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

**Today** the paraments are green for the season of Epiphany. During this season, we will encounter and marvel at the life of Jesus, as He was obedient to the Father, bringing people to repentance and proclaiming the Gospel.

**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, December 29, 2024:

Attendance: 75 (6 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 16 / 15 / 2

Offerings: \$1933 / \$0 / \$345 (electronic)

New Years' Day attendance: 17; offering: \$140

Jan 5 livestream: 24; electronic offering: \$345

Jan 12 livestream: 16; electronic offering: \$570

## Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

**CALVARY INSIDER** – What happened at Calvary last week, you ask?

- Pastor Spotts shared a message on the Holy Innocents for Wednesday chapel.
- Archers took their best shot at our home archery tournament Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Senior archers were recognized on Friday evening. Go Lions!

**LION BASKETBALL** – Upcoming games at **Home**:

**Jan. 20 JV Boys/V Girls/V Boys at 5:30 v. Climax Springs**

**Jan. 24 HOMECOMING: V Girls/V Boys at 6PM v. Bunceton/CIS**

*Live stream the games: [twitch.tv/calvarylhs](https://www.twitch.tv/calvarylhs)*

*Visit [calvarylhs.org/calendar/](https://calvarylhs.org/calendar/) to view the full calendar!*

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT AT CALVARY BASKETBALL GAMES:**

Middle school students are invited to attend the Calvary basketball games **THIS MONDAY**, Jan 20 (6:00 p.m., Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys to follow). Students (grades 6-8) wearing a Calvary shirt OR a shirt representing their current school will receive free admission. There will be games and giveaways! Come out, rep your school and cheer for the Lions!

**DISCOVER CALVARY DAY!** – This prospective student Visit Day event is on February 6! It is a day intended for 7th grade students to discover the advantages of a Lutheran high school education and the many opportunities available at Calvary. If you know a 7th grader (or 8th grader, if they haven't attended before) who would benefit from knowing about the Calvary experience, contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 to learn more.

**STAY IN THE KNOW** – Stay up-to-date on upcoming events like open houses, calendar changes, and so much more! Visit Calvary's website and follow the social media accounts, all conveniently linked at [linktr.ee/calvarylhs](https://linktr.ee/calvarylhs).

**BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT** – Calvary's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton. Start putting your team together now for a fun day supporting students at Calvary Lutheran High School! If you are interested in helping to plan this event, contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 for more information.

**OPEN POSITIONS** – Calvary is seeking a ministry-minded golf coach for this coming Spring season. Additionally, Calvary is seeking candidates for the part-time athletic director position to begin Summer 2025. Resumes and inquiries can be sent to [administrator@calvarylhs.org](mailto:administrator@calvarylhs.org).

### **SAVE THE DATE** –

Feb. 7-8 Calvary Boys Basketball Showcase

Feb. 18 Calvary Blood Drive

Feb. 20 Open House

## Happening at St. John's:

**While the flooring is being replaced**, Adult Bible Class will be in the church. Other changed will happen as needed. We will need help to put things back when they are finished! Stay tuned.

**A new Wednesday Bible study** may be starting soon . . . watch for an email with more information.

**“No amount of scientific progress can defeat death.** No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever.” *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**LIVE DAILY LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE...** You can listen to a live chapel service weekdays from Concordia Theological Seminary–Fort Wayne, IN. Lutheran Talk Radio streams Morning Chapel from Kramer Chapel at 9 a.m. Central Mondays through Fridays. You can listen at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

### **This week:**

Sunday, 1/19    9am    Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
                    10am    Divine Service

Tues, 1/21        6:30pm Confirmation Class

Thurs, 1/23      6:30pm Lutheran Basics

Fri, 1/24         7:00pm Church Council

Sunday, 1/26    9am    Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
                    10am    Divine Service  
                                  Lunch  
                                  Voters' Meeting

# The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry

Based on historical clues in the Gospel accounts, Jesus was likely around thirty years old when He began His ministry. Not very much is known about His childhood and early life. The Gospels record His birth, the visit by the magi, the flight to Egypt to escape Herod's plan to kill all Hebrew boys 2 years old and under, and the return to Nazareth.

Luke shares that when Jesus was twelve, He accompanied Mary and Joseph and other relatives on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, to the Temple, for Passover. When the rest of the family left, Jesus did not. It took a three days for them to realize He was not with them, return and look for Him. Perhaps the three days was a foreshadowing of the three days He would spend between His crucifixion and resurrection!

When they did find Him, He was in the temple; He asked them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" He had been sitting with the teachers in the Temple. Luke says that "Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." This has caused many to wonder. Since He was already God, did He not already know everything? And why would He have to "increase . . . in favor with God . . .?"

Jesus was both God and man: God from eternity, but man only since He was conceived in Mary's womb. And He had to grow from a single cell just as did every one of us. The only difference is that His spirit was not stained with the corruption of original sin, like ours. Just as His body had to grow, it makes sense that His mind did, as well. And though He was God, Paul would later write that "He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped" (Philippians 2:6).

When Jesus told His parents that He had to be "in His Father's house," He was already pointing to the crucifixion, that in Jerusalem, He would accomplish the salvation of the world. Luke also records that He was submissive to them, an obedient child to them as well as to the Father.

Luke also records that even from the beginning, people would not understand what He said to them. Already at twelve, Luke records, Mary and Joseph "did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. Once He rose from the dead, and especially now, it is much easier to piece everything together and see the blessings Jesus came to bring.

# Confession and Absolution

## 913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be  
Truly living,  
To You giving  
Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.
  
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,  
That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing,  
That in true Christian unity  
We faithful witnesses may be,  
Your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us  
By Your teaching;  
Let our preaching  
And our labor  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
  
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith,  
From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace  
On us shower;  
By Your power  
Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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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 151*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

*LSB 151*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 36:5–9; antiphon: Song of Solomon 2:4*

[The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,\*  
and his banner over | me was love.

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the | heavens,\*  
your faithfulness | to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of God;\*  
your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, | O  
LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, | O God!\*

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow | of your wings.

They feast on the abundance | of your house,\*  
and you give them drink from the river of | your delights.

For with you is the foun- | tain of life;\*  
in your light do | we see light.

**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] brought me to the ban- | queting house,\*  
and his banner over | me was love.

## Kyrie

LSB 152

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the  
Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church  
of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and  
praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C** Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your  
glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of  
God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our  
prayer.

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 62:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 12:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia.

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*John 2:1–11*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.

<sup>8</sup>And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

### 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest  
In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,

Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.

- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee  
At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## 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.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** To the Lord, who manifested His glory in the sign at Cana and restored creation through the shedding of Christ's blood, that He would give us joy and gladness in the revelation of His truth and the abundance of His grace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Holy Church, brought together at the Lord's banquet, both now in the Word and Sacraments and in the eternal wedding feast to come, that the banner of Christ's steadfast love would rest over the doors of every congregation, that the preaching of His righteousness would be constant, and that patient love may mark our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all whom the Lord has called to proclaim the marriage of the Lamb, especially for Pastor Sam Powell, Pastor Jesse Schlie, missionaries Lindsay Cundiff, Dale Kaster, and Gustavo Maita, and military chaplains Coleman Geraci, Jason Dart, and Peter Burfeind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all married couples and their families, that Christ, who blessed the wedding at Cana with His presence and honored it with His first miracle, would be present in our homes and lives with His free and

abundant forgiveness to preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all the members of this congregation, that we would continue to recognize and give thanks for the many gifts the Lord gives to us; especially for Peggy Heidbreder (1/19), Raymond Klatt (1/20), and Ronald Marr (1/21) as they celebrate birthdays this week, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our nation, that our heavenly Father would bless every effort to maintain peace and promote justice, watch over and guide all military personnel, thwart every effort to destroy life unnecessarily, and permit righteousness and goodness to flourish in our land, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those in need, [*especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, Tammy Deaver, Ken Meller, Marilyn Brandt, Patty Ott, and Pastor Jim Mueller*], that as Jesus showed divine compassion even for a groom who ran out of wine, the Holy Spirit would grant us compassionate hearts to notice the needs of others, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For worthy reception of the Lord's Supper in repentance and faith, that as Christ manifested Himself by the sign at Cana, changing water into wine, so He would also manifest Himself to us here, making bread and wine His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity and other offenses. We implore You, send Your blessing on every husband and wife. Do not let them provoke one another to anger and strife, but let them live peaceably together in love and godliness. Strengthen them with Your gracious help in all temptations, and help them to rear their children in accordance with Your will. Grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Offering / Offertory

*LSB 159*

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the  
name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the  
Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His  
people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O  
Jerusalem.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*LSB 160*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface (Full)

- P** It is truly good, 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 161*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **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**

**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 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 163*

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## **Distribution**

### **631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face**

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.
- 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.



- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.  
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### 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

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

Let all the world praise Him alone,

Let solemn awe possess us.

Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

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

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## 644 The Church's One Foundation

*sts. 1–5*

- 1 The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace ended.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder  
The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,

And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

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*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

## The Dismissal

- 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.

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 165*

- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## 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.

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## 408 Come, Join in Cana's Feast

- 1 Come, join in Cana's feast  
Where Christ is honored guest.  
He welcomes all who come to taste  
The wine His hands have blessed.
- 2 The old wine now is gone  
From jars that stand apart.  
No longer can it satisfy  
The yearning, thirsting heart.
- 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh,  
Bids water turn to wine.  
He fills our empty cups again  
With grace and truth divine.
- 4 Come, friends, and share the feast;  
Here drink the wine supplied  
By Him who is both guest and host—  
For us, the crucified.

△ 5 For now He lives and reigns  
Through all eternity  
With Father, Spirit, Three in One,  
The glorious Trinity.

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