

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.

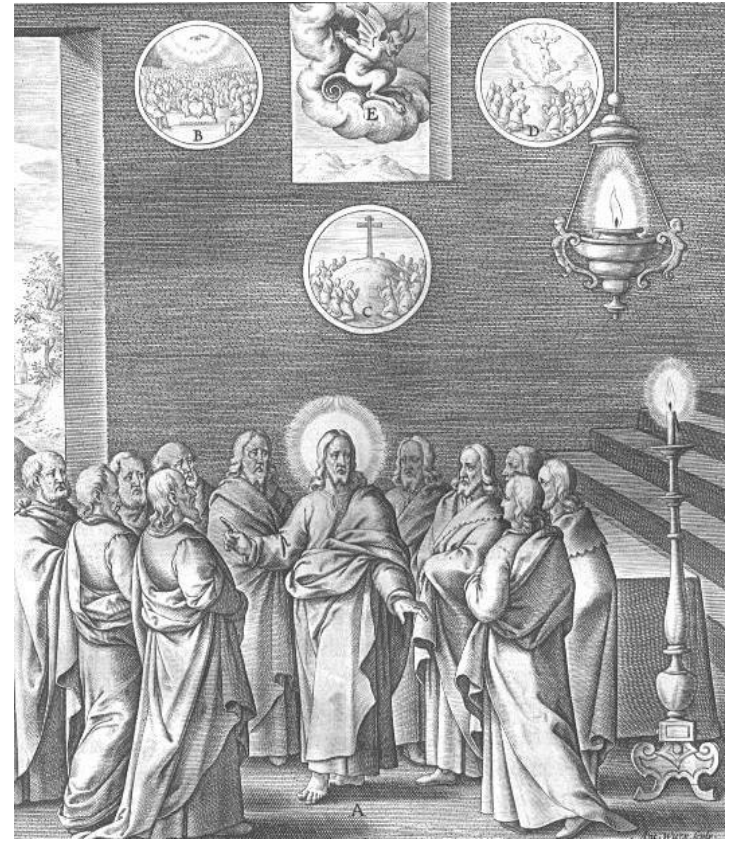
A Prayer after Communion

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.

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Cantate
May 2nd, 2021

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*“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come,
He will guide you into all truth”*

St. John 16:13

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Nun lob, mein’ Seel”</i>	Johann Christoph Bach
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker”</i>	TLH 34
Silent Prayer	<i>(The Pastor silently prays Psalm 24)</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Invocation and Address		TLH p. 15
Versicles	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution		TLH p. 16
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
The Introit	<i>(Tone 5)</i>	INSERT
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17
The Gloria in Excelsis		TLH p. 17-19
The Collect for the Festival of St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor		
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		James 1:16-21
The Gradual		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sequence Hymn	<i>“Christians, To the Paschal Victim”</i>	INSERT
The Holy Gospel		St. John 16:5-15
The Nicene Creed	<i>(Bow at the words “And was made man.)</i>	TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“O God, Look Down from Heaven and See”</i>	INSERT
The Sermon	<i>But Now I Go Away</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		TLH p. 22-23
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit *</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“O God, Thou Faithful God”</i>	TLH 395
<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		
The Lavabo	<i>(The Pastor washes his hands while silently praying Psalm 26)</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	<i>(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)</i>	TLH p. 27
The Pax Domini	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	TLH p. 27
The Agnus Dei	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	TLH p. 28
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution		

The Hymn	<i>“This Body in the Grave We Lay”</i>	TLH 596
<i>Stand</i>		
The Post-Communion Canticle		TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving	<i>(“And His mercy endureth forever”)</i>	TLH p. 30
The Post-Communion Collect		TLH p. 31
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him”</i>	Δ TLH 26
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“O Gott, du frommer Gott”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walter
Announcements		
The Recitation of the Catechism		The Lord’s Prayer

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

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

In Our Prayers (Continued):

- 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, Sherrill Smithey, 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, especially *Mike Miller.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

which is a significant discount from its usual rate. When you call to make reservations tell them that you are with the ELDONA Family Camp. Telephone Number (830) 896-9200.

If you are the only one coming from your parish, speak with your Pastor

or Pastor Sullivan to find a room to share with other participants.

Travel: San Antonio International Airport is 1 hour from Kerrville.

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport is 2 hours from Kerrville.

Theme: *The Church's Year*. The pastors of the diocese will take us through the Church calendar, its feasts and festivals, saints and martyrs, to show why the Church marks time the way she does.

Special Event: This year we will be travelling to Enchanted Rock State

Park for the final day of Camp. Entrance fees for the Park are \$8 for persons 13 years of age and up. Children 12 and under are free.

Cost: Besides travel and hotel, the only cost is \$20 to cover meals.

Please let your pastor know ASAP if you plan on attending Camp!

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, Roman Turenko, Johnny May Dean, Heather Kline, Martin Kope, Bill Kope, Sally Kope, William Noegel, Paula Handrich, Bruce Carter, Ed Payne, Deacon Smithey, 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, *Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Las Cruces, NM;* and *Sts. Peter and Paul Ev. Lutheran Mission, Silver City, NM;* and their pastor, the *Rev. Paul Rydecki.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.*
- For our seminarians, *Ben Henson, Jacob Henson, and John Heiser.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Nicholas Silva.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred and John Monahan.*

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after Cantate

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Rev. 8; St. John 8:21-36	Revelation 9; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Monday:	Rev. 10; St. John 8:12-20	Revelation 11; Zechariah 12:1-14
Tuesday:	Rev. 12; St. John 8:21-29	Revelation 13; Isaiah 65:1-7
Wednesday:	Rev. 14; St. John 8:30-45	Revelation 15; Isaiah 65:8-16
Thursday:	Rev. 16; St. John 9:1-13	Revelation 17; Jeremiah 8:4-13
Friday:	Rev. 18; St. John 9:14-34	Revelation 19; Zechariah 8:18-23
Saturday:	Rev. 20; St. John 9:35-41	Revelation 21; Isaiah 49:22-26

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 139, 9-11	Psalms 126, 12-17
Monday:	Psalms 139, 18	Psalms 126, 19-22
Tuesday:	Psalms 139, 23-25	Psalms 126, 26-30
Wednesday:	Psalms 139, 31-32	Psalms 126, 33-34
Thursday:	Psalms 139, 35	Psalms 126, 36-37
Friday:	Psalms 139, 38	Psalms 126, 39-41
Saturday:	Psalms 139, 42-44	Psalms 124, 45-48

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, VI.25-35

Tuesday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, VI.36-50

Wed.: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, VI.51-64

Thursday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, VI.65-81

Friday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XIII.1-15

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: INSERT—"O God, Look Down from Heaven and See"

Evening: TLH 395—"O God, Thou Faithful God"

Calendar for the Week after Cantate

Today: Cantate/The Festival of St. Athanasius of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor (Commemorated)—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible class

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: *Cinco de Mayo*

Thursday: *National Day of Prayer*

10:00 a.m. Communion Visit to Mike Miller

Mike Miller's Birthday

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Rogate—White

Mother's Day

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 May 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>.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—Cantate/The Festival of St. Athanasius of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor (Commemorated)

Epistle: James 1:16-21

Gospel: St. John 16:5-15

May 9th—Rogate

Epistle: James 1:22-27

Gospel: St. John 16:23b-30

An Excerpt from Martin Luther's Sermons

"Now, against this evil God found a remedy and determined to send Christ, His Son, into this world, that He should shed His blood and die, in order to make satisfaction for sin and take it away, and that the Holy Spirit then should enter the hearts of such people, who go about with the works of the Law, being unwilling and forced to it, and make them willing, in order that without force and with joyous heart they keep God's commandments. Otherwise there might be no means of removing the misery; for neither human reason and power, nor even an angel could rescue us from it. Thus, God has done away with the sins of all men who believe on the Christ, so that henceforth it is impossible for one to remain in sin who has this Savior, Who has taken all sins upon Himself and blotted them out." *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Cantate Sunday, 1523.*

2021 ELDONA FAMILY CAMP

Family Camp did not happen last year due to Covid, but that is not stopping us this year. Summer Camp is a great opportunity to meet other people from diocesan congregations, learn God's Word and the Church's confession. Here is the information you need to know about this year's Family Camp:

When: Monday, July 19—Friday, July 23, 2021

Camp begins Monday evening with Supper and Vespers. Camp concludes with Matins on Friday morning.

Who: All youth, young adults, and families of the diocese (and friends).

Where: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Kerrville, Texas. Daily activities, classes, games, and meals will take place at the church, located at 204 Spence St. in Kerrville.

Accommodations: La Quinta is offering us a group rate of \$89/night,

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Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: OH, SING || to the Lord a new | song! | - *

C: For he has done | mar- | ve- | lous | things;

P: || The Lord has made known His sal- | va- | tion; *

C: His righteousness He has revealed in the sight | of | the |
na- | tions. (*Psalm 98:1a, 2*)

P: || His right hand and His holy | arm | - *

C: Have gained Him | the | vic- | to- | ry. (*Psalm 98:1b*)

C: GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal; Sung by Congregation)

P: || Oh, sing to the Lord a new | song! | - *

C: For he has done | mar- | ve- | lous | things;

P: || The Lord has made known His sal- | va- | tion; *

C: His righteousness He has revealed in the sight | of | the |
na- | tions. (*Psalm 98:1a, 2*)

Collect

O God, Who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will: Grant unto Thy people that they may love what Thou commandest, and desire what Thou dost promise; that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.



Gradual (Chanted by Pastor)

P: || Alleluia! Alleluia! The right hand of the Lord is ex- | alt- | ed; *

The right hand of the Lord | does | val- | i-ant- | ly.

P: || Alleluia! Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no |
more. | - *

Death no longer has dominion over Him. | Al- | le- | lu- | ia!
(*Psalm 118:16; Romans 6:9*)

James 1:16-21

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. ¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. ¹⁹ So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

St. John 16:5-15

⁵ "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'" ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² I still have many things to say to

you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you."

Christians, To the Paschal Victim

Cantor

1. Chris-tians, to the Pasch-al Vic-tim Of-fer your thank-ful prais-es.

Choir

2. A Lamb the sheep re-deem-eth: Christ, Who on-ly is sin-less,

Sopranos and Altos

Rec-on-cil-eth sin-ners to the Fa-ther. 3. Death and life have con-tend-ed
In that con-flict stu-pen-dous; The Prince of Life Who died, reigns im-mor-tal.

4. Speak, Ma-ry, de-clar-ing— What thou saw-est way-far-ing.

Solo - Woman

5. "The tomb of Christ, Who is liv-ing, The glo-ry of Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion.
6. "Bright an-gels at-tend-ing,— The shroud and nap-kin rest-ing.

7. "Yea, Christ, my Hope, is a ris-en; To Gal-i-lee He goes be-fore— you."

Choir

8. Hap-py they who hear the wit-ness, Ma-ry's word be-liev-ing
A-bove the tales of Jew'-ry,— de-ceiv-ing. 9. Christ in-deed from death is ris-en,
Our new life— ob-tain-ing. Have mer-cy, Vic-tor King, ev-er reign-ing.
A - men, Hal - le-lu - jah!

O God, Look Down from Heaven and See (TLH 260)

1. O God, look down from Heav'n and see A sight which well may move Thee:
2. Fic-tions they teach with cun-ning art, And lies of man's in-ven-tion;
3. May God root out all her-e-sy, And of false teach-ers rid-us,
4. There-fore saith God, "I must a-rise, The poor suf-fer wrong-do-ing;
5. As sil-ver sev'n times fur-nace-tried Is pure from all Its dross-es,
6. O God, pre-serve it pure and free From this vile gen-er-a-tion,

Of god-ly men how few there be, For-sa-ken we who love Thee!
Not ground-ed on God's Word, their heart Breeds naught but strange dis-sen-sion;
Who proud-ly say: "Now where is he That shall our speech for-bid-us?
To me as-cend my peo-ple's sighs, And I have heard their su-ing;
So doth the Word of God a-bide The bright-er for its cross-es;
And let us be pre-served by Thee From their a-bom-i-na-tion;

With-held is Thy pure Word, the light Of faith it-self ex-
One choos-es this, an-oth-er that, Un-told di-vi-sion
We have the right and might a-lone, And what we say must
My say-ing Word shall take the field, Shall be the poor man's
For tri-al shows its worth a-right, And man-i-fests its
The wick-ed walk on ev'-ry side, When 'mid Thy flock the

tin-guish quite In all the sons of A-dam.
they cre-ate Though saint-like in ap-pear-ance.
stand, we own None as our Lord and mas-ter!"
strength and shield, Shall con-quer all op-pos-ing."
strength, and light, That through all lands it shin-eth.
vile a-bide In pow'r and are ex-alt-ed. A - men.

TLH 34 “My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker”

Johann Gramann, 1525

1. My soul, now bless thy Maker!
Let all within me bless His Name
Who maketh thee partaker
Of mercies more than thou dar'st claim.
Forget Him not whose meekness
Still bears with all thy sin,
Who healeth all thy weakness,
Renews thy life within;
Whose grace and care are endless
And saved thee thro' the past;
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless,
But rights the wronged at last.

2. He shows to man His treasure
Of judgment, truth, and righteousness,
His love beyond all measure,
His yearning pity o'er distress,
Nor treats us as we merit,
But lays His anger by.
The humble, contrite spirit
Finds His compassion nigh;
And high as heav'n above us,
As break from close of day,
So far, since He doth love us,
He puts our sins away.

3. For as a tender father
Hath pity on his children here,
He in His arms will gather
All who are His in childlike fear.
He knows how frail our powers
Who but from dust are made;
We flourish like the flowers,
And even so we fade;
The wind but o'er them passes,
And all their bloom is o'er,—
We wither like the grasses,
Our place knows us no more.

4. God's grace alone endureth,
And children's children yet shall prove
How He with strength assureth
The hearts of all that seek His love.
In Heav'n is fixed His dwelling,
His rule is over all;
Angels, in might excelling,
Bright hosts, before Him fall.
Praise Him, Who ever reigneth,
All ye who hear His Word,
Nor our poor hymns disdaineth—
My soul, oh, bless the Lord! Amen.

Sequence Hymn: “Christians, To the Paschal Victim”

Unknown, Ascribed to Wipo, c. 1100

1. Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises.

2. A Lamb the sheep redeemeth:
Christ, Who only is sinless,
Reconcileth sinners to the Father.

3. Death and Life have contended
In that conflict stupendous;
The Prince of Life Who died,
Reigns immortal.

4. Speak, Mary, declaring
What thou sawest wayfaring.

5. “The tomb of Christ, Who is living.
The glory of Jesus' resurrection.

6. “Bright angels attending,
The shroud and napkin resting.

7. “Yea, Christ, my Hope, is arisen;
To Galilee He goes before you.”

8. Happy they who hear the witness,
Mary's word believing
Above the tales of Jew'ry, deceiving.

9. Christ indeed from death is risen,
Our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, Victor King, ever reigning.
Amen. Hallelujah!

INSERT “O God, Look Down from Heaven and See” (tune to TLH 260)

Martin Luther, 1523

1. O God, look down from Heav'n and see
A sight which well may move Thee:
Of godly men how few there be,
Forsaken we who love Thee!
Withheld is Thy pure Word, the light
Of faith itself extinguish quite
In all the sons of Adam.

2. Fictions they teach with cunning art,
And lies of man's invention;
Not grounded on God's Word, their heart
Breeds naught but strange dissension;
One chooses this, another that,

Untold division they create
Though saint-like in appearance.

3. May God root out all heresy,
And of false teachers rid us,
Who proudly say: "Now where is he
That shall our speech forbid us?
We have the right and might alone,
And what we say must stand, we own
None as our Lord and master!"

4. Therefore saith God, "I must arise,
The poor suffer wrongdoing;
To Me ascend My people's sighs,
And I have heard their suing:
My saving Word shall take the field,
Shall be the poor man's strength and shield,
Shall conquer all opposing."

5. As silver sev'n times furnace-tried
Is pure from all its drosses,
So doth the Word of God abide
The brighter for its crosses;
For trial shows its worth aright,
And manifests its strength and light,
That through all lands it shineth.

6. O God, preserve it pure and free
From this vile generation,
And let us be preserved by Thee
From their abomination;
The wicked walk on ev'ry side,
When 'mid Thy flock the vile abide
In pow'r and are exalted. Amen.

TLH 395 "O God, Thou Faithful God"
Johann Heermann, 1630

1. O God, Thou faithful God,
Thou Fountain ever flowing,
Who good and perfect gifts
In mercy art bestowing,
Give me a healthy frame,
And may I have within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unhurt by sin!

2. Grant Thou me strength to do
With ready heart and willing
Whate'er Thou shalt command,
My calling here fulfilling;
To do it when I ought,
With all my might, and bless

The work I thus have wrought,
For Thou must give success.

3. Oh, let me never speak
What bounds of truth exceedeth;
Grant that no idle word
From out my mouth proceedeth;
And then, when in my place
I must and ought to speak,
My words grant pow'r and grace
Lest I offend the weak.

4. If dangers gather round,
Still keep me calm and fearless;
Help me to bear the cross
When life is dark and cheerless;
And let me win my foe
With words and actions kind.
When counsel I would know,
Good counsel let me find.

5. And let me with all men,
As far as in me lieth,
In peace and friendship live.
And if Thy gift supplieth
Great wealth and honor fair,
Then this refuse me not,
That naught be mingled there
Of goods unjustly got.

6. If Thou a longer life
Hast here on Earth decreed me;
If Thou through many ills
To age at length wilt lead me,
Thy patience on me shed.
Avert all sin and shame
And crown my hoary head
With honor free from blame.

7. Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
Do Thou my soul receive
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting-place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

8. And on that solemn Day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch o'er my grave Thy hand,
Thyself my slumbers breaking.
Then let me hear Thy voice,
Change Thou this earthly frame,

And bid me aye rejoice
With those who love Thy Name. Amen.

TLH 596 “This Body in the Grave We Lay”

Michael Weisse, Sts. 1-7, 1531; Unknown author, St. 8

1. This body in the grave we lay
There to await that solemn Day
When God Himself shall bid it rise
To mount triumphant to the skies.

2. And so to earth we now entrust
What came from dust and turns to dust
And from the dust shall rise that Day
In glorious triumph o’er decay.

3. The soul forever lives with God,
Who freely hath this grace bestowed
And through His Son redeemed it here
From ev’ry sin, from ev’ry fear.

4. All trials and all griefs are past,
A blessed end has come at last.
Christ’s yoke was borne with ready will;
Who dieth thus is living still.

5. We have no cause to mourn or weep;
Securely shall this body sleep
Till Christ Himself shall death destroy
And raise the blessed dead to joy.

6. For they who with Him suffered here
Shall there be healed from woe and fear;
And when eternal bliss is won,
They’ll shine in glory like the sun.

7. Then let us leave this place of rest
And homeward turn, for they are blest
Who heed God’s warning and prepare
Lest death should find them unaware.

8. So help us, Jesus, Ground of faith;
Thou hast redeemed us by Thy death
From endless death and set us free.
We laud and praise and worship Thee. Amen.

TLH 26 “Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him”

Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1714

1. Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
Yea, I will laud Him until death.
With songs and anthems I’ll come before Him
As long as He doth give me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;

Bless, O my soul, His holy Name.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Trust not in princes, they are but mortal;
Earth-born they are and soon decay.
Naught are their counsels at life’s last portal,
When the dark grave doth claim its prey.
Since, then, no man can help afford,
Trust ye in Christ, our God and Lord.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Blessed, yea, blessed is he forever
Whose help is in the Lord Most High,
Whom from the saving faith naught can sever
And who in hope to Christ draws nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord,
Counsel and aid He doth afford.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

4. God the Almighty, the great Creator,
Ruler of sky and land and sea,
All things ordained, and sooner or later
They come to pass unfailingly.
His rule is over rich and poor,
His promise ever standeth sure.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

5. Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
Their faithful God He doth remain.
He helps His children in distress,
The widows and the fatherless.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Δ 6. Praise, O mankind, now the Name so holy
Of Him Who doth such wondrous things!
All that hath being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its “Amen” sings!
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.