

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.

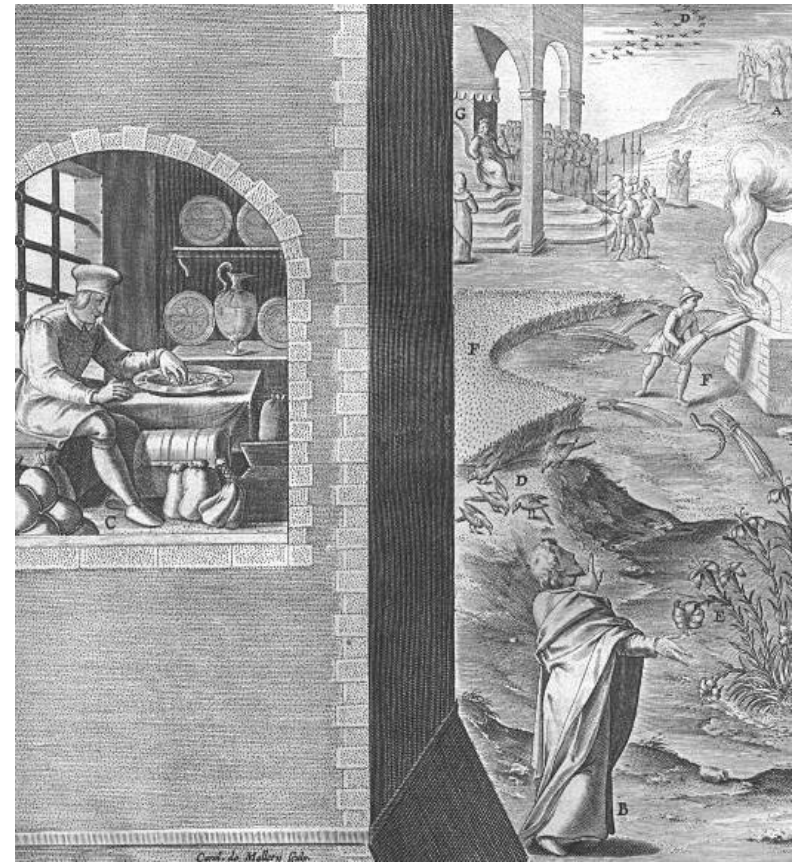
A Prayer after Communion

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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The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday
September 12th, 2021

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“You cannot serve God and mammon”

St. Matthew 6:24

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	“ <i>Wer nur den lieben Gott</i> ”	Johann Gottfried Walther
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	“ <i>If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee</i> ”	TLH 518

(The Pastor silently prays Psalm 24 while the congregation joins in silent self-examination and reflection on God’s Commandments. Prayers are located on back cover.)

<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 8)</i>	INSERT
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17
The Gloria in Excelsis		TLH p. 17-19
The Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT

<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Galatians 5:25—6:10
The Gradual		INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20

<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. Matthew 6:24-34
The Nicene Creed	<i>(Bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	“ <i>O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea</i> ”	TLH 443
The Sermon	<i>Do Not Worry</i>	

<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		TLH p. 22-23
The General Prayer		LSBH p. 115-116
<i>Sit (An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>		
The Hymn	“ <i>Commit Whatever Grieves Thee</i> ”	TLH 520

<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		LSBH p. 117
The Lavabo		LSBH p. 118

(The Pastor washes his hands while silently praying Psalm 26. The congregation joins in silent prayer reflecting upon the Sacrament they are about to receive. Prayers are located on back cover.)

The Preface		TLH p. 24
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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	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover.)</i>	
The Hymn	“ <i>When My Last Hour Is Close at Hand</i> ”	TLH 594
<i>Stand</i>		
The Post-Communion Canticle		TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving		TLH p. 30
The Post-Communion Collect		TLH p. 31
The Hymn	“ <i>Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing</i> ”	TLH 535
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	“ <i>Herzlich tut mich</i> ”	Johann Pachelbel
Recitation of the Catechism		The Table of Duties
Announcements		

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, Rev. Dcn. Floyd Smithey, Jr., 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, *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 and Jacob Henson.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Nicholas Silva.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred and John Monahan.*
- 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 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
Today	Esther 1-2; Luke 10:38-42	Esther 3; Gr. Esther 13; Acts 8:26-39
Monday:	Es. 4; Gr. Es. 14; Tit. 3:8-15	Greek Esther 15; Es. 5; 2 Kings 20:1-21
Tuesday:	Esther 6-7; Philemon	Esther 8; Gr. Esther 16; 2 Kings 21:1-26
Wednesday:	Es. 9-10 & Post.; Heb. 1:1-14	Ezra 1-2; 2 Chronicles 34:1-33
Thursday:	Ezra 3-4; Hebrews 2:5—3:6	Ezra 5-6; 2 Chronicles 35:20—36:10
Friday:	Ezra 7-8; Heb. 4:14—5:14	Ezra 9-10; Jeremiah 22:1-30
Saturday:	Neh. 1-2; Hebrews 6:1-20	Nehemiah 3-4; Jeremiah 25:1-14

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 64-65	Psalms 34, 66-68
Monday:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 69	Psalms 34, 70-72
Tuesday:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 73	Psalms 34, 74-76
Wednesday:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 77	Psalms 34, 78
Thursday:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 79-80	Psalms 34, 81-83
Friday:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 84-85	Psalms 34, 86-88
Saturday:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 89	Psalms 36, 90-92

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.II.57-64
Tuesday:	The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.II.65-73
Wednesday:	Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.II.74-83
Thursday:	The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.II.84-90
Friday:	The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.III.1-7

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 443—"O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea"

Evening: TLH 520—"Commit Whatever Grieves Thee"

Calendar for the Week after the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

Grandparents' Day

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Parish Assembly Meeting

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

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: ***Constitution Day***

Saturday: Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

Next Sunday: The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

10:00 a.m. Divine Service in Fort Myers, FL

10:00 a.m. Divine Service (Smithey online)

11:15 a.m. Bible class (Smithey online)

Parish Assembly Meeting

The next Parish Meeting is TODAY after Divine Service. We'll see y'all there.

Reformation Workshop

We are having our third annual Reformation Workshop in Pawleys Island, SC on Friday, October 22nd to Sunday, October 24th. Since it is the 500-year anniversary, this year's studies will focus on the Diet of Worms. The first study on Friday night will look at the events leading up to the Diet. The second study on Saturday morning will look at the Diet itself. And the third study on Sunday morning will look at what transpired after the Diet. This is our annual opportunity to gather all of the missions in one place and study and worship, and have fun, together as a community of saints. Please make plans to be there.

The Lutheran Herald

The September 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—The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: Galatians 5:25—6:10

Gospel: St. Matthew 6:24-34

September 19th—The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: Ephesians 3:13-21

Gospel: St. Luke 7:11-17

An Excerpt from Martin Luther's Sermons

"Now the world cannot conceal its unbelief in its coarse, outward sins, for I see it loves a dollar more than Christ; more than all the Apostles, even if they themselves were present and preached to it. I can hear the Gospel daily, but it does not profit me every day; it may indeed happen, if I have heard it a whole year, the Holy Spirit may have been given to me only one hour. Now when I enjoyed this hour I obtained not only five hundred dollars, but also the riches of the whole world; for what have I not, when I have the Gospel? I received God, Who made the silver and the gold, and all that is upon the Earth; for I acquired the Spirit by which I know that I will be kept by Him forever; that is much more than if I had the church full of money. Examine now and see, if our heart is not a rogue, full of wickedness and unbelief. If I were a true Christian, I would say: The hour the Gospel is received, there comes to me a hundred thousand dollars, and much more. For if I possess this treasure, I have all that is in Heaven and upon Earth. But one must serve this treasure only, for no man can serve God and mammon. Either you must love God and hate money; or you must hate God and love money;

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY
September 12th, 2021



Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: BOW DOWN || Your ear, O Lord, | hear | me; *

You are my God; save Your servant | who | trusts | in | You!

P: || Be merciful to me, O | Lord, | - *

For I cry to | You | all | day | long.

P: || Rejoice the soul of Your | ser- | vant, *

For to You, O Lord, I | lift | up | my | soul.

(Psalm 86:1a, 2b-4)

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

P: || Bow down Your ear, O Lord, | hear | me; *

You are my God; save Your servant | who | trusts | in | You!

P: || Be merciful to me, O | Lord, | - *

For I cry to | You | all | day | long. *(Psalm 86:1a, 2b-3)*

Collect

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succor, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; 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: It is good to give thanks to the | LORD, | - *

And to sing praises to Your | name, | O | Most | High;

P: To declare Your lovingkindness in the | morn- | ing, *

And Your faithful- | ness | eve- | ry | night.

P: || Alleluia! Alleluia! O God, my heart is | stead- | fast; *

I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. | Al- | le- |

lu- | ia! *(Psalms 92:1-2; 108:1)*

Galatians 5:25—6:10

²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. ^{6:1} Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. ⁵ For each one shall bear his own load. ⁶ Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

St. Matthew 6:24-34

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and

mammon. ²⁵ Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁸ So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

TLH 518 “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

Georg Neumark, 1640

1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee
And hope in Him thro' all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee thro' the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the Rock that naught can move.
2. What can these anxious cares avail thee,
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
What can it help if thou bewail thee
O'er each dark moment as it flies?
Our cross and trials do but press
The heavier for our bitterness.
3. Be patient and await His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And His discerning love hath sent,
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him Who chose us for His own.
4. God knows full well when times of gladness
Shall be the needful thing for thee.
When He has tried thy soul with sadness
And from all guile has found thee free,
He comes to thee all unaware
And makes thee own His loving care.
5. Nor think amid the fiery trial
That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial
Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring
And sets a bound to everything.
6. All are alike before the Highest;
'Tis easy to our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,
To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought
Who setteth up and brings to naught.
7. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed. Amen.

TLH 443 “O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea”

Christopher Wordsworth, 1863, abridged

1. O Lord of Heav'n and Earth and sea,
To Thee all praise and glory be.
How shall we show our love to Thee,
Who givest all?
2. The golden sunshine, vernal air,
Sweet flow'rs and fruits Thy love declare.
When harvests ripen, Thou art there,
Who givest all.
3. For peaceful homes, and healthful days,
For all the blessings Earth displays,
We owe Thee thankfulness and praise,
Who givest all.
4. Thou didst not spare Thine only Son,
But gav'st Him for a world undone,
And freely with that Blessed One
Thou givest all.
5. Thou giv'st the Holy Spirit's dower,
Spirit of Life and Love and Power,
And dost His sevenfold graces shower
Upon us all.
6. For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven,
For means of grace and hopes of Heaven,
What can to Thee, O Lord, be given,
Who givest all?
7. We lose what on ourselves we spend;
We have as treasure without end
Whatever, Lord, to Thee we lend,
Who givest all;
8. To Thee, from Whom we all derive
Our life, our gifts, our power to give.
Oh, may we ever with Thee live,
Who givest all! Amen.

TLH 520 “Commit Whatever Grieves Thee”

Paul Gerhardt, 1656

1. Commit whatever grieves thee
Into the gracious hands
Of Him Who never leaves thee,
Who Heav'n and Earth commands.
Who points the clouds their courses,
Whom winds and waves obey,
He will direct thy footsteps
And find for thee a way.

2. On Him place thy reliance
If thou wouldst be secure;
His work thou must consider
If thine is to endure.
By anxious sighs and grieving
And self-tormenting care
God is not moved to giving;
All must be gained by prayer.

3. Thy truth and grace, O Father,
Most surely see and know
Both what is good and evil
For mortal man below.
According to Thy counsel
Thou wilt Thy work pursue;
And what Thy wisdom chooseth
Thy might will always do.

4. Thy hand is never shortened,
All things must serve Thy might;
Thine every act is blessing,
Thy path is purest light.
Thy work no man can hinder,
Thy purpose none can stay,
Since Thou to bless Thy children
Wilt always find a way.

5. Though all the powers of evil
The will of God oppose,
His purpose will not falter,
His pleasure onward goes.
Whate'er God's will resolveth,
Whatever He intends.
Will always be accomplished
True to His aims and ends.

6. Then hope, my feeble spirit,
And be thou undismayed;
God helps in every trial
And makes thee unafraid.
Await His time with patience,
Then shall thine eyes behold
The sun of joy and gladness
His brightest beams unfold.

7. Arise, my soul, and banish
Thy anguish and thy care.
Away with thoughts that sadden
And heart and mind ensnare!
Thou art not lord and master
Of thine own destiny;
Enthroned in highest heaven,
God rules in equity.

8. Leave all to His direction;
In wisdom He doth reign,
And in a way most wondrous
His course He will maintain.
Soon He, His promise keeping,
With wonder-working skill
Shall put away the sorrows
That now thy spirit fill.

9. A while His consolation
He may to thee deny,
And seem as though in trial
He far from thee would fly;
A while distress and anguish
May compass thee around,
Nor to thy supplication
An answering voice be found.

10. But if thou perseverest,
Thou shalt deliverance find.
Behold, all unexpected
He will thy soul unbind
And from the heavy burden
Thy heart will soon set free;
And thou wilt see the blessing
He had in mind for thee.

11. O faithful child of Heaven,
How blessèd shalt thou be!
With songs of glad thanksgiving
A crown awaiteth thee.
Into thy hand thy Maker
Will give the victor's palm.
And thou to thy Deliverer
Shalt sing a joyous psalm.

12. Give, Lord, this consummation
To all our heart's distress;
Our hands, our feet, e'er strengthen,
In death our spirits bless.
Thy truth and Thy protection
Grant evermore, we pray,
And in celestial glory
Shall end our destined way. Amen.

TLH 594 "When My Last Hour Is Close at Hand"
Sts. 1-4, Nikolaus Herman, 1652; St. 5, Unknown,
1575

1. When my last hour is close at hand,
Lord Jesus Christ, attend me;
Beside me then, O Savior, stand
To comfort and defend me.
Into Thy hands I will commend

My soul at this my earthly end,
And Thou wilt keep it safely.

2. My sins, dear Lord, disturb me sore,
My conscience cannot slumber;
But tho' as sands upon the shore
My sins may be in number,
I will not quail, but think of Thee;
Thy death, Thy sorrow, borne for me,
Thy sufferings, shall uphold me.

3. I am a branch in Thee, the Vine,
And hence the comfort borrow
That Thou wilt surely keep me Thine
Thro' fear and pain and sorrow;
And when I die, I die to Thee,
Thy precious death hath won for me
The life that never endeth.

4. Since Thou the power of death didst rend,
In death Thou wilt not leave me;
Since Thou didst into Heaven ascend,
No fear of death shall grieve me.
For where Thou art, there shall I be
That I may ever live with Thee;
That is my hope when dying.

5. My spirit I commend to Thee
And gladly hence betake me;
Peaceful and calm my sleep shall be,
No human voice can wake me.
But Christ is with me through the strife,
And He will bear me into life
And open Heaven before me. Amen.

TLH 535 "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"
Paul Gerhardt, 1653

1. Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,
A cheerful trust maintain;
For God, the Source of ev'rything,
Thy Portion shall remain.

2. He is thy Treasure, He thy Joy,
Thy Life and Light and Lord,
Thy Counselor when doubts annoy,
Thy Shield and great Reward.

3. Why spend the day in blank despair,
In restless tho't the night?
On thy Creator cast thy care;
He makes thy burdens light.

4. Did not His love and truth and pow'r

Watch o'er thy childhood day?
Has He not oft in threat'ning hour
Turned dreaded ills away?

5. He ever will with patience chide,
His rod falls gently down,
And all thy sins He casts aside
And in the sea doth drown.

6. When silent woe thy bosom rends,
His pity sees thy grief,
Supplies what to His glory tends
And to thine own relief.

7. He knows how oft a Christian weeps
And why his tears now fall;
And in the His mercy keeps
These things are noted all.

8. His wisdom never plans in vain,
Ne'er falters or mistakes;
All that His counsels did ordain
A happy ending makes.

9. Upon thy lips, then, lay thy hand
And trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock thy peace shall stand
Here and in Heaven above. Amen.