

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.

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Laetare
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“And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.”

St. John 6:11

The Order of Divine Service

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| The Ringing of the Bell | |
| Silent Prayer | |
| The Hymn | “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness” TLH 305 |
| <i>Stand</i> | |
| The Confiteor | |
| The Invocation and Address | TLH p. 15 |
| Versicles | TLH p. 15 |
| Confession and Absolution | TLH p. 16 |
| The Introit | (Tone 7) INSERT |
| The Kyrie | TLH p. 17 |
| The Salutation | TLH p. 19 |
| The Collect for the Day | INSERT |
| The Collect for the Season of Lent | INSERT |
| <i>Sit</i> | |
| The Lesson | Isaiah 49:8-13 |
| <i>After each Lesson:</i> | V: This is the Word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God. |
| The Epistle | Galatians 4:21-31 |
| The Gradual | INSERT |
| The Tract | INSERT |
| <i>Stand</i> | |
| The Sequence Hymn | “The Royal Banners Forward Go” Δ INSERT |
| The Holy Gospel | St. John 6:1-15 |
| The Nicene Creed | TLH p. 22 |
| <i>Sit</i> | |
| The Hymn | “Christ, the Life of All the Living” TLH 151 |
| The Sermon | <i>A Great Multitude Coming Toward Him</i> |
| <i>Stand</i> | |
| The Offertory | “Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God” TLH p. 22-23 |
| <i>Sit</i> | |
| The Recitation of the Catechism | How One Should Be Taught to Pray |
| The Offering | |
| <i>Stand</i> | |
| The General Prayer | TLH p. 23 |
| <i>Sit</i> | |
| The Hymn | “Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread” TLH 312 |
| <i>Stand</i> | |
| The Preface | TLH p. 24 |
| The Proper Preface | TLH p. 25 |
| The Sanctus and Benedictus | TLH p. 26 |
| The Lord’s Prayer | TLH p. 27 |
| The Verba Domini | TLH p. 27 |

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| The Pax Domini | TLH p. 27 |
| The Agnus Dei | TLH p. 28 |

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The Distribution

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| The Post Communion Canticle | “The Nunc Dimittis” TLH p. 29-30 |
| The Thanksgiving | (“Ye Do Show the Lord’s Death”) TLH p. 30 |

R: Ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

The Post-Communion Collect

Sit

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| The Hymn | “O Lord, We Praise Thee” TLH 313 |
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Stand

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| The Salutation | TLH p. 31 |
| The Benedicamus | TLH p. 31 |
| The Benediction | TLH p. 31 |
| Silent Prayer | |

Sit

Announcements

Δ—Indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand for the last stanza.

Holy Week Schedule

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| April 6 th — Holy Monday: | 6:30 p.m. Private Confession 7:00 p.m. Divine Service |
| April 7 th — Holy Tuesday: | 6:30 p.m. Private Confession 7:00 p.m. Divine Service |
| April 8 th — Holy Wednesday: | 6:30 p.m. Private Confession 7:00 p.m. Divine Service |
| April 9 th — Maundy Thursday: | 6:30 p.m. Private Confession 7:00 p.m. Divine Service |
| April 10 th — Good Friday: | 6:30 p.m. Private Confession 7:00 p.m. Divine Service |
| April 11 th — The Vigil of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord: | 6:30 p.m. Private Confession 7:00 p.m. Divine Service |

sake of God's Word and the signs, and thus sought the Kingdom of God, He did not forsake them but richly fed them. He hereby also shows that, rather than those who seek the Kingdom of God should suffer need, the grass in the desert would become wheat, or a crumb of bread would be turned into a thousand loaves; or a morsel of bread would feed as many people and just as satisfactorily as a thousand loaves; in order that the words in Matthew 4:4 might stand firm, that "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." And to confirm these words Christ is the first to be concerned about the people, ...so that we may indeed let Him care for us, remembering that He cares more and sooner for us than we do for ourselves." *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Laetare.*

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Emily Benson, Peggy Holder, Jo Kope, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Judy Horn, Richard Noegel, Patricia Bachand, Tamara Jack, Mike Miller, Doris Armstrong, Barbara Miller, Pat Stefanski, Matthew Scholten, Vince Bost, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, David Heiser, and Rev. Mark Mueller.*
- For *Silvia diGregorio* that her faith may be strengthened.
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *St. Boniface Ev. Lutheran Church, Niles, MI;* and her pastor, the *Rev. John Rutowicz.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Evangelical Theological Lutheran Seminary.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *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 Laetare

| | Morning | Evening |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Today | Joshua 23-24; John 6:36-51 | Judges 1-2; 2 Peter 1:2-11 |
| Monday: | Judges 3-4; Luke 23:26-56 | Judges 5-6; Deuteronomy 9:1-29 |
| Tuesday: | Judges 7-8; Matt. 26:1-35 | Judges 9-10; Deuteronomy 10:1-22 |
| Wednesday: | Judges 11-12; Mt. 26:36-75 | Judges 13-14; Deuteronomy 11:1-32 |
| Thursday: | Judges 15-16; Matt. 27:1-38 | Judges 17-18; Deuteronomy 28:1-14 |
| Friday: | Judges 19-20; Mt. 27:39-66 | Judges 21; Deuteronomy 28:15-68 |
| Saturday: | Ruth 1-2; Mark 14:1-31 | Ruth 3-4; Deuteronomy 34:1-12 |

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

| | Morning | Evening |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Today: | Psalms 46, 107 | Psalms 139, 108-111 |
| Monday: | Psalms 46, 112-115 | Psalms 139, 116-118 |
| Tuesday: | Psalms 46, 119:1-40 | Psalms 139, 119:41-88 |
| Wednesday: | Psalms 46, 119:89-128 | Psalms 139, 119:129-176 |
| Thursday: | Psalms 46, 120-125 | Psalms 139, 126-132 |
| Friday: | Psalms 46, 133-135 | Psalms 136-139 |
| Saturday: | Psalms 46, 140-141 | Psalms 27, 142-143 |

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

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| Monday: | The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IV.22-47 |
| Tuesday: | The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IV.48-74 |
| Wednesday: | The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IV.75-85 |
| Thursday: | The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IV.86-102 |
| Friday: | The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IV.101-121 |

Reciting the Catechism Daily:

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| Sunday: | Ten Commandments |
| Monday: | Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer |
| Tuesday: | Baptism, Lord's Supper |
| Wednesday: | Prayers |

Thursday: Table of Duties

Friday: Office of Keys and Confession

Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: TLH 151—"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Evening: TLH 312—"Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread"

Calendar for the Week after Laetare

Today: Laetare—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible class

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: The Festival of the Annunciation of our Lord—White

6:30 p.m. Private Confession

7:00 p.m. Divine Service

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Judica (*Passion Sunday*)—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible class

The Lutheran Herald

The March 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>.

ELDoNA 2020 Synod and Colloquium

This year's synod and colloquium will be held at Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Malone, TX April 21st through the 24th. Pastor will be driving to the synod and colloquium and will leave on Sunday and arrive back on Saturday. If you would like to join pastor for this trip, please speak with him.

ELDoNA 2020 Youth and Family Camp

The ELDoNA Youth and Family Camp will be held in Kerrville, TX June 22nd through 26th. It will be held at the Kerrville-Schreiner Park in Kerrville. There will be plenty of time for instruction and worship, plus free time to enjoy the parks facilities. If you would like to attend please speak with Pastor as soon as possible so that we can make cabin arrangements.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—Laetare

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 49:8-13

Epistle:

Galatians 4:21-31

Gospel:

St. John 6:1-15

March 25th—The Festival of the Annunciation of our Lord

Old Testament Lesson:

Micah 5:2-4

Epistle:

Isaiah 7:10-16

Gospel:

St. Luke 1:26-38

March 29th—Judica (*Passion Sunday*)

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 12:1-3

Epistle:

Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel:

St. John 8:46-59

An Excerpt from Martin Luther's Sermons

"In today's Gospel Christ gives us another lesson in faith, that we should not be overanxious about our daily bread and our temporal existence...for here we see, since the people followed Christ for the

LAETARE

March 22nd, 2020



Introit

P: RE- - JOICE - || with Jerusalem, and | be | glad | with | her, *

C: All | you | who | love | her; -

P: || Rejoice | for | joy | with | her, *

C: All you | who | mourn | for | her. - (*Isaiah 66:10*)

P: || I was glad when | they | said | to | me, *

C: "Let us go into the | house | of | the | Lord." -

P: || Our feet | have | been | stand- | ing *

C: Within your gates, O | Je- | ru- | sa- | lem! -

P: || Pray for the peace of | Je- | ru- | sa- | lem: *

C: "May they pros- | per | who | love | you." -

P: || For the sake of my brethren and companions, | I | will | now | say, *

C: "Peace | be | with- | in | you." - (*Psalms 122:1, 2, 6, and 8*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || Rejoice with Jerusalem, and | be | glad | with | her, *

C: All | you | who | love | her; -

P: || Rejoice | for | joy | with | her, *

C: All you | who | mourn | for | her. - (*Isaiah 66:10*)

Collect

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Collect for the Season of Lent

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with the Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

P: || I was glad when | they | said | to | me, *

C: "Let us go into the | house | of | the | Lord." -

P: || Peace be | with- | in | your | walls, *

C: Prosperity within | your | pa- | la- | ces. - (*Psalms 122:1, 7*)

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

P: || Those who trust in the Lord are | like | Mount | Zi- | on, *

C: Which cannot be moved, but a- | bides | for- | ev- | er. -

P: || As the mountains surround | Je- | ru- | sa- | lem, *

C: So the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth | and | for- | ev- | er. - (*Psalms 125:1-2*)

Isaiah 49:8-13

⁸ Thus says the LORD: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You as a covenant to the people, to restore the earth, to cause them to inherit the desolate heritages; ⁹ That You may say to the prisoners, 'Go forth,' to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' They shall feed along the roads, and their pastures shall be on all desolate heights. ¹⁰ They shall neither hunger nor thirst, neither heat nor sun shall strike them; For He who has mercy on them will lead them, even by the springs of water He will guide them. ¹¹ I will make each of My mountains a road, and My highways shall be elevated. ¹² Surely these shall come from afar; Look! Those from the north and the west, and these from the land of Sinim." ¹³ Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted.

Galatians 4:21-31

²¹ Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. ²³ But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, ²⁴ which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar—²⁵ for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—²⁶ but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. ²⁷ For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, you who do not bear! Break forth and shout, you who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband." ²⁸ Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. ²⁹ But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. ³⁰ Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." ³¹ So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

St. John 6:1-15

¹ After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. ³ And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵ Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" ⁶ But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. ⁷ Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." ⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, ⁹ "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" ¹⁰ Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. ¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." ¹³ Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵ Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

TLH 305 “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

Johann Franck, 1649

1. Soul, adorn thyself with gladness,
Leave behind all gloom and sadness;
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy thy praises render
Unto Him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous supper founded.
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth,
Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him
And with loving rev'rence greet Him;
For with words of life immortal
Now He knocketh at thy portal.
Haste to ope the gates before Him,
Saying, while thou dost adore Him,
“Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee,
And I nevermore will leave Thee.”

3. He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of Heaven
God to us hath freely given.
Tho' the wealth of Earth were proffered,
Naught would buy the fits here offered:
Christ's true body, for thee riven,
And His blood, for thee once given.

4. Ah, how hungers all my spirit
For the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging,
Thought upon this food with longing,
In the battle well-nigh worsted,
For this cup of life have thirsted,
For the Friend Who here invites us
And to God Himself unites us.

5. In my heart I find ascending
Holy awe, with rapture blending,
As this mystery I ponder,
Filling all my soul with wonder,
Bearing witness at this hour
Of the greatness of God's power;
Far beyond all human telling
Is the power within Him dwelling.

6. Human reason, though it ponder,
Cannot fathom this great wonder
That Christ's Body e'er remaineth
Though it countless souls sustaineth,
And that He His Blood is giving
With the wine we are receiving.

These great mysteries unsounded
Are by God alone expounded.

7. Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor,
Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring,—
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from Heaven,
For our good, Thy glory, given.

8. Lord, by love and mercy driven
Thou hast left Thy throne in Heaven
On the cross for us to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Thy blood in sadness.
By this blood, redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise Thee with thanksgiving.

9. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee,
Let me gladly here obey Thee.
By Thy love I am invited,
Be Thy love with love requited;
From this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Though the gifts Thou here dost give me
As Thy guest in Heaven receive me. Amen.

Sequence Hymn INSERT “The Royal Banners Forward Go”

Venantius Fortunatus, 569

1. The royal banners forward go;
The cross shines forth in mystic glow
Where He in flesh, our flesh Who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid;

2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from His side,
To wash us in that precious flood
Where mingled water flowed and blood.

3. Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old;
Amidst the nations, God, saith he,
Hath reigned and triumphed from the Tree.

4. O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,
O Tree with royal purple dight;
Elect, on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest;

5. On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us avail
To give new virtue to the saint
And pardon to the penitent.

Δ 7. To Thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done
Whom by the cross Thou dost restore,
Preserve, and govern evermore. Amen.

TLH 151 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"
Ernst C. Homburg, 1659, abridged

1. Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe,—
Thro' Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3. Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4. Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn,
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heavenly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5. Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee,—
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6. Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high. Amen.

TLH 312 "Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread"
Johann Rist, 1654

1. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou living Bread,
May I for mine possess Thee.
I would with heav'nly food be fed;
Descend, refresh, and bless me.
Now make me meet for Thee, O Lord;
Now, humbly by my heart implored,
Grant me Thy grace and mercy.

2. Thou me to pastures green dost guide,
To quiet waters lead me;
Thy Table Thou dost well provide
And from Thy hand dost feed me.
Sin, weakness, and infirmity
Am I; O Savior, give to me
The cup of Thy salvation.

3. O Bread of Heav'n, my soul's Delight,
For full and free remission
With prayer I come before Thy sight,
In sorrow and contrition.
With faith adorn my soul that I
May to Thy Table now draw nigh
With Thine own preparation.

4. I merit not Thy favor, Lord,
Sin now upon me lieth;
Beneath my burden, self-abhorred,
To Thee my spirit crieth.
In all my grief this comforts me,
That Thou on sinners graciously,
Lord Jesus, hast compassion. Amen.

TLH 313 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

Stanza 1, Unknown, Sts. 2-3, Martin Luther, 1524

1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy Body and Thy Blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

2. Thy holy Body into death was given,
Life to win for us in Heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy Blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor
To please Him with our behavior
And live as brethren here in love and union
Nor repent this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy! Amen.

The Royal Banners Forward Go



1. The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go, _____
 2. Where deep - for us the spear - was dyed, _____
 3. Ful - filled is all that Da - vid told _____
 4. O Tree of beaut - ty, Tree of light, _____
 5. On whose dear arms, so wide - ly flung, _____
 6. O Cross our one re - li - ance, hail! _____
 7. To Thee E - ter - nal Three in One, _____



The cross shines forth in mys - tic glow _____
 Life's tor - rent rush - ing from His side, _____
 In true pro - phet - ic song of old; _____
 O Tree with roy - al pur - ple dight; _____
 The weight of this world's ran - som hung _____
 So may the pow'r with us a - vail _____
 Let hom - age meet by all be done _____



Where He in flesh, our flesh who made, _____
 To wash us in that prec - ious flood _____
 A - midst the na - tions, God, saith he, _____
 E - lect, on whose tri - um - phal breast _____
 The price of hu - man - kind to pay _____
 To give new vir - tue to the saint _____
 Whom by the cross Thou dost re - store, _____



Our sen - tence bore, our ran - som paid;
 Where min - gled wa - ter flowed and blood.
 Hath reigned and tri - umphed from the Tree.
 Those ho - ly limbs should find their rest;
 And spoil the spoil - er of his prey.
 And par - don to the pen - i - tent.
 Pre - serve, and gov - ern ev - er - more. A - men. _____