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September 27, 2026      ✠      The 18<sup>th</sup> 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, September 20, 2026:

Attendance: 89 (2 livestream)

Sunday School 17; Adult Bible Class 29; LYF 3

Offerings: \$2024; Loose \$222; Electronic \$185

We welcome Rev. Dr. Rocco Gillardi (and wife Janine) from Heit's Point Lutheran Camp, here to celebrate and share the mission work which happens there.

# Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

**CALVARY INSIDER** – Halfway through the first quarter. How's it going?

- Following See You at The Pole, Pastor Scheperle led Wednesday chapel with a message on prayer.
- The Calvary Choir led chapel at Immanuel on Wednesday sharing a message on the Psalms and an anthem, Jubilate Deo.

## **IMMEDIATE HELP NEEDED ON SATURDAY**

Calvary's Gift is in need of volunteers specifically on Saturdays from 9:00-1:00. Call Pat Sommerer at 573-338-2442 to find out more and schedule your gift of time.

## **CALVARY ATHLETICS HOME CONTESTS!** Show up! Be Loud! #FeeltheRoar

9/28 Volleyball vs Prairie Home, 6PM (Varsity only)

9/29 Soccer vs Rolla Royals, 5PM (@ 179 Fields)

10/1 Volleyball vs CIS, 5PM

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHTS at CALVARY** - Middle school students (grades 5-8) are invited to attend the Calvary \*Soccer game Sept 29 at 5PM AND the Calvary Volleyball game Oct 5 at 5PM. **ALL 5th-8th graders wearing a Calvary shirt OR a shirt representing their current school will receive free admission.** Come out, rep your school and cheer for the Lions! *\*2026 CLHS Soccer Games are held at the Art Firley Soccer Complex on Hwy 179 due to construction.*

**FINAL DAYS FOR MUM CERTIFICATES!** – Certificates for mums can be purchased at the school office (573-638- 0228), or from a Calvary student. Certificates can be redeemed at Trinklein's Greenhouse **now EXTENDED** through **Saturday, Oct 3**. The cost is \$12 each for a 9" Mum pot. Trinklein's is open Mon - Sat, 10 am - 4 pm, and they are located at 7518 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, MO. Funds raised will be used by Calvary students for their senior class gift toward school improvement.

**SURVIVE & THRIVE** – High school is a time of great anticipation and perhaps great anxiety. Calvary is here to help! As 8<sup>th</sup> graders look forward to high school, Calvary will equip them for the next step at Survive and Thrive – a half-day event focused on high school readiness as a redeemed child of God – to not only survive high school, but to thrive! If your 8<sup>th</sup> grader attends a school other than Trinity or Immanuel, contact John Christman for interest in attending this event 11:45-2:45 on **Tuesday, October 6**.

## **Save the Date-**

Oct 3 Calvary Cross Country Invitational; Greenway Park, Holts Summit

Oct 3 Calvary Soccer Showcase (Art Firley Soccer Complex, Hwy 179)

Oct 13 FFA Chili Supper & Labor Auction

Oct 16-17 Fall Drama, "Alice in Wonderland"

## Happening at St. John's:

**Today is the Mission Festival!** Rev. Dr. (Pastor) Rocco Mallardi from Heit's Point Lutheran Camp will be our guest, leading Bible Study, preaching, and joining us for lunch. The meal is being hosted by the Propsts and Heidebrederes (with the support of Thrivent). Everything will be provided, just come and enjoy! And hear more about the ministry for the whole family at Heit's Point!

**Funeral for Art Ehrhardt** will be tomorrow (Monday) at 11am at Trinity. Visitation is this afternoon, 4-6 at Houser-Millard, and tomorrow at 10am at Trinity.

**The midweek Bible Study continues**, based on the book "Unforgivable?" Copies of the book are available on the table in the narthex. We will continue with chapters 3-5 this week. All are welcome!

**"I firmly believe that the sanctity of human life** is the most important issue of our day and that by means of informing and educating the public, as well as by applying Christian love and compassion to those directly affected by the trauma of abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia, the pro-life position will prevail, and our nation will again uphold the dignity and sanctity of human life." *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

This week:

|              |        |                                             |
|--------------|--------|---------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, 9/27 | 9am    | Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF     |
|              | 10am   | Divine Service (Mission Festival)<br>Lunch! |
| Wed, 9/30    | 7pm    | Midweek Bible Study: "Unforgivable?"        |
| Thurs, 10/1  | 8:30am | Elders' Meeting                             |
| Sunday, 10/4 | 9am    | Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF     |
|              | 10am   | Divine Service                              |

# Faith in Motion

I asked a group recently, “what posture do you assume when you pray?” Perhaps you can remember a parent, a Sunday School teacher, or someone else saying something like “Bow your heads, close your eyes, and fold your hands.” This is a very typical posture for prayer.

Then I asked, “why do we do that when we pray? Is that commanded in Scripture?” This is a little harder to pin down, but generally people seem to think that it helps isolate from distractions, and focus on speaking to God.

At one time, the posture of prayer seemed to be holding one’s hands out to the side, palm up (as if catching something from above), and looking upward “toward heaven.”

Neither way is commanded. Neither way is forbidden. There are other postures, as well, including adding kneeling. The point is, you do something different when you pray. It is not the same as talking to your parents, children, spouse, friends, or any other human. You change your posture as a signal that you are doing something different. When you generally assume that posture for prayer, assuming that posture makes your body, mind, and soul expect to be praying!

This is also why we bow at certain times, stand for certain parts of the Divine Service, make the sign of the cross, etc. Such movements of our bodies tell our minds that something is different. Is it wrong to remain seated when the Gospel is read? No! Yet even small changes become a marker that something new is happening.

One person, when asked about the posture of prayer, mentioned praying while driving. “And I do not close my eyes!” It is not that we should only pray when we can “assume the posture.” Paul indicates that we should “pray without ceasing.” But it is appropriate to set aside times when our bodies, postures, and movements signal that we are doing something different and special. It helps us to look outside of ourselves and our surroundings, and focus instead on God’s blessings.

# Confession and Absolution

## 698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

- 1 May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill  
And do on earth our Father's will  
As angels do above;  
Still walk in Christ, the living way,  
With all Thy children and obey  
The law of Christian love.
- 2 So may we join Thy name to bless,  
Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess,  
From sin and strife to flee.  
One is our calling, one our name,  
The end of all our hopes the same,  
A crown of life with Thee.
- 3 Spirit of life, of love and peace,  
Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Thy gracious help supply.  
To each of us the blessing give  
In Christian fellowship to live,  
In joyful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1798–1863, alt.  
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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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6*

The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*

he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;\*

he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

He heals the broken- | hearted\*

and binds | up their wounds.

He determines the number | of the stars;\*

he gives to all of | them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*

his understanding is beyond | measure.

**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.**

The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*

he casts the wicked | to the ground.

## Kyrie

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have  
mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

<sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die.

<sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life.

<sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

<sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:23–27*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

<sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

**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.

## 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
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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** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Merciful Lord, You founded Your Church upon the proclamation of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Purify the tongues of Your servants, that the tongues of the wicked may be silenced. Turn them from their evil ways, that their sins may be washed away. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Lord God, You have built Your Church and called her to hold fast to the Word of life in the midst of a crooked and twisted world.

Preserve her from all grumbling, rivalry and conceit, and sustain her in humble and devout faith until the day of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, though the world denies Your justice, strengthen Your Church to proclaim it rightly. Let the wicked be broken by Your truth, that they may turn and follow in the way of forgiveness and life. Bless the pastors, missionaries, and chaplains of Your church, that they would faithfully and boldly proclaim the Truth of Your Word, especially Pastor Guillaume Williams, missionaries Kim Bueltmann, Ashley Lehr, Jason Steffenson, and Walter Steele, and military chaplains Winston Grieser, Timothy Steele, and Cody Norton. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Creator of all things, bless the useful arts of science and industry, that we may use Your resources for the good of Your people and take responsible care of all You have made. Prevent us from misusing Your gifts and our reason, lest we bring harm upon ourselves and others. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Mighty Father, all the might of man is nothing before You, yet You have appointed earthly realms and rulers to punish evil and honor good. Give us faithful leaders who will serve honorably and well. Bless also those who serve in the armed forces to defend us and protect our liberty. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord Almighty, draw near to those who face the distress of sickness, surgery and pain [*especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, and Addy Beinlich*\_\_\_\_\_]. Let them not be afraid, and heal them according to the abundance of Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, as You showed compassion to those who believed in You, healing bodies and forgiving sins, so look with compassion on the family of Art Ehrhardt, who loved and served you in Your church on earth and now rests from his labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Unite us, O Lord, that we may be of one mind and one will in doctrine, witness and service. Bless us as we come at Your bidding to receive the body and blood of Your Son at His table. Grant that what we receive in this Holy Communion we may keep in holy hearts and holy lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** O God, in You there is no shadow due to change. Enkindle Your divine light in us, that we may stand united as Christ's own body, holding fast to the Word of life and shining brightly in the midst of this world's darkness; 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, 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  $\text{✠}$  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.

- 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'nly 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.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
 Text: Public domain

### **760 What God Ordains Is Always Good**

- 1 What God ordains is always good:  
 His will is just and holy.  
 As He directs my life for me,  
 I follow meek and lowly.  
 My God indeed  
 In ev'ry need  
 Knows well how He will shield me;  
 To Him, then, I will yield me.

- 2    What God ordains is always good:  
      He never will deceive me;  
He leads me in His righteous way,  
      And never will He leave me.  
      I take content  
      What He has sent;  
His hand that sends me sadness  
Will turn my tears to gladness.
- 3    What God ordains is always good:  
      His loving thought attends me;  
No poison can be in the cup  
      That my physician sends me.  
      My God is true;  
      Each morning new  
I trust His grace unending,  
My life to Him commending.
- 4    What God ordains is always good:  
      He is my friend and Father;  
He suffers naught to do me harm  
      Though many storms may gather.  
      Now I may know  
      Both joy and woe;  
Someday I shall see clearly  
That He has loved me dearly.
- 5    What God ordains is always good:  
      Though I the cup am drinking  
Which savors now of bitterness,  
      I take it without shrinking.  
      For after grief  
      God gives relief,  
My heart with comfort filling  
And all my sorrow stilling.
- 6    What God ordains is always good:  
      This truth remains unshaken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
      I shall not be forsaken.  
      I fear no harm,  
      For with His arm  
He shall embrace and shield me;  
So to my God I yield me.

## 554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

- 1 O Jesus, King most wonderful!  
O Conqueror renowned!  
O Source of peace ineffable,  
In whom all joys are found:
- 2 When once You visit darkened hearts,  
Then truth begins to shine,  
Then earthly vanity departs,  
Then kindles love divine.
- 3 O Jesus, light of all below,  
The fount of life and fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know,  
All that we can desire:
- 4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name,  
Forever You adore,  
And, seeking You, itself inflame  
To seek You more and more!
- 5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless,  
May we love You alone  
And ever in our lives express  
The image of Your own!

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, 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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*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.

## 496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine,  
Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away,  
Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Let me see my Savior's face,  
Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me  
Which are only known to Thee.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,  
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me,  
From sin's bondage set me free.

4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,  
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace,  
Let it grow and still increase.

5 Holy Spirit, all divine,  
Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,  
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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