfulness.
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.
 Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer; *
 listen to my | plea for grace.

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, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy
 Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred

up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:18–27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what

is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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

564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

- 1 Christ sits at God's right hand,
His saving work complete,
To reign till ev'ry foe will lie
Beneath His feet—
All that the Father planned,
The Son sought to fulfill,
When first He said, "Lord, here am I
To do Your will."
- 2 Christ was that priest God swore,
Uniquely First and Last,
Who would in righteousness and love
Be unsurpassed:
"A priest forevermore,"
An oath God would not break,
"A priest within the order of
Melchizedek."
- 3 Christ's altar was the tree,

Where on the world's behalf
He shed a blood, unlike the blood
Of goat or calf,
To seal God's guarantee
Of grace that cannot fail;
With blood He entered for our good
Behind the veil.

- 4 What costly sacrifice
To cover human sin!
Who but Christ Jesus had the right
To enter in?
His blood, that sprinkled price,
So we might be assured
That our inheritance in light
Has been secured.

- 5 Then let us now draw near,
Washed in that precious flood
And enter the Most Holy Place
By Jesus' blood.
From hearts that are sincere,
Let tongues our hope profess,
And trust anew God's faithful grace
That we confess.

- △ 6 All praise to Christ we bring,
Our Lord who intercedes,
Our great High Priest enthroned above
Who knows our needs;
And to the Father sing
Our songs of thankful praise,
Who with the Spirit reigns in love
For endless days.

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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 faithful stewardship of all creation, that we may care for it until the Lord sets it free from its bondage to decay and gives it to us anew in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church, that she may remain good soil that brings forth an abundant harvest, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For pastors, missionaries, and chaplains, that they may sow Your Word faithfully in the fields entrusted to them, especially for Pastor Andrew Etzler and missionaries Ross Shaver, Jennifer Preus, Jeancarlos Ramirez, and Sean McHugh, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the delegates who are assembled in convention this week, that God would give them wisdom to work for the welfare of our Synod; that He would guard the lips of those who speak and the ears of those who hear; that He would give us courage to do with integrity what we promise; and that, according to His will, He would bless and prosper the plans and actions undertaken in His name, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all Christian homes, that they may be places where faith is nurtured and where we may learn to live our new lives in holiness and righteousness; especially for Sheila Hagen (7/19), Mary Messer (7/19), Alaina Snyder (7/20), Brennen Stinson (7/20), Shawna Walker (7/21), and Donn & Sheryl Schmoeger (7/22) as they celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, aged, infirm, mourning or dying, [especially Cindy

Eggen, Marguerite Young, Addy Beinlich, Mary Messer, Sharon Fischer, and Donna Whittle,] that they would be given healing in accord with God's will and grace to sustain them in their need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who receive the Lord's Supper, that we may come with hearts free of pride, presumption or any profaning sin; and that, hoping for what we do not see, we may receive His forgiveness and life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For certainty that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P To Him we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us 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 ✠ 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.

- 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

629 What Is This Bread

- 1 What is this bread?
 Christ's body risen from the dead:
 This bread we break,
 This life we take,
 Was crushed to pay for our release.
 O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

- 2 What is this wine?
 The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
 The cup of grace
 Brings His embrace
 Of life and love until I sing!
 O taste and see—the Lord is King.

- 3 So who am I,
 That I should live and He should die
 Under the rod?
 My God, my God,
 Why have You not forsaken me?
 O taste and see—the Lord is free.

- 4 Yet is God here?
 Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
 In mouth and soul
 He makes us whole—
 Christ, truly present in this meal.
 O taste and see—the Lord is real.

- 5 Is this for me?
 I am forgiven and set free!
 I do believe

That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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894 For the Fruits of His Creation

- 1 For the fruits of His creation,
Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

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575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain
- ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
- 2 When darkness veils His lovely face,

I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

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

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

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761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in 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.

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

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