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October 6, 2024 † 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Green is the color of the season. During the Sundays after Pentecost, the readings reflect Jesus' teaching and ministry more than the major events of His life. We focus on our own life and growth in Christ.

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**).

Last Sunday, Sept 29, 2024:

Attendance: 75 (5 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 13 / 10 / 2

Offerings: \$2023/ \$102 / \$345 (electronic)

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

CALVARY INSIDER – What went on this week?

- Calvary staff and students welcomed 44 local 8th grade students for Survive and Thrive! Students were equipped with tools and strategies to thrive in high school next year!
- Soccer Lions celebrated their seniors on Tuesday with Senior Night!
- Pastor Heaton led Wednesday chapel with a message from Matthew 7:1-5.

YOU ARE INVITED! – Join us **THIS WEEK** October 11th at 7pm and October 12th at 6pm for Jane Austen's *Pride & Prejudice* adapted by Hanreddy and Sullivan. See this literary classic come to life!

GET YOUR FRESH APPLES – It is time to order apples! Order Fuji, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, and Jonathan apples by the ½ Peck, Peck, ½ Bushel or Bushel! Apple butter is also available by the pint jar. The order deadline is Monday, October 14th. Order pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th. Profits from these sales are used to support the Booster Association who support all Calvary students.

Go to linktr.ee/calvarylhs to order online or contact the school office, 573-638-0228.

WEEKEND CUSTODIAL HELP NEEDED – Calvary is seeking a mission-minded individual to serve immediately in the *part-time* position of weekend custodian. Applications can be submitted to John Christman at administrator@calvarylhs.org or 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101

FFA CHILI SUPPER & LABOR AUCTION – Supper Calvary's FFA chapter by attending their Chili Supper on Thursday, October 17, 4:00-7:00. FFA students will auction off their time and talents to serve. All proceeds will go toward helping the chapter attend National Convention.

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 **Tuesday, October 22** and **Monday, October 28** at 7 pm. Current Calvary parents and/or current students will share their Calvary story that night -- so that prospective families would hear authentic reviews from people that are here daily. Contact the office to RSVP for a prospective family or if you would like to share your story at Open House.

HELP CALVARY REACH MORE – Calvary is seeking candidates for its Outreach Coordinator position. The part-time position is 20 hours that can largely happen during the school day, though some nights are required. Applications can be submitted to John Christman at administrator@calvarylhs.org or 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101

Happening at St. John's:

Lifelight: The Christian's Mission continues this Wednesday at 7pm. Get your copy of the study guide today! There is still room to join us as we look at what it means to be part of the church, fulfilling God's will.

Sunday School trip to Fischer Farms will be on October 13. Students and their families are invited to enjoy the Farm from 6 to 8pm.

Mid-Missouri Lutheran Hospital Ministry exists to offer pastoral care to patients in Columbia area hospitals. Pastor Dave Spotts, the new chaplain for the ministry, will gladly visit hospital patients on behalf of their pastor. For more information on this ministry, pick up a brochure from the table in the narthex.

“Having received God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in His divine services to us in our congregations, we jointly put on His armor (Ephesians 6:10-18) in the public square, proclaiming Christ and Him crucified for the forgiveness of sins, even those of babies still in the womb. In so doing, we advocate for the sanctity of life from the moment of fertilization and pray that God will use us to change the hearts of the abortion-minded in our communities.” *Dr. Roni Grad, Catalina Lutheran Church Life Team and National Lutherans For Life Board of Directors member – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

This week:

Sunday, 10/6	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
Mon, 10/7	7pm	Elders' meeting
Tues, 10/8	6:30pm	Confirmation Class
Wed, 10/9	7pm	Lifelight – the Christian's Mission
Thurs, 10/10	8pm	Adult Instruction Class – Lutheran Basics
Sat, 10/12	8am	LWML Rally @ Grace, Holt's Summit
Sunday 10/13	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
	6pm	Sunday School at Fischer Farms

Confession and Absolution

869 With the Lord Begin Your Task

- 1 With the Lord begin your task;
Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,
And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes;
Be to Him commended.

- 2 Let each day begin with prayer,
Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care;
He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might,
With His presence cheer you.

- 3 With your Savior at your side,
Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide,
And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose
In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.

- 4 If your task be thus begun
With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run,
Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere
While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share
In the mansions yonder.

5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task
Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask,
Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun
Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done
To Your praise forever.

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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 127:3–5; antiphon: v. 1a

Unless the LORD | builds the house,*
those who build it la- | bor in vain.
Behold, children are a heritage | from the LORD,*
the fruit of the womb | a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a | warrior*
are the children | of one's youth.
Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver | with them!*
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies | in the gate.

**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.**

Unless the LORD | builds the house,*
those who build it la- | bor in vain.

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.

Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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

Genesis 2:18–25

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 2:1–13

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great

salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?”

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.

⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:2–16

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

863 Our Father, by Whose Name

- 1 Our Father, by whose name
All fatherhood is known,
Who dost in love proclaim
Each family Thine own,
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well,
With constant love as sentinel,
The homes in which Thy people dwell.
- 2 O Christ, Thyself a child
Within an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled,
Thou didst to manhood come;
Our children bless in ev'ry place
That they may all behold Thy face,
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.
- 3 O Spirit, who dost bind
Our hearts in unity,
Who teachest us to find
The love from self set free,
In all our hearts such love increase
That ev'ry home by this release
May be the dwelling place of peace.

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.

Loving Father, Your Son took the little children into His arms and blessed them. Help Your saints to welcome little ones with joy, that nothing may hinder their entrance into the kingdom of God and the arms of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Gracious Lord, You give us men to guide Your Church on earth. We ask Your blessing for Matthew, our Synod president; Lee, our district president; Brian, our circuit visitor; and all pastors together with the many servants and treasures of Your Church, including Pastor Guillaume Williams, missionaries Sheila Strozier, Dana Stigdon, and Deborah St-Onge, and military chaplains Bill Schmidt, Stephen DeMik, and Brian Hamer. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Lord God, be near all couples struggling in their marriages. Guard them from hardness of heart that would separate what You have joined together, and reconcile them to one another to live in Christ's forgiveness and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Heavenly Father, be near to families torn apart by adultery and divorce. Sustain and heal the wounded with Your love. Give repentance to the guilty and hope in Your forgiveness in Christ.

- Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, grant Your wisdom to Joseph, our president; to all public servants; and to those who work to bring peace, justice, health and protection in this and every place, that they may be strengthened and upheld in every good deed. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of Life and the giver of every blessings, continue to look with Your favor upon Your children in this congregation, sustain them in their trials and uplift them in their joys, especially Kristen Heidbreder (10/6) and Tim Heidbreder (10/11) as they celebrate birthdays. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious God, You promise to abide with Your people and uphold them in their suffering. Comfort all who are sick and sorrowing [*especially Paula Scheperle, Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, Larry Wunderlich, Addie Beinlich, Tammy Deaver, Harry Lee Hentges, Patty Ott, the family of Dennis Sellars, and the family of Schepker*]. Strengthen their faith in the midst of their trials, and grant them health and healing according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy Lord, Your Son gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink in the Supper. Grant us Your grace, that we may approach Your table with repentant hearts and a firm resolution to amend our sinful lives by the help of Your Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, help us by Your Spirit to fear You and walk in Your ways in Christ, that we may eat the fruit of the labor of our hands and receive Your blessing in all that we do; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.

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

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain

- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,

Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain

5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

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522 Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise

- 1 Lord God, to Thee we give all praise,
With grateful hearts our voices raise,
That angel hosts Thou didst create
Around Thy glorious throne to wait.
- 2 They shine with light and heav'nly grace
And constantly behold Thy face;
They heed Thy voice, they know it well,
In godly wisdom they excel.
- 3 They never rest nor sleep as we;
Their whole delight is but to be
With Thee, Lord Jesus, and to keep
Thy little flock, Thy lambs and sheep.
- 4 The ancient dragon is their foe;
His envy and his wrath they know.
It always is his aim and pride
Thy Christian people to divide.
- 5 As he of old deceived the world
And into sin and death has hurled,
So now he subtly lies in wait
To undermine both Church and state.
- 6 A roaring lion, round he goes,
No halt nor rest he ever knows;
He seeks the Christians to devour

And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.

7 But watchful is the angel band
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand
To guard His people where they go
And break the counsel of the foe.

8 For this, now and in days to be,
Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee,
Whom all the angel hosts adore
With grateful songs forevermore.

Text: Philipp Melanchthon, 1497–1560; German version, Paul Eber, 1511–69; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.
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685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.

Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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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.

706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

1 Love in Christ is strong and living,

Binding faithful hearts in one;

Love in Christ is true and giving.

May His will in us be done.

2 Love is patient and forbearing,

Clothed in Christ's humility,

Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,

Reaching out in charity.

3 Love in Christ abides forever,

Fainting not when ills attend;

Love, forgiving and forgiven,

Shall endure until life's end.

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