

**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**

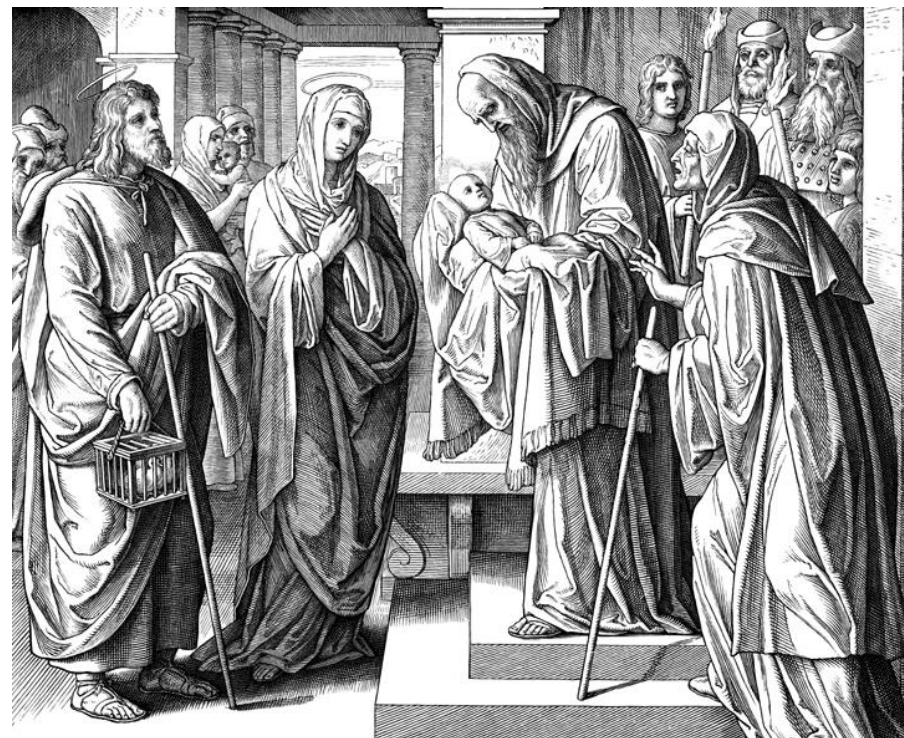
Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

#### **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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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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

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“Mit Fried’ und Freud”</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>Silent Prayer</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>“We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise”</i>	TLH 108
<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 5)</i>	INSERT
<b>The Kyrie</b>		TLH p. 17
<b>The Gloria in Excelsis</b>		TLH p. 17-19
<b>The Salutation</b>		TLH p. 19
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		INSERT
<b>The Collect for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord</b>		
<b>The Collect for the Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</b>		
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Lesson</b>		Isaiah 11:1-5
	<i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>	
	<i>R: Thanks be to God.</i>	
<b>The Epistle</b>		Galatians 4:1-7
<b>The Gradual</b>		INSERT
<b>The Verse</b>		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Sequence Hymn</b>	<i>“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”</i>	Δ INSERT
<b>The Holy Gospel</b>		St. Luke 2:33-40
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“To God the Anthem Raising”</i>	TLH 112
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>To All Those Who Looked For Redemption</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Offertory</b>	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Recitation of the Catechism</b>		The Lord’s Prayer
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The General Prayer</b>		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i> *		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Thou Light of Gentile Nations”</i>	TLH 138
<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>“We All Believe in One True God”</i>	TLH 251 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tune)
<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>“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”</i>	TLH 137
<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>“Valet will ich dir geben”</i>	Georg Friedrich Kaufmann
<b>Announcements</b>		
	*—An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.	
	Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.	

## Christmas and Epiphany Season Schedule

<b>December 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Holy Innocents’ Day</i></b>
<b>December 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Divine Service 5:00 p.m. Myrtle Beach, SC
<b>January 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b><i>The Festival of the Circumcision of Our Lord</i></b>
	Private Confession 9:30 a.m.
	Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
<b>January 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b><i>The Second Sunday after Christmas</i></b>
	Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
	Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
	Divine Service 3:00 p.m. Augusta, GA
<b>January 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i></b>
	Private Confession 6:30 p.m.
	Divine Service 7:00 p.m.
<b>January 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The First Sunday after Epiphany</i></b>
	Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
	Bible class 11:15 a.m.
<b>January 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The Festival of the Baptism of our Lord</i></b>
	Private Confession 6:30 p.m.
	Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

**Epistle:** Galatians 3:23-29  
**Gospel:** St. Luke 2:21

### January 3<sup>rd</sup>—The Second Sunday after Christmas

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 42:1-9  
**Epistle:** 1 Peter 4:12-19  
**Gospel:** St. Matthew 2:13-23

### 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, Flora Turenko, Ksenia Turenko, Dcn. Anthony Oncken, Rev. Martin Jackson, Rev. Randy Moll, 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, *Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Harrison, AR; and, Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Mission, Conway, AR; and their pastor, the Rev. Eric Stefanski.*
- 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 Octave of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today</b>	Rom. 13-14; John 1:15-18	Romans 15-16; Micah 4:1-8
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Cor. 1-3; Luke 2:15-20	1 Corinthians 4-6; Isaiah 32:1-8
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Cor. 7-9; Luke 2:22-24	1 Corinthians 10-12; Isaiah 46:3-13
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Cor. 13-14; Luke 2:25-32	1 Corinthians 15-16; Isaiah 49:1-13
<b>Thursday:</b>	2 Cor. 1-3; Matt. 2:13-15	2 Corinthians 4-6; Isaiah 55:1-13
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Cor. 7-9; Luke 4:16-21	2 Corinthians 10-11; James 4:13-17
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Cor. 12-13; Matt. 2:16-18	Galatians 1-2; Isaiah 42:1-9

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

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 121, 133-135	Psalms 111, 136-139
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 121, 140-141	Psalms 111, 142-143
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 121, 144	Psalms 111, 145
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 121, 146	Psalms 111, 147
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 121, 148	Psalms 90, 115, 149-150
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 122, 72, 1-4	Psalms 90, 115, 5-8
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 122, 72, 9-11	Psalms 90, 115, 12-17

### 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:** 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 112—"To God the Anthem Raising"

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

**Calendar for the Octave of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord**

**Today: The First Sunday after the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord/The Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (Commemorated)—White**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Class

**Monday: The Festival of the Holy Innocents—Violet**

**Tuesday: 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

**Wednesday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord—White**

Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

**Thursday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord—White**

*New Year's Eve*

**Friday: The Festival of the Circumcision of our Lord—White**

*New Year's Day*

9:30 a.m. Private confession

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

**Saturday: The Ninth 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 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](http://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>.

**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.*

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

**Today—The First Sunday after Christmas/The Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (Commemorated)**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 11:1-5

**Epistle:** Galatians 4:1-7

**Gospel:** St. Luke 2:33-40

**December 28<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of the Holy Innocents**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Jeremiah 31:15-17

**Epistle:** Revelation 14:1-5

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 2:13-18

**January 1<sup>st</sup>—The Festival of the Circumcision of our Lord**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 55:1-13

## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020



### Introit

P: WHEN ALL || was still, and it was | mid- | night: \*

C: Your Almighty Word, O Lord, descended from | the | roy- | al  
| throne. (*Liturgical text*)

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. (*Psalms 93:1, 3-4*)

### GLORIA PATRI (*From Hymnal*)

P: || When all was still, and it was | mid- | night: \*

C: Your Almighty Word, O Lord, descended from | the | roy- | al  
| throne. (*Liturgical text*)

### 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. (*Psalms 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! (*Psalms 93:1*)

## Isaiah 11:1-5

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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; <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

## Galatians 4:1-7

<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. <sup>3</sup> Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

<sup>7</sup> 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

<sup>33</sup> And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. <sup>34</sup> 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 <sup>35</sup> (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” <sup>36</sup> 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; <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup> So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

# 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.



## 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 praises 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.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

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 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 251 (Second Tune) “We All Believe in One True God”**

Martin Luther, 1525

1. We all believe in one true God,  
Who created Earth and Heaven,  
The Father, Who to us in love  
Hath the right of children given.  
He both soul and body feedeth,  
All we need He doth provide us;  
He thro’ snares and perils leadeth,  
Watching that no harm betide us.  
He careth for us day and night,  
All things are governed by His might.

2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
His own Son, our Lord, possessing  
An equal Godhead, throne, and might,  
Source of ev’ry grace and blessing.  
Born of Mary, Virgin Mother,  
By the power of the Spirit,  
Made true man, our elder Brother,  
That the lost might life inherit;  
Was crucified for sinful men  
And raised by God to life again.

3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who sweet grace and comfort giveth  
And with the Father and the Son  
In eternal glory liveth;  
Who the Church, His own creation,  
Keeps in unity of spirit.  
Here forgiveness and salvation  
Daily come thro’ Jesus’ merit.  
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be  
In bliss with God eternally. 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.