

**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**

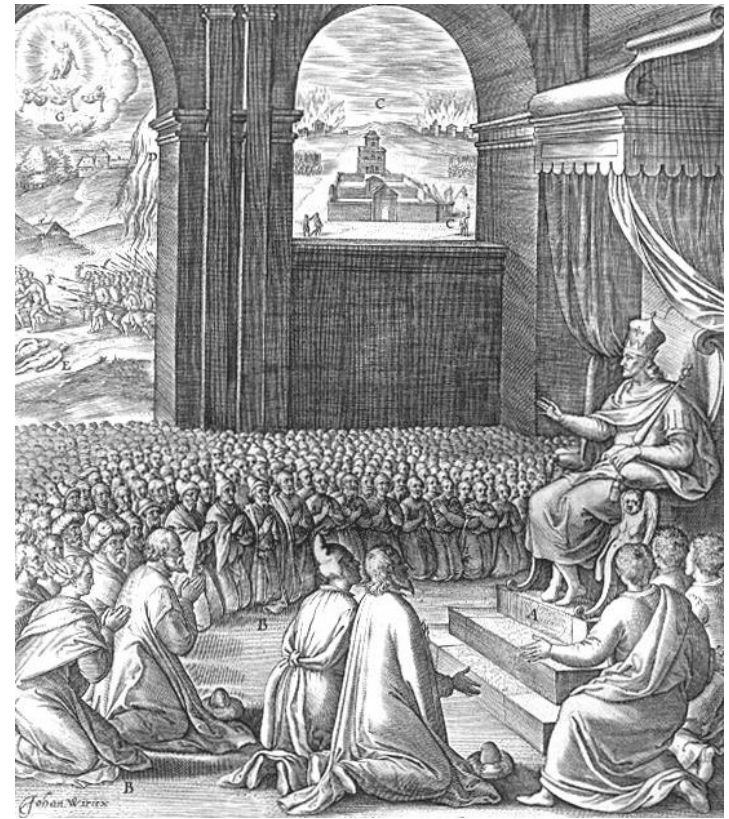
Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

#### **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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday  
November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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*“For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.” St. Matthew 24:27*

## The Order of Divine Service

|  |  |                          |
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| <b>The Prelude</b>   | <i>“Valet will ich dir geben”</i>            | Georg Friedrich Kaufmann |
| <b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>                             |  |                          |
| <b>Silent Prayer</b>                                       |  |                          |
| <b>Hymn</b>  | <i>“Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee”</i>          | TLH 407                  |
| <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 7)</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                   |
| <i>Sit</i>   |  |                          |
| <b>The Lesson</b>  |  | Isaiah 49:12-17          |
| <i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i> |  |                          |
| R: Thanks be to God.                                       |  |                          |
| <b>The Epistle</b>   |  | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  |
| <b>The Gradual</b>   |  | INSERT                   |
| <b>The Verse</b>   |  | INSERT                   |
| <i>Stand</i>   |  |                          |
| <b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>                               | <i>(First Setting)</i>                       | TLH p. 20                |
| <b>The Holy Gospel</b>                                     |  | St. Matthew 24:15-28     |
| <b>The Nicene Creed</b>                                    | <i>(Replace “Christian” with “catholic”)</i> | TLH p. 22                |
| <i>Sit</i>   |  |                          |
| <b>The Hymn</b>  | <i>“The World Is Very Evil”</i>              | TLH 605                  |
| <b>The Sermon</b>  | <i>The Coming of the Son of Man</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>                     | Christian Questions with Their Answers       |                          |
| <i>Stand</i>   |  |                          |
| <b>The General Prayer</b>                                  |  | TLH p. 23                |
| <i>Sit</i> *   |  |                          |
| <b>The Hymn</b>  | <i>“From God Shall Naught Divide Me”</i>     | TLH 393                  |
| <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                |

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| <b>The Pax Domini</b>              |   | TLH p. 27                |
| <b>The Agnus Dei</b>               |   | TLH p. 28                |
| <i>Sit</i>                         |   |                          |
| <b>The Distribution</b>            |   |                          |
| <b>The Hymn</b>                    | <i>“Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High”</i> | TLH 619                  |
| <i>Stand</i>                       |   |                          |
| <b>The Post-Communion 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>  |   | TLH p. 31                |
| <i>Sit</i>                         |   |                          |
| <b>The Hymn</b>                    | <i>“All Men Living Are But Mortal”</i>      | TLH 601                  |
| <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>The Postlude</b>                | <i>“Von Gott will ich nicht lassen”</i>     | Johann Gottfried Walther |
| <b>Announcements</b>               |   |                          |

\*—An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.

## In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Emily Benson, Peggy Holder, Jo Kope, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Katie, Dan, Judy Horn, Richard Noegel, Patricia Bachand, Tamara Jack, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Matthew Scholten, Vince Bost, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Pat Stefanski, Sherrill Smithey, Flora Turenko, Deacon Smithey, Martin Kope, Bill Kope, Sally Kope, and Rev. Mark Mueller.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Herrin, IL; Port Charlotte Ev. Lutheran Mission, Port Charlotte, FL; and Memphis Ev. Lutheran Mission, Lakeland, TN; and their pastors, the Rev. Michael Henson and the Rev. Dcn. Gary Harroun.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.*
- For our seminarians, *Ben Henson, Jacob Henson, John Heiser, and Roman Turenko.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Nicholas Silva.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred and John Monahan.*
- For *Silvia DiGregorio* that her faith may be strengthened.
- For those affected by the coronavirus.
- For those who are suffering unemployment.
- 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 the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity

|                   | <b>Morning</b>               | <b>Evening</b>                       |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>      | Ezek. 29-30; Luke 17:20-33   | Ezekiel 31-32;<br>2 Peter 3:3-15     |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | Ezek. 33-34; Matt. 24:29-51  | Ezekiel 35-36;<br>Daniel 11:36—12:13 |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Ezek. 37-38; Matt. 22:23-33  | Ezekiel 39-40;<br>Ezekiel 38:1-23    |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Ezek. 41-42; 1 Cor. 15:11-50 | Ezekiel 43-44;<br>Ezekiel 39:1-29    |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Ezek. 45-46; Heb. 3:7—4:13   | Ezekiel 47-48;<br>Isaiah 43:14-25    |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Daniel 1-2; Hebrews 11:8-16  | Daniel 3-4;<br>Isaiah 33:17-24       |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Daniel 5-6; Heb. 12:18-29    | Daniel 7-8;<br>Ezekiel 37:1-14       |

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

|                   | <b>Morning</b>    | <b>Evening</b>             |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Today:</b>     | Psalms 116, 42-44 | Psalms 18, Part II, 45-48  |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | Psalms 116, 49    | Psalms 18, Part II, 50-51  |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Psalms 116, 52-54 | Psalms 18, Part II, 55-57  |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Psalms 116, 58-59 | Psalms 18, Part II, 60-63  |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Psalms 116, 64-65 | Psalms 18, Part II, 66-68  |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Psalms 116, 69    | Psalms 18, Part II, 70-72  |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Psalms 116, 73    | Psalms 18, Part III, 74-76 |

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Monday:</b>    | The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.VIII.76-86 |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.VIII.87—IX.3   |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.X.1-13     |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.X.14-25    |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.X.26—XI.3  |

### Reciting the Catechism Daily:

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|-------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | The Ten Commandments                                |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer              |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | The Sacrament of the Altar                          |

**Thursday:** The Prayers

**Friday:** The Table of Duties

**Saturday:** Christian Questions with Their Answers

### Hymns for the Week:

**Morning:** TLH 393—"From God Shall Naught Divide Me"

**Evening:** TLH 407—"Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee"

**Calendar for the Week after the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Today: The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green**

#### *Reformation Workshop in Myrtle Beach, SC*

9:00 a.m. Study #3: Katharina von Bora's Hard Times in Widowhood

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

**Monday:** No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday:** *Veterans Day*

**Thursday:** No Events Scheduled

**Friday:** No Events Scheduled

**Saturday:** No Events Scheduled

**Next Sunday: The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Class

### The Lutheran Herald

The November 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.

### 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>.

### Budget Planning Meeting

We are having our annual budget planning meeting in two weeks on November 22<sup>nd</sup> after the Divine Service. The budget planning committee consists of Pastor Dulas, Deacon Smithey, David Benson,

Vince Bost, and Mike Miller. The proposed budget will be made available to the rest of the congregation after the meeting for final approval at the next parish assembly meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Service.

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

**Today—The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 49:12-17

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 24:15-28

**November 15<sup>th</sup>—The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 40:9-11

**Epistle:** 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10

**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 25:31-46

### An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"The Prophet Daniel desired to know the definite time when this should come to pass, but he could not learn it, and although the angel pointed out a definite time, it was nevertheless too dark for the prophet to understand, hence he said before: But at last, at the last time, you shall see everything, that is, your prophecy, that is to be revealed to you, shall transpire at the end of time. For when Christ sent out the Gospel through the ministry of Himself and of the Apostles, it lasted three or three and a half years, that it almost amounts to the calculation of Daniel, namely the 490 years. Hence he also says, Christ shall take a half a week, in which the daily offerings shall cease; that is, the priesthood and reign of the Jews shall have an end; which all took place in the three and a half years in which Christ preached, and was almost completed in four years after Christ, in which the Gospel prospered the most, especially in Palestine through the Apostles (that when they opened their mouth, the Holy Ghost fell as it were, from Heaven, as we see in the Acts of the Apostles), so that a whole week, or seven years, established the covenant, as Daniel says; that is, the Gospel was preached to the Jews, of which we spoke before. Now, when the time came that a new message or sermon began, there must also begin a new Kingdom, that is, where Christ rules spiritually in our hearts through the Word and faith. If this is now to continue, then the other must be set aside and has no more authority and must cease. This is the part of the prophecy of the prophets, which Christ is explaining." *From the Church Postil for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday in 1525.*

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY  
November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020



**Introit**

P: **HAVE - MER-** - || cy on me, O Lord, for I | am | in | trou- | ble; \*  
C: Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who |  
per- | se- | cute | **me.** -  
P: || Do not let me be | a- | shamed, | O | Lord, \*  
C: For I have | called | u- | pon | **You.** - (*Psalm 31:9a, 15b, and 17a*)  
P: || In You, O Lord, | I | put | my | trust; \*  
C: Let me nev- | er | be | a- | **shamed;** -  
P: || Deliver me in | Your | right- | eous- | ness. \*  
C: Bow down Your ear to me; deliver | me | speed- | i- | **ly.** -  
P: || Into Your hand I com- | mit | my | spir- | it; \*  
C: You have redeemed me, O | Lord | God | of | **truth.** -  
P: || Be of good courage, and He shall | streng- | then | your | heart, \*  
C: All you who | hope | in | the | **Lord.** - (*Psalm 31:1-2a, 5, and 24*)

**GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)**

P: || Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am | in | trou- | ble; \*  
C: Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who |  
per- | se- | cute | **me.** -  
P: || Do not let me be | a- | shamed, | O | Lord, \*  
C: For I have | called | u- | pon | **You.** - (*Psalm 31:9a, 15b, and 17a*)

**Collect**

Almighty God, we beseech Thee, show Thy mercy unto Thy humble servants, that we who put no trust in our own merits may not be dealt with after the severity of Thy judgment, but according to Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



**Gradual**

P: || Your enemies roar in the midst of | Your | meet- | ing | place; \*  
C: They set up their | ban- | ners | for | **signs.** -  
P: || Remember Your congregation, which You have | pur- | chased | of |  
old, \*  
C: The tribe of Your inheritance, which | You | have | re- |  
**deemed.** - (*Psalm 74:4, 2a*)

**Verse**

P: || Al- | — | le- | lu- | ia! \*  
C: Al- | — | le- | lu- | **ia!** -  
P: || There is a river whose streams shall make glad the | ci- | ty | of | God, \*  
C: The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. | Al- | le- |  
lu- | **ia!** - (*Psalm 46:4*)

**Isaiah 49:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> Surely these shall come from afar; Look! Those from the north and the west, and these from the land of Sinim. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me.” <sup>15</sup> Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you. <sup>16</sup> See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me. <sup>17</sup> Your sons shall make haste; Your destroyers and those who laid you waste shall go away from you.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup> But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. <sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**St. Matthew 24:15-28**

<sup>15</sup> “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), <sup>16</sup> “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>17</sup> Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. <sup>18</sup> And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. <sup>19</sup> But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! <sup>20</sup> And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. <sup>21</sup> For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup> And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened. <sup>23</sup> Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. <sup>24</sup> For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup> See, I have told you beforehand. <sup>26</sup> Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>28</sup> For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”

**TLH 407 “Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee”** Valerius  
Herberger, 1613

1. Farewell I gladly bid Thee,  
False, evil world, farewell.  
Thy life is vain and sinful,  
With Thee I would not dwell.  
I long to be in Heaven,  
In that untroubled sphere  
Where they will be rewarded  
Who served their God while here.

2. By Thy good counsel lead me,  
O Son of God, my Stay;  
In each perplexing trial  
Help me, O Lord, I pray.  
Mine hour of sorrow shorten,  
Support my fainting heart,  
From ev'ry cross deliver,  
The crown of life impart.

3. When darkness round me gathers,  
Thy Name and cross, still bright,  
Deep in my heart are sparkling  
Like stars in blackest night.  
O heart, this image cherish:  
The Christ on Calvary,  
How patiently He suffered  
And shed His blood for me!

4. Lord, hide my soul securely  
Deep in Thy wounded side;  
From every danger shield me  
And to Thy glory guide.  
He has been truly blessed  
Who reaches Heaven above;  
He has found perfect healing  
Who rests upon Thy love.

5. Lord, write my name, I pray Thee,  
Now in the Book of Life  
And with all true believers  
Take me where joys are rife.  
There let me bloom and flourish,  
Thy perfect freedom prove,  
And tell, as I adore Thee,  
How faithful was Thy love. Amen.

**TLH 605 “The World Is Very Evil”**  
Bernard of Morlas, about 1140

1. The world is very evil,  
The times are waxing late;  
Be sober and keep vigil,

The Judge is at the gate;  
The Judge that comes in mercy,  
The Judge that comes with might,  
To terminate the evil,  
To diadem the right.

2. Arise, arise, good Christian,  
Let right to wrong succeed;  
Let penitential sorrow  
To heav'nly gladness lead,  
To light that hath no evening,  
That knows no moon nor sun,  
The light so new and golden,  
The light that is but one.

3. O home of fadeless splendor,  
Of flow'rs that bear no thorn,  
Where they shall dwell as children  
Who here as exiles mourn.  
Midst pow'r that knows no limit,  
Where knowledge has no bound,  
The beatific vision  
Shall glad the saints around.

4. Strive, man, to win that glory;  
Toil, man, to gain that light;  
Send hope before to grasp it  
Till hope be lost in sight.  
Exult, O dust and ashes,  
The Lord shall be thy part;  
His only, His forever,  
Thou shalt be and thou art.

5. O sweet and blessed country,  
The home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country  
That eager hearts expect!  
Jesus, in mercy bring us  
To that dear land of rest,  
Who art, with God the Father  
And Spirit, ever blest. Amen.

**TLH 393 “From God Shall Naught Divide Me”**  
Ludwig Helmbold, 1563

1. From God shall naught divide me,  
For He is true for aye  
And on my path will guide me,  
Who else should often stray.  
His right hand holdeth me;  
For me He truly careth,  
My burdens ever beareth  
Wherever I may be.

2. When man's help and affection  
Shall unavailing prove,  
God grants me His protection  
And shows His pow'r and love.  
He helps in ev'ry need,  
From sin and shame redeems me,  
From chains and bonds reclaims me,  
Yea, e'en from death I'm freed.

3. God shall be my Reliance  
In sorrow's darkest night;  
Its dread I bid defiance  
When He is at my right.  
I unto Him commend  
My body, soul, and spirit,—  
They are His own by merit,—  
All's well then at the end.

4. Oh, praise Him, for He never  
Forgets our daily need;  
Oh, blest the hour whenever  
To Him our thoughts can speed;  
Yea, all the time we spend  
Without Him is but wasted,  
Till we His joy have tasted,  
The joy that hath no end.

5. Yea, when the world shall perish  
With all its pride and power,  
Whatever worldlings cherish  
Shall vanish in that hour.  
But though in death they make  
The deepest grave our cover,  
When there our sleep is over,  
Our God will us awake.

6. What though I here must suffer  
Distress and trials sore,  
I merit ways still rougher;  
And yet there is in store  
For me eternal bliss,  
Yea, pleasures without measure,  
Since Christ is now my Treasure  
And shall be evermore. Amen.

**TLH 619 "Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High"**  
Johann M. Meyfart, 1626

1. Jerusalem, thou city fair and high,  
Would God I were in thee!  
My longing heart fain, fain, to thee would fly,  
It will not stay with me.  
Far over vale and mountain,  
Far over field and plain,

It hastes to seek its Fountain  
And leave this world of pain.

2. O happy day and yet far happier hour,  
When wilt thou come at last,  
When fearless to my Father's love and pow'r,  
Whose promise standeth fast,  
My soul I gladly render?  
For surely will His hand  
Lead her with guidance tender  
To Heav'n, her fatherland.

3. A moment's space, and gently, wondrously,  
Released from earthly ties,  
Elijah's chariot bears her up to thee,  
Thro' all these lower skies  
To yonder shining regions,  
While down to meet her come  
The blessed angel legions  
And bid her welcome home.

4. O Zion, hail! Bright city, now unfold  
The gates of grace to me.  
How many a time I longed for thee of old  
Ere yet I was set free  
From yon dark life of sadness,  
Yon world of shadowy naught,  
And God had given the gladness,  
The heritage, I sought!

5. What glorious throng and what resplendent host  
Comes sweeping swiftly down?  
The chosen ones on Earth who wrought the most,  
The Church's brightest crown,  
Our Lord hath set to meet me,  
As in the far-off years  
Their words oft came to greet me  
In yonder land of tears.

6. The patriarchs' and prophets' noble train,  
With all Christ's followers true,  
Who bore the cross and could the worst disdain  
That tyrants dared to do,  
I see them shine forever,  
All-glorious as the sun,  
Mid light that fadeth never,  
Their perfect freedom won.

7. And when within that lovely Paradise  
At last I safely dwell,  
What songs of bliss shall from my lips arise,  
What joy my tongue shall tell,  
While all the saints are singing  
Hosannas o'er and o'er,

Pure hallelujahs ringing  
Around me evermore!

8. Unnumbered choirs before the shining throne  
Their joyful anthems raise  
Till Heaven's glad halls are echoing with the tone  
Of that great hymn of praise  
And all its host rejoices,  
And all its blessed throng  
Unite their myriad voices  
In one eternal song. Amen.

**TLH 601 "All Men Living Are But Mortal"**

Johann G. Albinus, 1652

1. All men living are but mortal,  
Yea, all flesh must fade as grass;  
Only thro' death's gloomy portal  
To eternal life we pass.  
This frail body here must perish  
Ere the heav'nly joys it cherish,  
Ere it gain the free reward  
For the ransomed of the Lord.

2. Therefore, when my God doth choose it,  
Willingly I'll yield my life  
Nor will grieve that I should lose it,  
For with sorrows it was rife.  
In my dear Redeemer's merit  
Peace hath found my troubled spirit,  
And in death my comfort this:  
Jesus' death my source of bliss.

3. Jesus for my sake descended  
My salvation to obtain;  
Death and Hell for me are ended,  
Peace and hope are now my gain;  
Yea, with joy I leave earth's sadness  
For the home of heav'nly gladness,  
Where I shall forever see  
God, the Holy Trinity.

4. There is joy beyond our telling,  
Where so many saints have gone;  
Thousands, thousands, there are dwelling,  
Worshiping before the throne,  
There the Seraphim are shining,  
Evermore in chorus joining:  
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord!  
Triune God, for aye adored!"

5. Patriarchs of sacred story  
And the prophets there are found;  
The apostles, too, in glory

On twelve seats are there enthroned.  
All the saints that have ascended  
Age on age, through time extended,  
There in blissful concert sing  
Hallelujahs to their King.

6. O Jerusalem, how glorious  
Dost thou shine, thou city fair!  
Lo, I hear the tones victorious  
Ever sweetly sounding there.  
Oh, the bliss that there surprises!  
Lo, the sun of morn now rises,  
And the breaking day I see  
That shall never end for me.

7. Yea, I see what here was told me,  
See that wondrous glory shine,  
Feel the spotless robes enfold me,  
Know a golden crown is mine.  
Thus before the throne so glorious  
Now I stand a soul victorious,  
Gazing on that joy for aye  
That shall never pass away. Amen.