

**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**

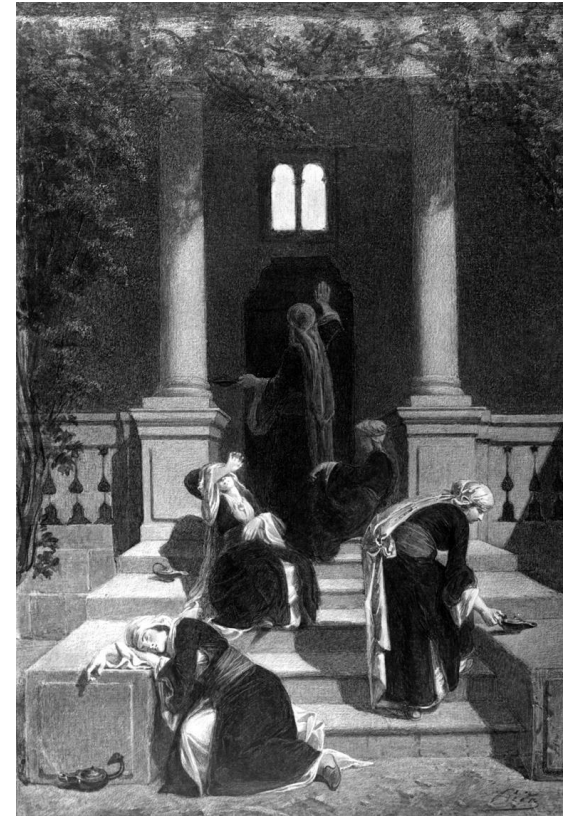
Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

#### **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 Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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*“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.” St. Matthew 25:1*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“Wachet auf”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>Silent Prayer</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>“Jerusalem the Golden”</i>	TLH 613
<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 1)</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 65:17-19
<i>After each Lesson:</i> V: This is the Word of the Lord.		
R: Thanks be to God.		
<b>The Epistle</b>		1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<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 25:1-13
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	<i>(Replace “Christian” with “catholic”)</i>	TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”</i>	TLH 67
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>The Bridegroom Is Coming</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 Ten Commandments
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The General Prayer</b>		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i> *		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”</i>	TLH 609
<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>		
<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>“For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country”</i>	TLH 614
<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>“Ewing”</i>	Roger Kalbfleisch
<b>Announcements</b>		

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

Christ teaches us in a pleasing and kind way, and only tells us what to do and not to do, and what will happen to evildoers and benefactors. He drives and compels no one.

He teaches in such a tender way that He entices us more than commands us as He begins to say: “Blessed are the poor...Blessed are the meek,” etc. [Matt. 5:3, 5]. The apostles commonly use the words “I admonish,” “I ask,” “I implore,” etc. But Moses says, “I command,” “I forbid,” and then threatens and frightens with dreadful punishments and torments. With this instruction, you can read and listen to the Gospels beneficially.” *Dr. Martin Luther’s Werke WA 10.1.1 S. 12/13 (translation used: Luther’s Works, American Edition, vol. 75, p. 9/10).*

### 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 Smthey, Flora Turenko, Deacon Smthey, Martin Kope, Bill Kope, Sally Kope, and Rev. Mark Mueller.*
- For *Rev. Carlos Marin and his family*, whose father *Oscar* passed away this past week.
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Rogers, AR;* and her pastors, the *Rev. Randy Moll* and the *Rev. Dcn. Martin Jackson.*
- 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 Last Sunday after Trinity

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today</b>	Jonah 1-2; Matt. 5:13-16	Jonah 3-4; Revelation 21:1-7
<b>Monday:</b>	Micah 1-2; 2 Peter 3:1-18	Micah 3-4; Isaiah 65:17-25
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Micah 5-7; Jude	Nahum; Ezekiel 37:15-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Habakkuk John; 1 2:18-29	Zephaniah; Habakkuk 3:1-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Haggai; 1 John 3:1-12	Zechariah 1-2; Isaiah 40:27-31
<b>Friday:</b>	Zech. 3-4; 1 John 3:19-24	Zechariah 5-6; Jeremiah 14:7-9
<b>Saturday:</b>	Zech. 7-8; 1 John 4:1-8	Zechariah 9-10; Malachi 3:7-18

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

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 103, 107	Psalms 27, 97, 108-111
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 103, 112-115	Ps. 27, 97, 116-118
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 103, 119:1-40	Psalms 27, 97, 119:41-88
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 103, 119:89-128	Ps. 27, 97, 119:129-176
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 103, 120-125	Psalms 27, 97, 126-132
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 103, 133-135	Psalms 27, 97, 136-139
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 103, 140-141	Psalms 143, 142-143

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.XI.65-77  
**Tuesday:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.XI.78-86  
**Wed.:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.XI.87—XII.4  
**Thursday:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.XII.5-27  
**Friday:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord. XII.28-40

### Reciting the Catechism Daily:

**Sunday:** The Ten Commandments  
**Monday:** The Apostles’ Creed, The Lord’s Prayer  
**Tuesday:** Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession  
**Wednesday:** 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 67—"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

**Evening:** TLH 609—"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

### Calendar for the Week after the Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

**Today: The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Budget Planning Meeting

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:** No Events Scheduled

**Thursday:** *A National Day of Thanksgiving*

**Friday:** *Black Friday*

**Saturday:** No Events Scheduled

**Next Sunday: Ad te levavi—Violet**

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 TODAY 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 in two weeks on December 6<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Service.

### Midweek Advent Vespers

This year's Midweek Advent Vespers will begin on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and continue every Wednesday until December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The readings will take us through the entire first chapter of St. Luke's Gospel. Private confession will follow each Vespers at 8:00 p.m.

### Parish Assembly Meeting

The next parish assembly meeting is on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> after Divine Service. The two items of new business are the approval of the proposed budget for 2021, and confirming the selection of the church officers for 2021. Please make every effort to be there.

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

**Today—The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Old Testament Lesson:**

Isaiah 65:17-19

**Epistle:**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**Holy Gospel:**

St. Matthew 25:1-13

**November 29<sup>th</sup>—Ad te levavi**

**Old Testament Lesson:**

Jeremiah 33:14-18

**Epistle:**

Romans 13:11-14

**Holy Gospel:**

St. Matthew 21:1-9

### An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"Faith has nothing of its own, but only Christ's works and life. The works do have something special from you, but they should also not be your own, but belong to your neighbor.

Therefore, you see that the Gospel is not properly a book of laws and commands which demand our activity from us, but a book of divine promises in which He promises, offers, and gives to us all His blessings and benefits in Christ.

That Christ and the apostles gave much good instruction and explained the Law is to be counted among the benefits as a second work of Christ, for correct teaching is not the least benefit. Therefore, we also see that He does not dreadfully force and drive us, as Moses does in his book and as is the nature of a command.

## THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020



### Introit

P: FOR I - || know the thoughts that I think toward | you, | says | the | Lord, \*

C: Thoughts of peace and | not | of | e- - | vil,

P: ||Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will | lis- | ten | to | you.

C: And I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from | all | the | pla- - | ces. (*Jeremiah 29:11a, 12, 14b*)

P: || Lord, You have been favora- | ble | to | Your | land; \*

C: You have brought back the captivi- | ty | of | Ja- - | cob.

P: || Show us | Your | mer- | cy, | Lord, \*

C: And grant us | Your | sal- | va- - | tion.

P: || Surely His salvation is near to | those | who | fear | Him, \*

C: That glory may | dwell | in | our - | land.

P: || Truth shall spring | out | of | the | earth, \*

C: And righteousness shall look | down | from | heav- - | en. (*Ps. 85:1,7,9,11*)

### GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || For I know the thoughts that I think toward | you, | says | the | Lord, \*

C: Thoughts of peace and | not | of | e- - | vil,

P: ||Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will | lis- | ten | to | you.

C: And I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from | all | the | pla- - | ces. (*Jeremiah 29:11a, 12, 14b*)

### Collect

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offenses, that from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon us we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; 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 End of the Church Year

We thank Thee, Lord God, Heavenly Father, that in the past Church Year Thou hast preserved Thy Word among us in purity and by it effectively enlivened our souls; and we beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst graciously forgive us all our neglect, unbelief, and disobedience with respect to Thy Word, and continue to give us this precious treasure with Thy blessing forevermore; 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: || The King's daughter shall be | brought | to | the | King; \*

C: The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall | be | brought | to - | You.

P: || With gladness and rejoicing | they | shall | be | brought; \*

C: They shall enter | the | King's | pa- - | lace. (*Psalms 45:14a, 15*)

### Verse

P: || Al- | — | le- | lu - | ia! \*

C: Al- | — | le- | lu- - | ia!

P: || I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of | heav- | en | from | God, \*

C: Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. | Al- | le- | lu- - | ia! (*Rev. 21:2*)

## Isaiah 65:17-19

<sup>17</sup> For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup> But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. <sup>6</sup> Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we

should live together with Him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

## St. Matthew 25:1-13

<sup>1</sup> "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. <sup>3</sup> Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup> And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' <sup>12</sup> But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

### **TLH 613 “Jerusalem the Golden”**

Bernard of Morlas, about 1140

1. Jerusalem the golden,  
With milk and honey blest,  
Beneath thy contemplation  
Sink heart and voice opprest.  
I know not, oh, I know not,  
What joys await us there,  
What radiancy of glory,  
What bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Zion,  
All jubilant with song  
And bright with many an angel  
And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever in them;  
The daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessèd  
Are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David;  
And there, from care released,  
The shout of them that triumph,  
The song of them that feast;  
And they who with their Leader  
Have conquered in the fight  
Forever and forever  
Are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessèd country,  
The home of God’s elect!  
O sweet and blessèd 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 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 609 “Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying”**

Philipp Nicolai, 1599

1. "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"  
The watchmen on the heights are crying;  
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"  
Midnight hears the welcome voices  
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:  
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes, awake!  
Your lamps with gladness take!  
Hallelujah!  
With bridal care Yourselves prepare  
To meet the Bridegroom, Who is near."

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
And all her heart with joy is springing,  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;  
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,  
The strong in grace, in truth victorious,  
Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.  
"Now come, Thou Blessèd One,  
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,  
Hail! Hosanna!  
The joyful call We answer all  
And follow to the nuptial hall."

3. Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,  
Let men and angels sing before Thee,  
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.  
Of one pearl each shining portal,  
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,  
We gather round Thy radiant throne.  
No vision ever brought,  
No ear hath ever caught,  
Such great glory;  
Therefore will we Eternally  
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee. 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 614 “For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country”**

Bernard of Morlas, about 1140

1. For thee, O dear, dear country,  
Mine eyes their vigils keep;  
For very love, beholding  
Thy happy name, they weep.  
The mention of thy glory  
Is unction to the breast  
And medicine in sickness  
And love and life and rest.

2. O one, O only mansion,  
O Paradise of joy,  
Where tears are ever banished  
And smiles have no alloy!  
The Lamb is all thy splendor,  
The Crucified thy praise;  
His laud and benediction  
Thy ransomed people raise.

3. With jasper glow thy bulwarks,  
Thy streets with em’rals blaze;  
The sardius and the topaz  
Unite in thee their rays;  
Thine ageless walls are bonded  
With amethyst unpriced;  
The saints build up thy fabric,  
The cornerstone is Christ.

4. Thou hast no shore, fair ocean;  
Thou hast no time, bright day,  
Dear fountain of refreshment  
To pilgrims far away!  
Upon the Rock of Ages  
They raise thy holy tower;  
Thine is the victor’s laurel  
And thine the golden dower.

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.