

**Communion Practice:** We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that everyone be examined and instructed by the Pastor before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishop, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

#### **A Prayer upon Entering Church**

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### **A Prayer before Communion**

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

#### **A Prayer after Communion**

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

#### **A Prayer at the Close of the Service**

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



Septuagesima  
February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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*“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.” St. Matthew 20:1*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“Nun freuet euch”</i>	Michael Praetorius
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>Silent Prayer</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”</i>	TLH 387
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Confiteor</b>		
<b>The Invocation and Address</b>		TLH p. 15
<b>Versicles</b>		TLH p. 15
<b>Confession and Absolution</b>		TLH p. 16
<b>The Introit</b>	<i>(Tone 3)</i>	INSERT
<b>The Kyrie</b>		TLH p. 17
<b>The Salutation</b>		TLH p. 19
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Lesson</b>		Jeremiah 1:4-10
<i>After each Lesson:</i>	V: This is the Word of the Lord.	
	R: Thanks be to God.	
<b>The Gradual</b>		INSERT
<b>The Epistle</b>		1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5
<b>The Tract</b>		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Holy Gospel</b>		St. Matthew 20:1-16
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Salvation unto Us Has Come”</i>	Δ TLH 377
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>Whatever Is Right You Will Receive</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Offertory</b>	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Offering</b>		
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The General Prayer</b>		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“If God Himself Be For Me”</i>	TLH 528
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Preface</b>		TLH p. 24
<b>The Proper Preface</b>		TLH p. 25
<b>The Sanctus and Benedictus</b>		TLH p. 26
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		TLH p. 27
<b>The Verba Domini</b>		TLH p. 27
<b>The Pax Domini</b>		TLH p. 27
<b>The Agnus Dei</b>		TLH p. 28

*Sit*

## The Distribution

*Stand*

**The Post Communion Canticle** *“The Nunc Dimittis* TLH p. 29-30

**The Thanksgiving**  *(“And His mercy endureth forever”)* TLH p. 30

## The Post-Communion Collect

*Sit*

**The Hymn** *“Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way”* TLH 383

*Stand*

**The Salutation** TLH p. 31

**The Benedicamus** TLH p. 31

**The Benediction** TLH p. 31

## Silent Prayer

*Sit*

**The Postlude** *“Such’ wer da will”* Paul Kickstat

## Announcements

who they are or what they are called.” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon for Septuagesima, 1525.*

### In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Rev. Ned Brockwell, Doug Schultz, Denise Heiser, Rev. Donald Hunter, Emily Benson, Nancy, Pat, Caroline, Rev. Charles Hudson, Rev. Mark Mueller, Eleanor Smolen, Alex Noegel, Jo Kope, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Brandon Dennie, Paul Meadows, Vera Davis, Nellie Noegel, Marie Scheck, Judy Horn, Norma Martich, Maile Manalo, Richard Noegel, Mike Miller, Doris Armstrong, and Vince Bost.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MN;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Mark Mueller.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Evangelical Theological Lutheran Seminary.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Luke Sekula, Joshua and Christopher Heck, and Nicholas Silva.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred and John Monahan.*
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

## Announcements

### Daily Readings for the week after Septuagesima

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today</b>	Gen. 1-3; Matt. 25:14-30	Genesis 4-6; Acts 17:22-34
<b>Monday:</b>	Gen. 7-9; Mark 5:21-43	Genesis 10-12; Exodus 5:1-23
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gen. 13-15; Mark 6:1-29	Genesis 16-18; Exodus 6:1-13
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gen. 19-21; Mark 6:30-56	Genesis 22-24; Exodus 11:1-10
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gen. 25-27; Mark 7:1-30	Genesis 28-30; Exodus 12:1-28
<b>Friday:</b>	Gen. 31-33; Mark 8:10—9:1	Genesis 34-36; Exodus 12:29-42
<b>Saturday:</b>	Gen. 37-39; Mark 9:2-32	Genesis 40-42; Exodus 13:1-22

### Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 23, 84-85	Psalms 114, 86-88
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 23, 89	Psalms 114, 90-92
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 23, 93-95	Psalms 114, 96-100
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 23, 101-102	Psalms 114, 103-104
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 23, 105	Psalms 114, 106
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 23, 107	Psalms 114, 108-111
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 23, 112-115	Psalms 25, 116-118

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Augsburg Confession, XIII.1—XVII.5  
**Tuesday:** The Augsburg Confession, XVIII.1—XX.11  
**Wednesday:** The Augsburg Confession, XX.12-40  
**Thursday:** The Augsburg Confession, XXI.1—XXII.12  
**Friday:** The Augsburg Confession, XXIII.1-26

### Reciting the Catechism Daily:

**Sunday:** Ten Commandments, Apostle’s Creed, Lord’s Prayer  
**Monday:** Baptism, Confession, Lord’s Supper  
**Tuesday:** Morning & Evening Prayer; Prayers Before & After Meals  
**Wednesday:** Table of Duties I—Bishops, Pastors, & Preachers; What

the Hearers Owe Their Pastors; Of Civil Government; Of Subjects  
**Thursday:** Table of Duties II—To Husbands; To Wives; To Parents;  
To Children; To Servants, Hired Men & Employees; To Employers; To  
the Young in General; To Widows; To All in Common

**Friday:** How One Should Be Taught to Confess

**Saturday:** Christian Questions with Their Answers

### Hymns for the Week:

**Morning:** TLH 377 “Salvation unto Us Has Come”

**Evening:** TLH 528 “If God Himself Be for Me”

### Calendar for the week after Septuagesima

**Today: Septuagesima—Violet**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Vestry Meeting

11:30 a.m. Bible Class

3 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

4:15 p.m. Bible Class in Augusta, GA

**Monday:** *President’s Day*

**Tuesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday:** Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

5 p.m. Divine Service

**Thursday:** Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

**Friday:** *Washington’s Birthday*

**Saturday:** No Events Scheduled

**Next Sunday: Sexagesima/The Festival of St. Matthias, Apostle—**

**Violet** 10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Class

### The Lutheran Herald

The February issue of “The Lutheran Herald,” the devotional booklet of the ELDoNA, is now available. It can be found on Facebook at: <http://tinyurl.com/LutheranHerald>. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave.

### Needs for the McCall Hospice House

There is need at the hospice house for the following items: Hard Candy (individually wrapped) any kind, mints included; Chips, individual size, any kind; Ponytail Holders; Notebooks and notepads; Men’s deodorant; Hair brushes; Q-Tips; Toothpaste, in regular and travel size; and Individual teeth flossers.

Other needs for in-home patients: XL Twin Sheet Sets; Ensure, any kind; and Baby wipes and adult wipes. Please give all collected items to Mike Miller.

### Ask the Pastor

The Rev. Joshua Sullivan of Holy Cross Ev. Luth. Church, Kerrville, TX puts out weekly videos dealing with a wide range of theological topics. Please check them out and subscribe to be notified when a new one is published at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ATPHolyCross>.

### To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

**Today—Septuagesima**

**Old Testament Lesson:**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

**Epistle:**

1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5

**Gospel:**

St. Matthew 20:1-16

**February 24<sup>th</sup>—Sexagesima/The Festival of St. Matthias, Apostle**

**Old Testament Lesson:**

Isaiah 55:1-7

**Epistle:**

2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9

**Gospel:**

St. Luke 8:4-15

### An Excerpt from Martin Luther’s Sermons

“Hence the substance of this Gospel is that no mortal is so high, nor will ever ascend so high, who will not have occasion to fear that he may become the very lowest. On the other hand, no mortal lies so low or can fall so low, to whom the hope is not extended that he may become the highest; because here all human merit is abolished and God’s goodness alone is praised, and it is decreed as on a festive occasion that the first shall be last and the last first. In that He says, “the first shall be last” He strips thee of all thy presumption and forbids thee to exalt thyself above the lowest outcast, even if thou wert like Abraham, David, Peter or Paul. However, in that He also says, “the last shall be first,” He checks thee against all doubting, and forbids thee to humble thyself below any saint, even if thou wert Pilate, Herod, Sodom and Gomorrah.

For just as we have no reason to be presumptuous, so we have also no cause to doubt; but the golden mean is confirmed and fortified by this Gospel, so that we regard not the penny but the goodness of the householder, which is alike and the same to high and low, to the first and the last, to saints and sinners, and no one can boast nor comfort himself nor presume more than another; for He is God not only of the Jews, but also of the Gentiles, yea, especially of all, and it matters not

# SEPTUAGESIMA

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019



## Introit

P: THE **SOR**- - || rows of Sheol | sur- | round- | **ed** - | me; \*

C: The snares of death | **con**- - | **fron**- - | ted | me.

P: || In my distress I called | up- | on | **the** - | Lord, \*

C: He heard my voice | **from** - | **His** - | tem- | ple. (*Psalms 18:5-6a, c*)

P: || I will love You, | O | Lord, | **my** - | strength. \*

C: The Lord is my rock | **and** - | **my** - | for- | tress.

P: || For You will save the | hum- | ble | **peo**- - | ple, \*

C: But will bring | **down** - | **haugh**- - | ty | looks.

P: || It is God who | arms | me | **with** - | strength, \*

C: And makes | **my** - | **way** - | per- | fect.

P: || Therefore I will give thanks | to | You, | **O** - | Lord, \*

C: And sing prais- | **es** - | **to** - | Your | name. (*Psalms 18:1b-2a, 27, 32, 49*)

## GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || The sorrows of Sheol | sur- | round- | **ed** - | me; \*

C: The snares of death | **con**- - | **fron**- - | ted | me.

P: || In my distress I called | up- | on | **the** - | Lord, \*

C: He heard my voice | **from** - | **His** - | tem- | ple. (*Psalms 18:5-6a, c*)

## Collect

O Lord, we beseech Thee favorably to hear the prayers of Thy people that we, who are justly punished for our offenses, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Savior, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



## Gradual

P: || The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in | times | of | **trou**- - | ble. \*

C: And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken | **those** - | **who** - | seek | You.

P: || For the needy shall not always | be | for- | **got**- - | ten; \*

C: The expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. Arise, O Lord, do not | **let** - | **man** - | pre- | vail. (*Psalms 9:9-10, 18-19a*)

## Tract (From Septuagesima to Holy Saturday, the Tract replaces the Verse)

P: || Out of the depths I have cried | to | You, | **O** - | Lord; \*

C: - | **Lord**, - | **hear** - | my | voice!

P: || Let Your ears | be | at- | **ten**- - | tive \*

C: To the voice of my | **sup**- - | **pli**- - | ca- | tions.

P: || If You, Lord, should mark | in- | i- | **qui**- - | ties, \*

C: O | **Lord**, - | **who** - | could | stand?

P: || But there is for- | give- | ness | **with** - | You, \*

C: That | **You** - | **may** - | be | feared. (*Psalms 130:1-4*)

## Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup>Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me: “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you,” says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.”

## 1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5

<sup>9:24</sup>Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. <sup>10:1</sup>Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

## St. Matthew 20:1-16

<sup>1</sup>“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.’ <sup>8</sup>So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ <sup>13</sup>But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. <sup>15</sup>Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

**TLH 387 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”**

Martin Luther, 1523

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And, with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,  
How His right arm the victory won;  
Right dearly it hath cost Him.

2. Fast bound in Satan’s chains I lay,  
Death brooded darkly o’er me,  
Sin was my torment night and day,  
In sin my mother bore me;  
Yea, deep and deeper still I fell,  
Life had become a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.

3. My own good works availed me naught,  
No merit they attaining;  
Free will against God’s judgment fought,  
Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left naught but death to be my share;  
The pangs of Hell I suffered.

4. But God beheld my wretched state  
Before the world’s foundation,  
And, mindful of His mercies great,  
He planned my soul’s salvation.  
A father’s heart He turned to me,  
Sought my redemption fervently:  
He gave His dearest Treasure.

5. He spoke to His beloved Son:  
‘Tis time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright Jewel of My crown,  
And bring to man salvation;  
From sin and sorrow set him free,  
Slay bitter death for him that he  
May live with Thee forever.

6. The Son obeyed His Father’s will,  
Was born of virgin mother,  
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my Brother.  
No garb of pomp or power He wore,  
A servant’s form, like mine, He bore,  
To lead the devil captive.

7. To me He spake: Hold fast to Me,  
I am thy Rock and Castle;  
Thy Ransom I Myself will be,

For thee I strive and wrestle;  
For I am with thee, I am thine,  
And evermore thou shalt be Mine:  
The Foe shall not divide us.

8. The Foe shall shed My precious blood,  
Me of My life bereaving.  
All this I suffer for thy good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life shall from death the victory win,  
My innocence shall bear thy sin;  
So art thou blest forever.

9. Now to My Father I depart,  
The Holy Spirit sending  
And, heavenly wisdom to impart,  
My help to thee extending.  
He shall in trouble comfort thee,  
Teach thee to know and follow Me,  
And in all truth shall guide thee.

10. What I have done and taught, teach thou,  
My ways forsake thou never;  
So shall My kingdom flourish now  
And God be praised forever.  
Take heed lest men with base alloy  
The heavenly treasure should destroy;  
This counsel I bequeath thee.

**TLH 377 “Salvation unto Us has Come”**

Paul Speratus, 1523

1. Salvation unto us has come  
By God’s free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.

2. What God did in His Law demand  
And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on every hand  
For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires  
The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.

3. It was a false, misleading dream  
That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves redeem  
And by their works gain heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright

To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.

4. From sin our flesh could not abstain,  
Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain,  
Our guilt was e'er increasing.  
None can remove sin's poisoned dart  
Or purify our guileful heart,—  
So deep is our corruption.

5. Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and hath God's anger stilled,  
Our human nature sharing.  
He hath for us the Law obeyed  
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.

6. Since Christ hath full atonement made  
And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
And build on this foundation.  
Thy grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Thy death is now my life indeed,  
For Thou hast paid my ransom.

7. Let me not doubt, but trust in Thee,  
Thy Word cannot be broken;  
Thy call rings out, "Come unto Me!"  
No falsehood hast Thou spoken.  
Baptized into Thy precious Name,  
My faith cannot be put to shame,  
And I shall never perish.

8. The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
And makes men conscience-stricken;  
The Gospel then doth enter in  
The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
The Law no peace can ever give,  
No comfort and no blessing.

9. Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
Yet faith alone doth justify,  
Works serve thy neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.

Δ 10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God that saved us by His grace,—

All glory to His merit!  
O Triune God in Heaven above,  
Who hast revealed Thy saving love,  
Thy blessed Name be hallowed.

### **TLH 528 "If God Himself Be For Me"**

Paul Gerhardt, 1656

1. If God Himself be for me,  
I may a host defy;  
For when I pray, before me  
My foes, confounded, fly.  
If Christ, my Head and Master,  
Befriend me from above,  
What foe or what disaster  
Can drive me from His love?

2. This I believe, yea, rather,  
Of this I make my boast,  
That God is my dear Father,  
The Friend who loves me most,  
And that, whate'er betide me,  
My Savior is at hand  
Thro' stormy seas to guide me  
And bring me safe to land.

3. I build on this foundation,  
That Jesus and His blood  
Alone are my salvation,  
The true, eternal good.  
Without Him all that pleases  
Is valueless on Earth;  
The gifts I owe to Jesus  
Alone my love are worth.

4. My Jesus is my Splendor,  
My Sun, my Light, alone;  
Were He not my Defender  
Before God's awe-full throne,  
I never should find favor  
And mercy in His sight,  
But be destroyed forever  
As darkness by the light.

5. He canceled my offenses,  
Delivered me from death;  
He is the Lord who cleanses  
My soul from sin through faith.  
In Him I can be cheerful,  
Bold, and undaunted aye;  
In Him I am not fearful  
Of God's great Judgment Day.

6. Naught, naught, can now condemn me  
Nor set my hope aside;  
Now Hell no more can claim me  
Its fury I deride.  
No sentence e'er reproves me,  
No ill destroys my peace;  
For Christ, my Savior, loves me  
And shields me with His grace.

7. His Spirit in me dwelleth,  
And o'er my mind He reigns.  
All sorrow He dispelleth  
And soothes away all pains.  
He crowns His work with blessing  
And helpeth me to cry,  
"My Father!" without ceasing,  
To Him Who dwells on high.

8. And when my soul is lying  
Weak, trembling, and opprest,  
He pleads with groans and sighing  
That cannot be exprest;  
But God's quick eye discerns them,  
Although they give no sound,  
And into language turns them  
E'en in the heart's deep ground.

9. To mine His Spirit speaketh  
Sweet word of holy cheer,  
How God to him that seeketh  
For rest is always near  
And how He hath erected  
A city fair and new,  
Where what our faith expected  
We evermore shall view.

10. In yonder home doth flourish  
My heritage, my lot;  
Though here I die and perish,  
My Heaven shall fail me not.  
Though care my life oft saddens  
And causeth tears to flow,  
The light of Jesus gladdens  
And sweetens every woe.

11. Who clings with resolution  
To Him whom Satan hates  
Must look for persecution;  
For him the burden waits  
Of mockery, shame, and losses,  
Heaped on his blameless head;  
A thousand plagues and crosses  
Will be his daily bread.

12. From me this is not hidden,  
Yet I am not afraid;  
I leave my cares, as bidden,  
To whom my vows were paid.  
Though life and limb it cost me  
And everything I own,  
Unshaken shall I trust Thee  
And cleave to Thee alone.

13. Though Earth be rent asunder,  
Thou'rt mine eternally;  
Not fire nor sword nor thunder  
Shall sever me from Thee;  
Not hunger, thirst, nor danger,  
Not pain nor poverty  
Nor mighty princes' anger  
Shall ever hinder me.

14. No angel and no gladness,  
No throne, no pomp, no show,  
No love, no hate, no sadness,  
No pain, no depth of woe,  
No scheme of man's contrivance,  
However small or great,  
Shall draw me from Thy guidance  
Nor from Thee separate.

15. My heart for joy is springing  
And can no more be sad,  
'Tis full of mirth and singing,  
Sees naught but sunshine glad.  
The Sun that cheers my spirit  
Is Jesus Christ, my King;  
That which I shall inherit  
Makes me rejoice and sing.

**TLH 383 "Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way"**  
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1. Seek where ye may To find a way  
That leads to your salvation;  
My heart is stilled, On Christ I build,  
He is the one Foundation.  
His Word is sure, His works endure;  
He doth o'erthrow My ev'ry foe;  
Thro' Him I more than conquer.

2. Seek whom ye may To be your stay;  
None can redeem his brother.  
All helpers failed, This Man prevailed,  
The God-man, and none other.  
Our Servant-Lord Did help afford;  
We're justified, For He hath died,  
The Guiltless for the guilty.



3. Seek Him alone, Who did atone,  
Who did your souls deliver;  
Yea, seek Him first, All ye who thirst  
For grace that faileth never.  
In ev'ry need Seek Him indeed;  
To ev'ry heart He will impart  
His blessings without measure.

4. My heart's Delight, My Crown most bright,  
Thou, Jesus, art forever.  
Nor wealth nor pride Nor aught beside  
Our bond of love shall sever.  
Thou art my Lord; Thy precious Word  
Shall be my guide, Whate'er betide.  
Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust Thee!

5. Hide not from me, I ask of Thee,  
Thy gracious face and favor.  
Though floods of woe Should o'er me flow,  
My faith shall never waver.  
From pain and grief Grant sweet relief;  
For tears I weep, Lord, let me reap  
Thy heavenly joy and glory. Amen.