

**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.



Populus Sion  
December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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*“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away.” St. Luke 21:33*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>Silent Prayer</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”</i>	TLH 67
<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 6)</i>	INSERT
<b>The Kyrie</b>		TLH p. 17
<b>The Gloria in Excelsis</b>		TLH p. 17-19
<b>The Salutation</b>		TLH p. 19
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		INSERT
<b>The Collect for the Season of Advent</b>		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Lesson</b>		Micah 4:1-7
	<i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>	
	<i>R: Thanks be to God.</i>	
<b>The Epistle</b>		Romans 15:4-13
<b>The Gradual</b>		INSERT
<b>The Verse</b>		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Holy Gospel</b>		St. Luke 21:25-36
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“The Day is Surely Drawing Near”</i>	TLH 611
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>When These Things Begin to Happen</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 Recitation of the Catechism</b>		The Lord’s Prayer
<b>The Offering</b>		
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The General Prayer</b>		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”</i>	TLH 446
<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
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Distribution</b>		
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Canticle</b>	<i>“The Nunc Dimittis”</i>	TLH p. 29-30
<b>The Thanksgiving</b>	<i>(“And His mercy endureth forever”)</i>	TLH p. 30
<b>The Post-Communion Collect</b>		
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“When Sinners See Their Lost Condition”</i>	TLH 65
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Salutation</b>		TLH p. 31
<b>The Benedicamus</b>		TLH p. 31
<b>The Benediction</b>		TLH p. 31
<b>Silent Prayer</b>		
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>Announcements</b>		

## Christmas Season Schedule

<b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b><i>The Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord</i></b>		Private Confession 6:30 p.m. Divine Service 7:00 p.m.
<b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b><i>The Nativity of Our Lord</i></b>		Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
<b>December 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b><i>St. Stephen, Protomartyr and Deacon</i></b>		
<b>December 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b><i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i></b>		
<b>December 28<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b><i>Holy Innocents’ Day</i></b>		
<b>December 29<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b><i>The First Sunday after Christmas</i></b>		Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
<b>January 1<sup>st</sup></b>		
<b><i>The Circumcision of Our Lord</i></b>		Private Confession 9:30 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
<b>January 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b><i>The Second Sunday after Christmas</i></b>		Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 11:15 a.m. Divine Service 3:00 p.m. Augusta, GA Bible Class 4:15 p.m. Augusta, GA
<b>January 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b><i>The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i></b>		Private Confession 6:30 p.m. Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

## In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Emily Benson, Peggy Holder, Jo Kope, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Judy Horn, Richard Noegel, Tamara Jack, Mike Miller, Doris Armstrong, Barbara Miller, Matthew Scholten, Vince Bost, Rev. Donald Hunter, 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, *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, *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 Populus Sion

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today</b>	Isaiah 29-30; Luke 1:26-35	Isaiah 31-32; Romans 2:1-16
<b>Monday:</b>	Isaiah 33-34; Acts 17:16-24	Isaiah 35-36; 1 Chronicles 17:1-27
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Isaiah 37-38; 1 John 4:9-16	Isaiah 39-40; 2 Chronicles 7:11-22
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Isaiah 41-42; Col. 1:1-8	Isaiah 43-44; Isaiah 11:1-10
<b>Thursday:</b>	Isaiah 45-46; Phil. 2:12-18	Isaiah 47-48; Jeremiah 23:2-8
<b>Friday:</b>	Isaiah 49-50; Phil. 3:12-16	Isaiah 51-52; Jeremiah 30:1-22
<b>Saturday:</b>	Isaiah 53-54; Col. 3:1-11	Isaiah 55-56; Jeremiah 33:14-26

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

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 42-44	Psalms 91, 45-48
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 42, 49	Psalms 91, 50-51
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 42, 52-54	Psalms 91, 55-57
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 42, 58-59	Psalms 91, 60-63
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 42, 64-65	Psalms 91, 66-68
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 42, 69	Psalms 91, 70-72
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 42, 73	Psalms 98, 74-76

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Large Catechism, Preface.1-10  
**Tuesday:** The Large Catechism, Preface.11—Short Preface.6  
**Wednesday:** The Large Catechism, Intro.1-28  
**Thursday:** The Large Catechism, I.1-15  
**Friday:** The Large Catechism, I.16-29

### Reciting the Catechism Daily:

**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 611—"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

**Evening:** TLH 67—"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

**Calendar for the Week after Populus Sion**

**Today: Populus Sion—Violet**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Parish Assembly

3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

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

**Monday:** No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday:** 7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Vespers

8:00 p.m. Private Confession

**Thursday:** No Events Scheduled

**Friday: The Festival of St. Lucia, Virgin and Martyr—Red**

**Saturday:** No Events Scheduled

**Next Sunday: Gaudete—Violet**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Class

Bishop Heiser's Birthday

**The Lutheran Herald**

The December 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>.

**Midweek Advent Vespers**

This year's Midweek Advent Vespers continue this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Private Confession will be offered after the Office.

**Parish Assembly Meeting**

The next parish assembly meeting is today after Divine Service. The two items of new business are the approval of the proposed budget for 2020, and confirming the selection of the church officers for 2020.

**To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:**

**Today—Ad te levavi**

**Old Testament Lesson:**

Micah 4:1-7

**Epistle:**

Romans 15:4-13

**Holy Gospel:**

St. Luke 21:25-36

**December 13<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of St. Lucia of Syracuse, Virgin and Martyr**

**Old Testament Lesson:**

Ecclesiasticus 51:1-7

**Epistle:**

2 Corinthians 10:17—11:2

**Holy Gospel:**

St. Matthew 13:44-52

**December 15<sup>th</sup>—Gaudete**

**Old Testament Lesson:**

Malachi 3:1-6

**Epistle:**

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

**Holy Gospel:**

St. Matthew 11:2-10

**An Excerpt from Luther's Writings**

"But to believers that day will be comforting and sweet. That day will be the highest joy and safety to the believer, and the deepest terror and anguish to the unbeliever; just as also in this life the truths of the Gospel are exceedingly sweet to the godly and exceedingly hateful to the wicked. Why should the believer fear and not rather exceedingly rejoice since he trusts in Christ Who comes as judge to redeem him and to be his everlasting portion." *From the Church Postil for Populus Sion, 1522.*

# POPULUS SION

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019



## Introit

P: DAUGH- TER - || - | of | Zi- | on, \*

C: Behold, surely your salva- tion | is - | com- | ing.

P: || The Lord will cause His glorious voice | to | be | heard,\*

C: And you shall have | glad- | ness - | of | heart. (*Isaiah 62:11; 30:30, 29a,b*)

P: || Give ear, O Shepherd of | Is- | ra- | el, \*

C: You who lead Ja- | cob | like - | a | flock.

P: || Restore | us, | O | God; \*

C: Cause Your face to shine, and | we | shall - | be | saved!

P: || Return, we beseech You, O | God | of | Hosts, \*

C: Look down from | heav- | en - | and | see.

P: || Let Your hand be upon the Man of | Your | right | hand, \*

C: Upon the Son of Man whom You made | strong | for - | Your- | self.  
(*Psalm 80:1a, 3, 14, 17*)

## GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || Daughter | of | Zi- | on, \*

C: Behold, surely your salva- tion | is - | com- | ing.

P: || The Lord will cause His glorious voice | to | be | heard,\*

C: And you shall have | glad- | ness - | of | heart. (*Isaiah 62:11; 30:30, 29a,b*)

## Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine Only-Begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; through the same 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 Advent

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



## Gradual

P: || Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | will | shine | forth: \*

C: Our | — | God - | shall | come.

P: || Gather My saints together | un- | to | Me, \*

C: Those who have made a covenant with Me | by | sa- - | cri- | fice.  
(*Psalm 50:2-3a, 5*)

## Verse

P: || Al- | le- | lu- | ia! \*

C: Al- | — | le- - | lu- | ia!

P: || The powers of heaven will | be | shak- | en. \*

C: Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. | Al- | le- - | lu- | ia! (*St. Luke 21:26c-27*)

## Micah 4:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it. <sup>2</sup> Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>4</sup> But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid; For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. <sup>5</sup> For all people walk each in the name of his god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever. <sup>6</sup> "In that day," says the LORD, "I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast and those whom I have afflicted; <sup>7</sup> I will make the lame a remnant, and the outcast a strong nation; So the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from now on, even forever."

## Romans 15:4-13

<sup>4</sup> For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. <sup>5</sup> Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, <sup>9</sup> and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is

written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name." <sup>10</sup> And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" <sup>11</sup> And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" <sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## St. Luke 21:25-36

<sup>25</sup> "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; <sup>26</sup> men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." <sup>29</sup> Then He spoke to them a parable, "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. <sup>31</sup> So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. <sup>34</sup> But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. <sup>35</sup> For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

## TLH 67 “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

Johann Walther, 1552

1. The Bridegroom soon will call us:  
Come, all ye wedding-guests!  
May not His voice appal us  
While slumber binds our breasts!  
May all our lamps be burning  
And oil be found in store  
That we, with Him returning,  
May open find the door!

2. There shall we see delighted  
Our dear Redeemer’s face,  
Who leads our souls benighted  
To glory by His grace.  
The patriarchs shall meet us,  
The prophets’ holy band,  
Apostles, martyrs, greet us  
In that celestial land.

3. They will not blush to own us  
As brothers, sisters dear;  
Love ever will be shown us  
When we with them appear.  
We all shall come before Him  
Who for us man became,  
As Lord and God adore Him,  
And ever bless His Name.

4. Our Father, rich in blessing,  
Will give us crowns of gold  
And, to His bosom pressing,  
Impart a bliss untold,  
Will welcome with embraces  
Of never-ending love,  
And deck us with His graces  
In blissful realms above.

5. In yonder home shall never  
Be silent music’s voice;  
With hearts and lips forever  
We shall in God rejoice.  
The angels shall adore Him,  
All saints shall sing His praise  
And bring with joy before Him  
Their sweetest heavenly lays.

6. In mansions fair and spacious  
Will God the feast prepare  
And, ever kind and gracious,  
Bid us its riches share.  
There bliss that knows no measure  
From springs of love shall flow,

And never-changing pleasure  
His bounty will bestow.

7. Thus God shall from all evil  
Forever make us free,  
From sin, and from the devil,  
From all adversity,  
From sickness, pain, and sadness,  
From troubles, cares, and fears,  
And grant us heavenly gladness  
And wipe away our tears. Amen.

## TLH 611 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1586

1. The day is surely drawing near  
When God’s Son, the Anointed,  
Shall with great majesty appear  
As Judge of all appointed.  
All mirth and laughter then shall cease  
When flames on flames will still increase,  
As Scripture truly teacheth.

2. A trumpet loud shall then resound  
And all the earth be shaken.  
Then all who in their graves are found  
Shall from their sleep awaken;  
But all that live shall in that hour  
By the Almighty’s boundless pow’r  
Be changed at His commanding.

3. A book is opened then to all,  
A record truly telling  
What each hath done, both great and small,  
When he on earth was dwelling;  
And ev’ry heart be clearly seen,  
And all be known as they have been  
In tho’ts and words and actions.

4. Then woe to those who scorned the Lord  
And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised His precious Word  
And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand  
And at the Judge’s stern command  
To Satan be delivered.

5. O Jesus, who my debt didst pay  
And for my sin wast smitten,  
Within the Book of Life, oh, may  
My name be also written!  
I will not doubt; I trust in Thee,  
From Satan Thou hast made me free  
And from all condemnation.

6. Therefore my Intercessor be  
And for Thy blood and merit  
Declare my name from judgment free  
With all who life inherit,  
That I may see Thee face to face  
With all Thy saints in that blest place  
Which Thou for us hast purchased.

7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way  
In fear and tribulation.  
Then hear us when we cry to Thee;  
Come, mighty Judge, and make us free  
From every evil! Amen. Amen.

**TLH 446 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”**

Johann B. Freystein, 1697

1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray,  
From thy sleep awaken;  
Be not by the evil day  
Unawares o’ertaken.  
For the Foe,  
Well we know,  
Oft his harvest reapeth  
While the Christian sleepeth.

2. Watch against the devil’s snares  
Lest asleep he find thee;  
For indeed no pains he spares  
To deceive and blind thee.  
Satan’s prey  
Oft are they  
Who secure are sleeping  
And no watch are keeping.

3. Watch! Let not the wicked world  
With its pow’r defeat thee.  
Watch lest with her pomp unfurled  
She betray and cheat thee.  
Watch and see  
Lest there be  
Faithless friends to charm thee,  
Who but seek to harm thee.

4. Watch against thyself, my soul,  
Lest with grace thou trifle;  
Let not self thy tho’ts control  
Nor God’s mercy stifle.  
Pride and sin  
Lurk within

All thy hopes to scatter;  
Heed not when they flatter.

5. But while watching, also pray  
To the Lord unceasing.  
He will free thee, be thy Stay,  
Strength and faith increasing.  
O Lord, bless  
In distress  
And let nothing swerve me  
From the will to serve Thee.

6. Therefore let us watch and pray,  
Knowing He will hear us  
As we see from day to day  
Dangers ever near us,  
And the end  
Doth impend,—  
Our redemption nearth  
When the Lord appeareth. Amen.

**TLH 65 “When Sinners See Their Lost Condition”**

Magnus B. Landstad, 1863

1. When sinners see their lost condition  
And feel the pressing load of sin  
And Jesus cometh on His mission  
To heal the sin-sick heart within,  
All grief must flee before His grace,  
And joy divine will take its place.

2. When Jesus enters meek and lowly  
To fill the home with sweetest peace;  
When hearts have felt His blessing holy  
And found from sin complete release,  
Then light and calm within shall reign  
And hearts divided love again.

3. When Jesus enters land and nation  
And moves the people with His love;  
When, yielding to His kind persuasion,  
Our hearts His truth and blessing prove,  
Then shall our life on earth be blest,  
The peace of God on us shall rest.

4. When Jesus comes,—O blessed story!—  
He works a change in heart and life;  
God’s kingdom comes with pow’r and glory  
To young and old, to man and wife;  
Thro’ Sacrament and living Word  
Faith, love, and hope are now conferred.

5. Then stilled are cries and lamentation,  
Then loosed is Satan’s every band,

In death is hope and consolation,  
The soul is safe in Jesus' hand.  
When we shall walk through death's dark vale,  
His rod and staff shall never fail.

6. Oh, may He soon to every nation  
Find entrance where He is unknown,  
With life and light and full salvation,  
That heathendom may be o'erthrown  
And healing to the hearts may come  
In heathen land and Christian home! Amen.