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October 18, 2026 ✝ St. Luke, Evangelist

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

Today the paraments are red, commemorating the life, ministry, and martyrdom of Saint Luke.

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, October 11, 2026:

Attendance: 96 (1 livestream)

Sunday School 15; Adult Bible Class 25; LYF 4

Offerings: \$2442; Loose \$160; Electronic \$185

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

CALVARY INSIDER – Almost finished with the first quarter. How's it going?

- Thank you to everyone that came out to support Calvary's FFA Chili Supper & Auction! If you were unable to make it, support is still needed for the chapter's trip to FFA National Convention in Indianapolis.
- Wednesday, CHADS Coalition for Mental Health delivered an evidence-based Signs of Suicide program to the student body, dedicating time throughout the day to meeting with students in their classes. Staff training followed.
- Pastor Diener led Wednesday chapel. Following chapel, Family Groups shared a meal together and a pumpkin devo.
- Drama Lions shared their talents on Friday and Saturday in the, "Curiouser and curiouser!" Alice in Wonderland!

BLOOD DRIVE THIS WEEK! – The Red Cross will be receiving blood donations from 1PM to 6PM on Tuesday, October 20 in the Café at Calvary. Please consider donating to help save a life! Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App or text BLOODAPP to 90999 to schedule appointments, view results of your mini-physical, and track your donations.

CALVARY HOSTING VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS – Come out to cheer on your Lady Lions at their first District Game on Tuesday, October 20, at 6 PM. Winning teams will play again on Thursday, starting at 5PM. Championship will be Friday at 6 PM. ***MSHSAA Policy:*** Gate Admission is \$6 for those EVERYONE 6yrs and older.

FALL OPEN HOUSES – Do you know someone who would benefit from knowing about Calvary? The family of a teenager? (Grades 7-12) Invite them to Open House! Calvary will be hosting an Open House on **Monday, October 26** and **Tuesday, November 3** at 7 pm. Current Calvary parents and/or current students will share their Calvary story that night -- so that prospective families would hear authentic experiences from people that are here daily. RSVP at linktr.ee/calvarylhs. You can also contact the office at 573-638-0228 for a prospective family or if you would like to share your story at Open House.

SPEND YOUR SATURDAY AT CALVARY'S GIFT- Calvary's Gift is in need of volunteers specifically on Saturdays from 9:00-1:00. Call or text Pat Sommerer at 573-338-2442 to find out more and schedule your gift of time. Follow Calvary's Gift on Facebook to stay up-to-date with hours, sale items, and featured items available for purchase!

Save the Date-

Oct. 26	Open House, 7PM
Oct. 28	Winter Spirit Wear Orders Open
Nov. 3	Open House, 7PM

Happening at St. John's:

Chili Supper is today! The supper begins at 3:30, running through 7pm. Hayride begins at 6:30. Needed: Donations of chili, desserts, noodles, crackers, pickles, and items for the country store . . . and workers!

The midweek Bible Study continues (this week on Thursday), based on the book "Unforgivable?" Copies of the book are available on the table in the narthex. We will continue with chapters 16-18 this week. All are welcome!

Whet your appetite at Immanuel, Honey Creek. Today, they are serving Turkey & Sausage, 11-2.

"Do not be silent. You have the most positive, powerful, life-giving, and life-affirming message in the universe! It is a message of love for every sinner, i.e., everyone! It is a message of forgiveness for everyone and every sin. It is a message of the certain hope of a paradise whose reality surpasses the most beautiful of words." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

A LUTHERAN VIEW OF DEPRESSION... October is National Depression Education and Awareness Month. You can listen to the audiobook, "I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression" by Pastor Todd Peperkorn at issuesetc.org/depression. This audiobook is produced by Lutheran Public Radio, Inc., based in Collinsville, IL. LPR, Inc. produces radio talk shows, podcasts, sacred music and talk stations, books, audiobooks, conferences, hymn recordings and videos.

This week:

Sunday, 10/18	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
	3:30pm	Chili Supper! (Hayride at 6:30)
Thurs, 10/22	6pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
	7pm	Midweek Bible Study: "Unforgivable?"
Sunday, 10/25	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
	11-2	Turkey & Sausage Dinner – Immanuel, Honey Creek
	2pm	Heisinger Chapel
	4pm	Circuit Reformation Service at Faith

Saint Luke

Most Christians know something about Luke: he wrote one of the Gospels. How much more do you know?

Luke was not one of the apostles called by Christ. Few specifics of his life are known. Paul mentions him in three letters, each time in passing. In Colossians 4:14, he extends greetings from “Luke the beloved physician.”

Luke was likely a Gentile, as Paul distinguishes him from his Jewish co-workers. He apparently joined Paul in Troas, on Paul’s second missionary journey – that is where Paul switches from singular to plural in recounting events (Acts 16:11). At one point, Luke remained behind as Paul continued his journey, but Luke would rejoin him at a later date.

Luke has been credited throughout history for writing both the Gospel called by his name and the Acts of the Apostles. They are similar in style and both are written to “Theophilus.” (Theophilus seems to have been a historical person, though some think it was an honorary title, as the name means “friend of God” or “beloved by God”, and thus the works would be written to any and every friend of God.)

Luke’s Gospel demonstrates a more educated writer, and one who is interested in details, as one might expect of a physician. His purpose in writing is strengthen “certainty concerning the things you have been taught” through “an orderly account” (Luke 1).

In His Gospel account, Luke delivers a faithful accounting of Jesus’ life and ministry. His account of Jesus’ birth is likely the most familiar for many Christians. He highlights Jesus’ forgiveness spoken from the cross, which applies not only to those there, but to all – even to the present day.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke then focuses on what happened in the early church as they began to spread the Good News as Jesus had directed them. He particularly highlights Paul’s repeated sufferings and imprisonment, and the hand of God which delivered him each time.

Confession and Absolution

583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

- 1 God has spoken by His prophets,
Spoken His unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil,
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, His throne eternal;
God the first, and God the last.
- 2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
He reveals our God to us.
- 3 God is speaking by His Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring
His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, His Word unchanging;
God the first, and God the last.

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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

Psalms 92:1–5; antiphon: Luke 24:46–47

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise | from the dead,*

and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Je- | rusalem.

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*

to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*

and your faithful- | ness by night,

to the music of the lute | and the harp,*

to the melody | of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;*

at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

How great are your works, | O LORD!*

Your thoughts are | very deep!

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.

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise | from the dead,*

and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Je- | rusalem.

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, our Father, Your blessed Son called Luke the physician to be an evangelist and physician of the soul. Grant that the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve You; 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 35:5–8

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:5–18

⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. ¹²Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them!

¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

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

810 O God of God, O Light of Light

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To you in heaven's glory bright
The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won,
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
- 2 For deep in prophets' sacred page,
And grand in poets' wingèd word,
Slowly in type, from age to age
The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night
Rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!"
Sung once by firstborn sons of light,
It echoes now, "Goodwill!" Amen.
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,
That death so steeped in hate and scorn—
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.
We lift them up. Amen, amen.

- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,
And shout His name, His mercies tell!
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

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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 steadfast faith, that we may endure in time of test, trial and tribulation, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all outside the faith, that their blindness and deafness would be cleared away so they may know the riches of God's grace, the gift of forgiveness and the promise of life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the gift of faithful servants of the Word, that as laborers in God's harvest they would truly fulfill the divine command and preach nothing contrary to the Lord's Holy Word, especially for Pastor Brian Thieme, missionaries Nora Betts and Arthur Rickman, and military chaplains Vincent Bain, Jonathan Schultz, and Jon Smithley, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all people as they fulfill their godly vocations: for fathers, mothers and children; for husbands and wives; for friends and neighbors; for laborers and employers; and for teachers and students, that the Lord would grant us delight in His lovingkindness and joy as we serve our neighbor with good works, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who celebrate the Lord's good gifts, especially for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, including Ruth Ann Klatt (10/18), Joshua Kollmeyer (10/21), Dewayne & Emily Shelton (10/18), and Peggy Heidbreder (10/19), let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those in positions of authority among us, that God would guide them by His Spirit to be high in purpose, wise in counsel, firm in good resolution and unwavering in duty; and for our nation and its people, that we may be governed quietly and peaceably, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who are sick, distressed, injured and grieving, [*especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, Addy Beinlich, Ethel Heidbreder, Cortney Taylor, and Dennis Schubert,*] that they may receive from the Great Physician healing according to God's will, courage to face this life's tribulations and faith in His promise of perfect healing in heaven, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune this day, that they may receive this Sacrament rightly as Christ's true medicine of immortality; and that, with faith strengthened and sins forgiven, they may live in holiness and godliness, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P These and whatsoever 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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Luke, 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.
G 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

627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

- 1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He saved us from the evil foe.
- 2 As His pledge of love undying,
He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread,
And with the wine the blood He shed.

- 3 Jesus here Himself is sharing;
Heed then how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe,
His judgment then you shall receive.
- 4 Praise the Father, who from heaven
To His own this food has given,
Who, to mend what we have done,
Gave into death His only Son.
- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 6 Agony and bitter labor
Were the cost of God's high favor;
Do not come if you suppose
You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,
And receive My grace and favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician's help or skill.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying
If not for your justifying?
And what use this precious food
If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior's guest,
Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's wondrous love can do.

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- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
 The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
 All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
 Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
 Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
 The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
 Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
 Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
 The babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
 Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
 In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
 Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
 At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
 Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
 For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
 Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
 And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
 Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
 The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
 As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
 For He is king of all.

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call
To His heav'nly banquet hall.
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave
Us from sin and death to save.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.
- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

- 1 O little flock, fear not the foe
Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow'r.
And though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints
Lasts but a little hour.
- 2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord.

Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise,
Uphold you and His Word.

- 3 As true as God's own Word is true,
Not earth nor hell's satanic crew
Against us shall prevail.
Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
God is with us and we with God—
Our vict'ry cannot fail.

- 4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again!
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise
Forevermore. Amen.

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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.

827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?
- 2 Some take up His task in morning,
To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting,
Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
That God’s Word so richly yields.
- 3 For as rain and snow from heaven
Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,

Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning,
Bearing fruit with great increase.

- 4 Harken to the Lord whose coming
Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers
He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest;
Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered
Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

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