

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

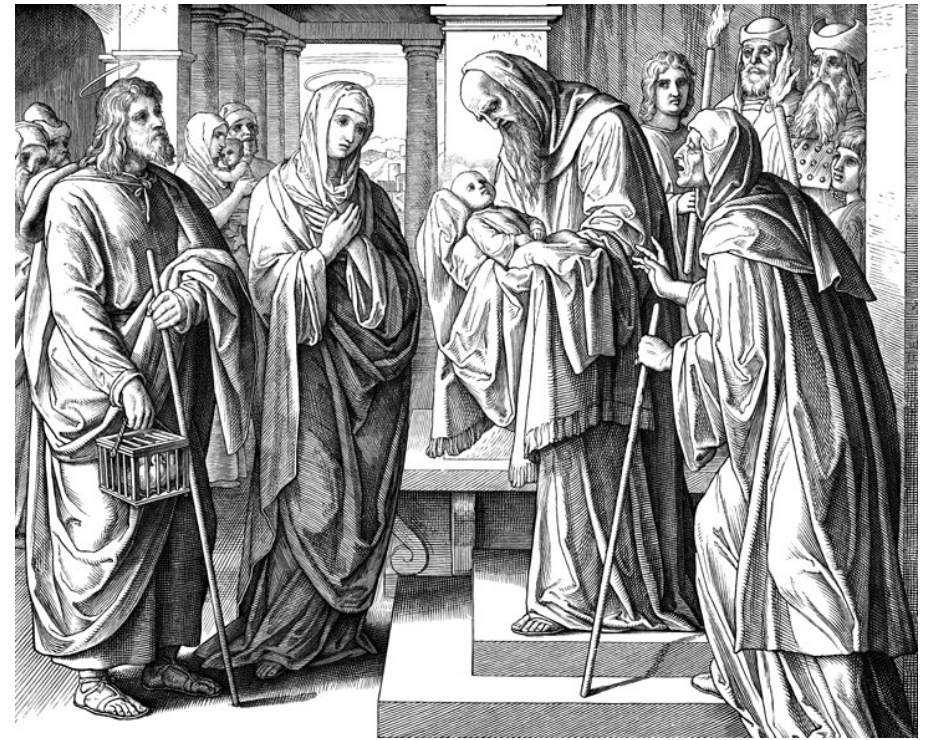
Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

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.



The First Sunday after Christmas
December 29th, 2019

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*“Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and
rising of many in Israel.”*

St. Luke 2:34

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Mit Fried’ und Freud”</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Hymn	<i>“We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise”</i>	TLH 108
<i>Stand</i>		
The Confiteor		
The Invocation and Address		TLH p. 15
Versicles		TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution		TLH p. 16
The Introit	<i>(Tone 5)</i>	INSERT
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17
The Gloria in Excelsis		TLH p. 17-19
The Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
The Collect for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Isaiah 11:1-5
<i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>		
<i>R: Thanks be to God.</i>		
The Epistle		Galatians 4:1-7
The Gradual		INSERT
The Verse		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sequence Hymn	<i>“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”</i>	Δ INSERT
The Holy Gospel		St. Luke 2:33-40
The Nicene Creed		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“To God the Anthem Raising”</i>	TLH 112
The Sermon	<i>The Grace of God Was Upon Him</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Offering		
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Thou Light of Gentile Nations”</i>	TLH 138
<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
The Pax Domini		TLH p. 27
The Agnus Dei		TLH p. 28
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Post Communion Canticle	<i>“The Nunc Dimittis</i>	TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving	<i>(“And His mercy endureth forever”)</i>	TLH p. 30
The Post-Communion Collect		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”</i>	TLH 137
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Valet will ich dir geben”</i>	Georg Friedrich Kaufmann
Announcements		

Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

Christmas Season Schedule

January 1st	
<i>The Circumcision of Our Lord</i>	Private Confession 9:30 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
January 5th	
<i>The Second Sunday after Christmas</i>	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
January 6th	
<i>The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i>	Private Confession 6:30 p.m. Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

“Now it must indeed excite wonder that such things were proclaimed openly by Simeon in that public and sacred place with reference to that poor and insignificant Child, Whose mother was so humble and lowly and Whose father Joseph was not wealthy. How could such a Child be considered the Savior of all men, the Light of the Gentiles and the glory and honour of all Israel? At present, after we have had so many proofs of Christ's greatness, these words do no longer seem so wonderful; but then, when nothing as yet was known of Jesus, they were indeed marvellous, and this lowly Child was very unlike the great and mighty being portrayed by Simeon. But Joseph and Mary believed it nevertheless, and just therefore they marveled. If they had not believed it, the words of Simeon would have appeared to them insignificant, untrue and worthless, and not at all wonderful. Therefore, the fact that they were marveling, shows that Joseph and Mary possessed a strong and sublime faith.” *From the Church Postil for the First Sunday after Christmas, 1522.*

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, 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, *Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, MO;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Josiah Scheck.*
- 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 within the Octave of the Nativity of our Lord

	Morning	Evening
Today	1 Cor. 5; Luke 2:22-24	1 Corinthians 6; Isaiah 46:3-13
Monday:	1 Cor. 7; Luke 2:25-32	1 Corinthians 8; Isaiah 49:1-13
Tuesday:	1 Cor. 9; Matt. 2:13-15	1 Corinthians 10; Isaiah 55:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Cor. 11; Luke 4:16-21	1 Corinthians 12; James 4:13-17
Thursday:	1 Cor. 13; Matt. 2:16-18	1 Corinthians 14; Isaiah 42:1-9
Friday:	1 Cor. 15; Matt. 2:19-23	1 Corinthians 16; Isaiah 61:1-11
Saturday:	2 Cor. 1; Matt. 3:1-12	2 Corinthians 2; Isaiah 56:1-8

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 121, 144	Psalms 111, 145
Monday:	Psalms 121, 146	Psalms 111, 147
Tuesday:	Psalms 122, 72, 148	Psalms 90, 115, 149-150
Wednesday:	Psalms 122, 72, 1-4	Psalms 90, 115, 5-8
Thursday:	Psalms 122, 72, 9-11	Psalms 90, 115, 12-17
Friday:	Psalms 122, 72, 18	Psalms 90, 115, 19-22
Saturday:	Psalms 122, 72, 23-25	Psalms 90, 115, 26-30

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	The Large Catechism, I.183-198
Tuesday:	The Large Catechism, I.199-216
Wednesday:	The Large Catechism, I.217-231
Thursday:	The Large Catechism, I.232-247
Friday:	The Large Catechism, I.248-264

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 112—"To God the Anthem Raising"

Evening: TLH 138—"Thou Light of Gentile Nations"

Calendar for the Week within the Octave of the Nativity of our Lord

Today: The First Sunday after the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible class

Monday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord—White

Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Tuesday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord—White

New Year's Eve

Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

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

9:30 a.m. Private Confession

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

New Year's Day

Thursday: The Ninth Day of Christmas—White

Friday: The Tenth Day of Christmas—White

Saturday: The Eleventh Day of Christmas—White

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday after the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Class

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

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

The Lutheran Herald

The January 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>.

Installation of Parish Vestry

Next Sunday during the Divine Service we will install the Vestry for 2020. The following members will be serving in these roles: David Benson—Head Trustee; Mike Miller—Financial Secretary; Vince Bost—Recording Secretary; Tanya Dulas—Assistant Financial Secretary; Pastor Dulas—Treasurer. Please pray for these individuals at the serve the parish.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The First Sunday after the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 11:1-5

Epistle:

Galatians 4:1-7

Gospel:

St. Luke 2:33-40

January 1st—The Festival of the Circumcision of our Lord

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 55:1-13

Epistle:

Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel:

St. Luke 2:21

January 5th—The Second Sunday after the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 42:1-9

Epistle:

1 Peter 4:12-19

Gospel:

St. Matthew 2:13-23

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 29th, 2019



Introit

P: YOUR TEST- || imonies are very | sure; | - *

C: Holiness adorns Your house, O | Lord, | for- | ev- | er.

P: || Your throne is established from of | old; | - *

C: You are from | ev- | er- | last- | ing. (*Psalm 93:5, 2*)

P: || The Lord reigns, He is clothed with | *ma-jes-* • | ty; *

C: The Lord is clothed, He has girded | Him- | self | with | strength.

P: || Surely the world is es- | tab- | lished, *

C: So that it | can- | not | be | moved.

P: || The floods have lifted up their | voice; | - *

C: The floods | lift | up | their | waves.

P: || The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many | wat- | ers, *

C: Than the mighty | waves | of | the | sea. (*Psalm 93:1, 3-4*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || Your testimonies are very | sure; | - *

C: Holiness adorns Your house, O | Lord, | for- | ev- | er.

P: || Your throne is established from of | old; | - *

C: You are from | ev- | er- | last- | ing. (*Psalm 93:5, 2*)

Collect

Almighty and Everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the Name of Thy Beloved Son we may be made to abound in good works; 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.



Gradual

P: || You are fairer than the sons of | men; | - *

C: Grace is poured | u- | pon | Your | lips.

P: || My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the | King; | - *

C: My tongue is the pen of a | read- | y | writ- | er. (*Psalm 45:2a, 1*)

Verse

P: || Alle- | lu- | ia! *

C: Al- | — | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || The Lord reigns, He is clothed with | *ma-jes-* • | ty; *

C: The Lord is clothed; He has girded Himself with strength. | Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Psalm 93:1*)

Isaiah 11:1-5

¹ There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. ³ His delight is in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; ⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

Galatians 4:1-7

¹ Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, ² but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. ³ Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

St. Luke 2:33-40

³³ And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against ³⁵ (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶ Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; ³⁷ and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. ³⁸ And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. ³⁹ So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

TLH 108 “We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise”

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

1. We sing, Immanuel, Thy praise,
Thou Prince of Life and Fount of grace,
Thou Flow’r of Heav’n and Star of morn,
Thou Lord of lords, Thou Virgin-born.
Hallelujah!
2. For Thee, since first the world was made,
So many hearts have watched and prayed;
The patriarchs’ and prophets’ throng
For Thee have hoped and waited long.
Hallelujah!
3. Now art Thou here, Thou Ever-blest!
In lowly manger dost Thou rest.
Thou, making all things great, art small;
So poor art Thou, yet clothest all.
Hallelujah!
4. From Thee above all gladness flows,
Yet Thou must bear such bitter woes;
The Gentiles’ Light and Hope Thou art,
Yet findest none to soothe Thine heart.
Hallelujah!
5. But I, Thy servant, Lord, today
Confess my love and freely say,
I love Thee truly, but I would
That I might love Thee as I should.
Hallelujah!
6. I have the will, the power is weak;
Yet, Lord, my humble offering take
And graciously the love receive
Which my poor heart to Thee can give.
Hallelujah!
7. Had I no load of sin to bear,
Thy grace, O Lord, I could not share;
In vain hadst Thou been born for me
If from God’s wrath I had been free.
Hallelujah!
8. Thus will I sing Thy praises here
With joyful spirit year by year;
And when we reckon years no more,
May I in Heaven Thy Name adore!
Hallelujah! Amen.

Sequence Hymn

INSERT “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Aurelius C. Prudentius, died 413

1. Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.
2. Oh, that birth forever blessed
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Savior of our race,
And the Babe, the world’s Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.
3. O ye heights of Heav’n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow’rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on Earth be silent,
Ev’ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.
4. This is He whom Heav’n-taught singers
Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the Long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.
- Δ 5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

TLH 112 “To God the Anthem Raising”

Paul Eber, 1571

1. To God the anthem raising,
Sing, Christians, great and small;
Sing out, His goodness praising,
Oh, thank Him, one and all!
Behold how God this year,
Which now is safely ended,

Hath in His love befriended
His children far and near.

2. Let us consider rightly
His mercies manifold,
And let us not think lightly
Of all His gifts untold.
Let thankfulness recall
How God this year hath led us,
How He hath clothed and fed us,
The great ones and the small.

3. To Church and State He granted
His peace in ev'ry place,
His vineyard He hath planted
Among us by His grace.
His ever bounteous hand
Prosperity hath given
And want and famine driven
From this our native land.

4. His Father-heart is yearning
To take us for His own
When, our transgressions mourning,
We trust in Christ alone;
When in His Name we pray
And humbly make confession,
He pardons our transgression
And is our faithful Stay.

5. Our God hath well defended,
Hath kept us through His grace;
But if He had contended
With us our sins to trace
And given us our meed,
We all would then be lying
In sin and sorrow, dying,
Each one for his misdeed.

6. O Father dear in Heaven,
For all Thy gifts of love
Which Thou to us hast given
We lift our thanks above.
In Jesus' Name we here,
To Thee our prayers addressing,
Still ask Thee for Thy blessing:
Grant us a joyful year. Amen.

TLH 138 "Thou Light of Gentile Nations"
Johann Franck, 1674

1. Thou Light of Gentile nations,
Thou Savior from above,
Drawn by Thy Spirit's leading,

We come with joy and love
Into Thy holy temple
And wait with earnest mind
As Simeon had waited
His God and Lord to find.

2. Yea, Lord, Thy servants meet Thee,
In ev'ry holy place
Where Thy true Word has promised
That we should see Thy face.
Today Thou still dost grant us
Who gather round Thee here
In arms of faith to bear Thee
As did that aged seer.

3. Be Thou our Joy and Brightness,
Our Cheer in pain and loss,
Our Sun in darkest terror,
The Glory round our cross,
A Star for sinking spirits,
A Beacon in distress,
Physician, Friend, in sickness,
In death our Happiness.

4. Let us, O Lord, be faithful
Like Simeon to the end,
So that his prayer exultant
May from our hearts ascend:
"O Lord, now let Thy servant
Depart in peace, I pray,
Since I have seen my Savior
And here beheld His day."

5. My Savior, I behold Thee
With faith's enlightened eye;
Of Thee no foe can rob me,
His threats I can defy.
Within Thy heart abiding,
As Thou, O Lord, in me,
Death can no longer frighten
Nor part my soul from Thee.

6. Lord, here on Earth Thou seemest
At times to frown on me,
And through my tears I often
Can scarce distinguish Thee;
But in the heavenly mansions
Shall nothing dim my sight;
There shall I see Thy glory
In never-changing light. Amen.

TLH 137 “In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”

Martin Luther, 1524

1. In peace and joy I now depart
At God's disposing;
For full of comfort is my heart,
Soft reposing.
So the Lord hath promised me,
And death is but a slumber.

2. 'Tis Christ that wrought this work for me,
My faithful Savior,
Whom Thou hast made mine eyes to see
By Thy favor.
Now I know He is my Life,
My Help in need and dying.

3. Him Thou hast unto all set forth
Their great Salvation
And to His Kingdom called the Earth,
Every nation,
By Thy dear and wholesome Word,
In every place resounding.

4. He is the Hope and saving Light
Of lands benighted;
By Him are they who dwelt in night
Fed and lighted.
He is Israel's Praise and Bliss,
Their Joy, Reward, and Glory. Amen.

Sequence Hymn—Of the Father's Love Begotten



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the world be - gan to be,
2. Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed When the Vir - gin full of grace,
3. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him: An - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;
4. This is He whom Heav'n - taught sing - ers Sang of old with one ac - cord:



He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He,
By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, Bare the Sav - ior of our race,
Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him, And ex - tol our God and King.
Whom the Scriptures of the Pro - phets Prom - ised in their faith - ful word.



Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,
And the Babe, the world's re - deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face,
Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev - ry voice in con - cert ring
Now He shines, the Long ex - pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
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Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. Amen.