

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 6th, 2020

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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

The Ringing of the Bell	
Silent Prayer	
Hymn	“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us” TLH 67
<i>Stand</i>	
The Confiteor	
The Invocation and Address	TLH p. 15
Versicles	TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution	TLH p. 16
The Introit	(Tone 6) INSERT
The Kyrie	TLH p. 17
The Salutation	TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day	INSERT
The Collect for the Season of Advent	INSERT
The Collect for the Festival of St. Nicholas of Myra, Bishop and Confessor	
<i>Sit</i>	
The Lesson	Micah 4:1-7
<i>After each Lesson:</i> V: This is the Word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.	
The Epistle	Romans 15:4-13
The Gradual	INSERT
The Verse	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>	
The Hallelujah	TLH p. 20
The Holy Gospel	St. Luke 21:25-36
The Nicene Creed	(Replace “Christian” with “catholic”) TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>	
The Hymn	“The Day is Surely Drawing Near” TLH 611
The Sermon	<i>They Will See the Son of Man Coming</i>
<i>Stand</i>	
The Offertory	“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God” TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>	
The Recitation of the Catechism	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
<i>Stand</i>	
The General Prayer	TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i> *	
The Hymn	“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray” TLH 446
<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	
The Hymn	“The Nicene Creed” (Ancient Chant) INSERT
<i>Stand</i>	
The Post-Communion Canticle	“The Nunc Dimittis” TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving	(“And His mercy endureth forever”) TLH p. 30
The Post-Communion Collect	TLH p. 31
<i>Sit</i>	
The Hymn	“When Sinners See Their Lost Condition” TLH 65
<i>Stand</i>	
The Salutation	TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus	TLH p. 31
The Benediction	TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer	
Announcements	<i>Sit</i>
*—An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.	

Christmas Season Schedule

December 24th	<i>The Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord</i> Private Confession 6:30 p.m. Candlelight Divine Service 7:00 p.m.
December 25th	<i>The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord</i> Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
December 26th	<i>The Festival of St. Stephen, Protomartyr and Deacon</i>
December 27th	<i>The First Sunday after Christmas/The Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (Commemorated)</i> Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
December 28th	<i>Holy Innocents’ Day</i> Divine Service 5:00 p.m. Myrtle Beach, SC
January 1st	<i>The Festival of the Circumcision of Our Lord</i> Private Confession 9:30 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
January 3rd	<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
January 6th	<i>The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i> Private Confession 6:30 p.m. Divine Service 7:00 p.m.
January 13th	<i>The Festival of the Baptism of our Lord</i> 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, 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, Tonya Turenko, Flora Turenko, Roman Turenko, Philip Heiser, Barbara Smith, Martin Kope, Bill Kope, Sally Kope, and Rev. Mark Mueller.*
- For the friends and families of *Sonny Bauer* and *Bill Lindemann* who were both called to their eternal homes 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, *St. Boniface Ev. Lutheran Church, Niles, MI;* and her pastor, the *Rev. John Rutowicz.*
- 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 the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, especially, *Ana Heiser, Bobby Eisold, Barb Eisold, and Bob Eisold.*
- 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 Populus Sion

	Morning	Evening
Today	Isaiah 21-22; Luke 1:26-35	Isaiah 23-24; Romans 2:1-16
Monday:	Isaiah 25-26; Acts 17:16-24	Isaiah 27-28; 1 Chronicles 17:1-27
Tuesday:	Isaiah 29-30; 1 John 4:9-16	Isaiah 31-32; 2 Chronicles 7:11-22
Wednesday:	Isaiah 33-34; Col. 1:1-8	Isaiah 35-36; Isaiah 11:1-10
Thursday:	Isaiah 37-38; Phil. 2:12-18	Isaiah 39-40; Jeremiah 23:2-8
Friday:	Isaiah 41-42; Phil. 3:12-16	Isaiah 43-44; Jeremiah 30:1-22
Saturday:	Isaiah 45-46; Col. 3:1-11	Isaiah 47-48; Jeremiah 33:14-26

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 42, 35	Psalms 91, 36-37
Monday:	Psalms 42, 38	Psalms 91, 39-41
Tuesday:	Psalms 42-44	Psalms 91, 45-48
Wednesday:	Psalms 42, 49	Psalms 91, 50-51
Thursday:	Psalms 42, 52-54	Psalms 91, 55-57
Friday:	Psalms 42, 58-59	Psalms 91, 60-63
Saturday:	Psalms 42, 64-65	Psalms 98, 66-68

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:	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 611—"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

Evening: TLH 446—"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

Calendar for the Week after Populus Sion

Today: Populus Sion/The Festival of St. Nicholas of Myra, Bishop and Confessor (Commemorated)—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Parish Assembly Meeting

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

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

Monday: The Festival of St. Ambrose of Milan, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor—White

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

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

8:00 p.m. Private Confession

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Gaudete/The Festival of St. Lucia of Syracuse, Virgin and Martyr (Commemorated)—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Class

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> and on the diocesan website: eldona.org. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

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

Midweek Advent Vespers continue this Wednesday. The readings will take us through the entire first chapter of St. Luke's Gospel. Private confession will follow at 8:00 p.m.

Parish Assembly Meeting

The next parish assembly meeting is TODAY after Divine Service. The items of new business are the approval of the proposed budget for 2021, discussion of an audio/visual system, support for the mission in Russia, and confirming the selection of the church officers for 2021. Please make every effort to be there.

Poinsettias for Christmas

We are asking all members to please consider donating a poinsettia plant to decorate our sanctuary for the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany. You may start bringing them on Rorate coeli, Sunday, December 20th.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—Populus Sion/The Festival of St. Nicholas of Myra, Bishop and Confessor (Commemorated)

Old Testament Lesson:

Micah 4:1-7

Epistle:

Romans 15:4-13

Holy Gospel:

St. Luke 21:25-36

December 13th—Gaudete/The Festival of St. Lucia of Syracuse, Virgin and Martyr (Commemorated)

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 6th, 2020



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.
(*Psalms 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.
(*Psalms 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

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ "In that day," says the LORD, "I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast and those whom I have afflicted; ⁷ 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

⁴ For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. ⁵ Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, ⁶ that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. ⁸ 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, ⁹ 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." ¹⁰ And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" ¹¹

And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" ¹² 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." ¹³ 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

²⁵ "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; ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." ²⁹ Then He spoke to them a parable, "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ 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."

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant:

Congregation:

We be - lieve in one God, Fa - - - ther Al - might - y,
 Mak - er of heav - en and earth and of all things vi - si - ble
 and in - vi - si - ble. And in one Lord + Jes - us Christ,
 the only begotten - ten Son of God, be - got - ten of His Fa - ther
 be - - - fore all - - - worlds, God of God,
 Light of Light, Ver - y God of Ver - y God,
 Be - got - ten, not made, Be - ing of one Sub - stance with the Fa - ther,
 By whom all things were made; Who for us men,
 and for our sal - va - tion, came down from heav - en,
 + And was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Mar - y,
 And was made man; + And was cru - ci - fied al - so for us
 un - der Pon - tius Pi - late. He suf - fered and was bur - ied;
 And the third day He rose a - gain, ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures;

And as - cend - ed in - to heav - en, And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther;
 And He shall come again with glo - - - - - ry
 to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.
 And we believe in the Ho - ly Ghost, The Lord and Giv - er of Life,
 Who pro - ceedeth from the Fa - ther and the Son, Who with the Fa - ther and the Son
 to - geth - er is + wor - shipped And glo - - - ri - fied,
 Who spake by the Pro - phets. And we be - lieve one Ho - ly cath - o - lic
 And Aposto - lic Church. We confess one Bap - tism
 for the re - mis - - - sion of sins,
 And we look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead;
 + And the life of the world to come. A - - - - - men.

+ — indicates that the worshippers may make a sign of reverence (bow the head, genuflect, or make the sign of the holy cross) as is appropriate.

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 neareth
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.