

**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 Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday  
June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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*“Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.” St. Luke 6:36*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“All’ Ehr’ und Lob”</i>	George Th. Miles
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”</i>	Δ TLH 236
<b>Silent Prayer</b>	<i>(The Pastor silently prays Psalm 24)</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Invocation and Address</b>		TLH p. 15
<b>Versicles</b>	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	TLH p. 15
<b>Confession and Absolution</b>		TLH p. 16
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
<b>The Introit</b>	<i>(Tone 8)</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 Epistle</b>		Romans 8:18-23
<b>The Gradual</b>		INSERT
<b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>	<i>(First Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Holy Gospel</b>		St. Luke 6:36-42
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	<i>(Bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Lord Jesus, Thou Highest Good”</i>	INSERT
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>Can the Blind Lead the Blind?</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Offertory</b>		TLH p. 22-23
<b>The General Prayer</b>		LSBH p. 115-116
<i>Sit (An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“O God, Thou Faithful God”</i>	TLH 395
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Exhortation</b>		
<b>The Lavabo</b>	<i>(The Pastor washes his hands while silently praying Psalm 26)</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>	<i>(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)</i>	TLH p. 27
<b>The Pax Domini</b>	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	TLH p. 27
<b>The Agnus Dei</b>	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	TLH p. 28
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Distribution</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“I Will Sing My Maker’s Praises”</i>	TLH 25

*Stand*

<b>The Post-Communion Cantic</b>	TLH p. 29-30
<b>The Thanksgiving</b>	TLH p. 30
<b>The Post-Communion Collect</b>	TLH p. 31
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee”</i> TLH 321
<b>The Salutation</b>	TLH p. 31
<b>The Benedicamus</b>	TLH p. 31
<b>The Benediction</b>	TLH p. 31
<i>Sit</i>	
<b>The Postlude</b>	<i>“Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten”</i> Johann Michael Bach
<b>The Recitation of the Catechism</b>	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
<b>Announcements</b>	

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

## In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Peggy Holder, Jo Kope, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Katie, Dan, Judy Horn, Patricia Bachand, Tamara Jack, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Matthew Scholten, Vince Bost, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, William Noegel, Bruce Carter, Dale Heimbigner, Ed Payne, James Hagen, Dcn. 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, *Iglesia Confesional de Colombia, Medellin, Columbia;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Carlos Mario Marin.*
- 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.*
- 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.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

## Announcements

### Daily Readings for the Week after the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today</b>	1 Kings 16; Matt. 5:43-48	1 Kings 17; Romans 14:7-17
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Kings 18; Acts 27:1-44	1 Kings 19; 1 Samuel 9:1-27
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Kings 20; Acts 28:1-31	1 Kings 21; 1 Samuel 10:1-27
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Kings 22; Rom. 1:1-15	2 Kings 1; 1 Samuel 12:1-25
<b>Thursday:</b>	2 Kings 2; Rom. 1:16-32	2 Kings 3; 1 Samuel 13:1-14
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Kings 4; Rom. 2:1-29	2 Kings 5; 1 Samuel 15:1-35
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Kings 6; Rom. 3:1-31	2 Kings 7; 1 Samuel 16:1-23

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

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 119, Part IV, 133-135	Psalms 92, 136-139
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part IV, 140-141	Psalms 92, 142-143
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part IV, 144	Psalms 92, 145
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part IV, 146-147	Psalms 92, 148-150
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part IV, 1-4	Psalms 92, 5-8
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part IV, 9-11	Psalms 92, 12-17
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part IV, 18	Psalms 113, 19-22

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

<b>Monday:</b>	The Smalcald Articles, Part I.Art.I.1—Part II.Art.I.5
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Smalcald Articles, Part II.Art.II.1-15
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Smalcald Articles, Part II.Art.II.16—Art.III.2
<b>Thursday:</b>	The Smalcald Articles, Part II.Art.IV.1-16
<b>Friday:</b>	The Smalcald Articles, Part III.Art.I.1—Art.II.5

### Reciting the Catechism Daily:

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

**Thursday:** The Prayers

**Friday:** The Table of Duties

**Saturday:** Christian Questions with Their Answers

**Hymns for the Week:**

**Morning:** INSERT—"Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Highest Good"

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

**Calendar for the Week after the Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

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

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible class

**Monday:** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pastor Dulas teaches Liturgics 2 class

**Tuesday: The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles—Red**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pastor Dulas teaches Liturgics 2 class

6:30 p.m. Private Confession

7:00 p.m. Divine Service

**Wednesday:** 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Pastor Dulas teaches Liturgics 2 class

**Thursday:** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pastor Dulas teaches Liturgics 2 class

**Friday: The Festival of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—White**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pastor Dulas teaches Liturgics 2 class

6:30 p.m. Private Confession

7:00 p.m. Divine Service

**Saturday:** No Events Scheduled

**Next Sunday: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green**

***Independence Day***

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible class

**The Lutheran Herald**

The June 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>.

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

**Today—The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Epistle:** Romans 8:18-23

**Gospel:** St. Luke 6:36-42

**June 29<sup>th</sup>—The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles**

**Epistle:** Acts 12:1-11

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 16:13-20

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>—The Festival of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Epistle:** Isaiah 11:1-5

**Gospel:** St. Luke 1:39-56

**July 4<sup>th</sup>—The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 3:8-15a

**Gospel:** St. Luke 5:1-11

**An Excerpt from Martin Luther's Sermons**

"Therefore, observe here what a perversion it is for man to exercise himself in doing works to God, which should be done to his neighbor; and then centers his faith in men and saints, which he should center alone in God. Turn this around, and then it is right, thus: faith must belong alone to God, whoever receives the divine works, God alone does them, and the same works of God we receive alone through faith. Then we should apply ourselves to our neighbor and arrange all our affairs to the end that they serve our neighbor. Before God all should be done in pure faith alone. The reason of this is because no one can help us but God, and what we have in body and soul we have alone from God, and in Him alone should we anchor our heart." *From Martin Luther's sermon for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, 1523.*

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021



### Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: THE LORD || is my light and my Salvation; whom shall I |  
fear? | - \*

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall | I | be | a-  
| fraid?

P: || When the wicked came a- | gainst | me, \*

My enemies and foes, they | stum- | bled | and | fell.

P: || Though an army may encamp a- | gainst | me, \*

My | heart | shall | not | fear. (*Psalm 27:1-3a*)

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

P: || The Lord is my light and my Salvation; whom shall I |  
fear? | - \*

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall | I | be | a-  
| fraid?

P: || When the wicked came a- | gainst | me, \*

My enemies and foes, they | stum- | bled | and | fell. (*Ps. 27:1-2*)

### Collect

Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; 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: || Provide atonement for our sins, O | Lord, | - \*

Why should the nations say, | “Where | is | their | God?”

P: || Help us, O God of our sal- | va- | tion, \*

For the glory of Your name, | de- | liv- | er | us.

P: || Alleluia! Alleluia! The king shall have joy in Your strength, O  
| LORD; | - \*

And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! | Al- |  
le- | lu- | ia! (*Psalm 79:9b, 10a, 9a; 21:1*)

### Romans 8:18-23

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; <sup>21</sup> because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. <sup>23</sup> Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

### St. Luke 6:36-42

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.” <sup>37</sup> Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” <sup>39</sup> And He spoke a parable to them: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? <sup>40</sup> A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. <sup>41</sup> And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? <sup>42</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother’s eye.”

## Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Highest Good

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, Thou High-est good! To Whom Thy ran-somed  
 2. Be - neath a load of guilt I sigh; Re - lieve my faint - ing  
 3. O where for com - fort shall I turn, When I the past sur -

flee. Be - hold in pen - i - ten - tial mood A sup - pliant bows to  
 heart Thou Who in mor - tal a - gon - y Didst bear my sin and  
 vey? How oft I've dared Thy grace to spurn, And cast my bliss a -

Thee. Thro'Thee I seek the Fa - ther's throne, For - give-ness ask through  
 smart. Of Thee a-lone I crave re - lief; Leave me not now in  
 way: Yet Thine a-vail - ing me - rit, Lord, De - liv - er - ance and

Thee a - lone, And strength for ho - ly liv - ing.  
 fear and grief And dark de - spair to per - ish.  
 peace af - ford; Thy Word is all my so - lace. A - men.

4. This Word forever precious, saith  
 The humble, contrite mind  
 That looks to Thee in simple faith  
 Shall full salvation find;  
 And then, from sin's dominion free,  
 Display true thankfulness to Thee,  
 Devoted to Thy glory.

5. To Thee I come at Thy behest  
 Atoner of my sin!  
 Forgiveness and the promised rest  
 Through Thy desert to win.  
 Be merciful, my God, to me,  
 And Let no more remembered be  
 The days of sin and folly.

6. Teach me, O Lord, before Thy face  
 This wayward heart to still;  
 With joyfulness to run my race,  
 And do Thy blessèd will.  
 In a plain path do Thou me guide  
 That faithful I may still abide,  
 And quit me to Thine honor.

7. And pour Thine oil of joy on me  
 When, the last moment nigh,  
 The parting spirit would be free  
 To join Thy saints on high,  
 Then may Thy death, Lord, cheer my heart;  
 And in Thy faith may I depart  
 To dwell with Thee forever. Amen.

## 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, 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!

**TLH 236 “Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”**

Ascribed to Rhabanus Maurus, died 856

1. Creator Spirit, by whose aid  
The world’s foundations first were laid,  
Come, visit ev’ry humble mind;  
Come, pour Thy joys on humankind;  
From sin and sorrow set us free  
And make Thy temples worthy Thee.
2. O Source of uncreated light,  
The Father’s promised Paraclete,  
Thrice holy Fount, thrice holy Fire,  
Our hearts with heav’nly love inspire.  
Come and Thy sacred unction bring  
To sanctify us while we sing.
3. Plenteous of grace, descend from high  
Rich in Thy sev’nfold energy;  
Make us eternal truths receive  
And practice all that we believe.  
Give us Thyself that we may see  
The Father and the Son by Thee.
- Δ 4. Immortal honor, endless fame,  
Attend th’ almighty Father’s Name;  
The Savior Son be glorified,  
Who for lost man’s redemption died;  
And equal adoration be,  
Eternal Paraclete, to Thee. Amen.

**INSERT “Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Highest Good”**

Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1588

1. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou highest good!  
To Whom Thy ransomed flee,  
Behold in penitential mood  
A suppliant bows to Thee.  
Thro’ Thee I seek the Father’s throne,  
Forgiveness ask through Thee alone,  
And strength for holy living.
2. Beneath a load of guilt I sigh;  
Relieve my fainting heart—  
Thou Who in mortal agony  
Didst bear my sin and smart.  
Of Thee alone I crave relief;  
Leave me not now in fear and grief  
And dark despair to perish.
3. O where for comfort shall I turn,  
When I the past survey?  
How oft I’ve dared Thy grace to spurn,  
And cast my bliss away:

Yet Thine availing merit, Lord,  
Deliverance and peace afford;  
Thy word is all my solace.

4. This word, forever precious, saith  
The humble, contrite mind  
That looks to Thee in simple faith  
Shall full salvation find;  
And then, from sin’s dominion free,  
Display true thankfulness to Thee,  
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Through Thy desert to win.  
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In a plain path do Thou me guide,  
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And quit me to Thine honor.
7. And pour Thine oil of joy on me  
When, the last moment nigh,  
The parting spirit would be free  
To join Thy saints on high.  
Then may Thy death, Lord, cheer my heart;  
And in Thy faith may I depart  
To dwell with Thee forever. 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 25 "I Will Sing My Maker's Praises"**  
Paul Gerhardt, 1659

1. I will sing my Maker's praises  
And in Him most joyful be,  
For in all things I see traces  
Of His tender love to me.  
Nothing else than love could move Him  
With such sweet and tender care  
Evermore to raise and bear  
All who try to serve and love Him.  
All things else have but their day,  
God's great love abides for aye.

2. Yea, so dear did He esteem me  
That His Son He loved so well  
He hath given to redeem me  
From the quenchless flames of Hell.  
O Thou Spring of boundless blessing,  
How could e'er my feeble mind  
Of Thy depth the bottom find  
Tho' my efforts were unceasing?  
All things else have but their day,  
God's great love abides for aye.

3. All that for my soul is needful  
He with loving care provides,  
Nor of that is He unheedful  
Which my body needs besides.  
When my strength cannot avail me,  
When my powers can do no more,  
Doth my God His strength outpour;  
In my need He doth not fail me.  
All things else have but their day,  
God's great love abides for aye.

4. When I sleep, He still is near me,  
O'er me rests His guardian eye;  
And new gifts and blessings cheer me  
When the morning streaks the sky.  
Were it not for God's protection,  
Had His countenance not been  
Here my guide, I had not seen  
E'er the end of my affliction.  
All things else have but their day,  
God's great love abides for aye.

5. As a father never turneth  
Wholly from a wayward child,  
For the prodigal still yearneth,  
Longing to be reconciled,



So my many sins and errors  
Find a tender, pardoning God,  
Chastening frailty with His rod,  
Not, in vengeance, with His terrors.  
All things else have but their day,  
God's great love abides for aye.

6. Since, then, neither change nor coldness  
In my Father's love can be,  
Lo! I lift my hands with boldness,  
As Thy child I come to Thee.  
Grant me grace, O God, I pray Thee,  
That I may with all my might,  
All my lifetime, day and night,  
Love and trust Thee and obey Thee  
And, when this brief life is o'er,  
Praise and love Thee evermore. Amen.

**TLH 321 "O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee"**  
Nikolaus Selnecker, 1572

1. O faithful God, thanks be to Thee  
Who dost forgive iniquity.  
Thou grantest help in sin's distress,  
And soul and body dost Thou bless.

2. Thy servant now declares to me:  
"Thy sins are all forgiven thee.  
Depart in peace, but sin no more  
And e'er My pard'ning grace adore."

3. O Lord, we bless Thy gracious heart,  
For Thou Thyself dost heal our smart  
Thro' Christ our Savior's precious Blood,  
Which for the sake of sinners flowed.

4. Give us Thy Spirit, peace afford  
Now and forever, gracious Lord.  
Preserve to us till life is spent  
Thy holy Word and Sacrament. Amen.