

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 First Sunday after Epiphany
January 11th, 2026

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“How is it that ye sought Me? Knew ye not that I must be in My Father’s house?” St. Luke 2:49

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Liebster Jesu”</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”</i>	Δ INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 7
The Invocation		ASBH p. 7
The Confession of Sins	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 8
Versicles		ASBH p. 8
Confession and Absolution		ASBH p. 8-9
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
The Introit	<i>(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri)</i>	ASBH p. 57
The Kyrie		ASBH p. 10
The Gloria in Excelsis		ASBH p. 10-13
The Salutation		ASBH p. 13
The Collect for the Day		ASBH p. 27
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Romans 12:1-5
The Gradual		ASBH p. 57
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
The Gospel	<i>(Gospel Responses ASBH p. 16)</i>	St. Luke 2:41-52
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men”</i>	INSERT
The Sermon	<i>He Was Subject to Them</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		ASBH p. 18-19
	<i>(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>	
The General Prayer		ASBH p. 19-20
The Lord’s Prayer		ASBH p. 20
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Zion, Awake and Brighten!”</i>	INSERT
The Lavabo	<i>(During Hymn)</i>	ASBH p. 21
<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		ASBH p. 21
The Preface		ASBH p. 22
The Proper Preface		ASBH p. 23-27
The Sanctus and Benedictus		ASBH p. 27-28
The Lord’s Prayer		ASBH p. 29
The Verba Domini	<i>(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)</i>	ASBH p. 30
The Pax Domini	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	ASBH p. 31

The Agnus Dei	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 31-32
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	
The Hymn	<i>“Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast Prepared”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Within the Father’s House”</i>	Δ INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		ASBH p. 36
The Benedicamus		ASBH p. 37
The Benediction		ASBH p. 37
The Triple Amen	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 37
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Lobt Gott, ihr Christen”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther

Recitation of the Catechism

The Sacrament of the Altar (pages 25-26) & Questions 208-218 (Part III. The Lord’s Prayer. Of Prayer in General, pages 108-111).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

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

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Dan, Katie, Kelly, Vince Bost, Brandon Dennie, Rachel Epperson, Vito Gerardi, Graham Hardaway, Michelle Harris, Peggy Holder, Judy Horn, Glen Madden, Paul Meadows, Barbara Miller, Mike Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Jack Newton, Becky Phillips, Betty Ramsey, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Chuck Webber, Gerald Weerts, and Tammy Wilson.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL;* and her pastors, the *Rev. Benjamin Henson* and the *Rev. Emer. Douglas Handrich.*
- That the Lord might send *Faithful Laborers* into His harvest.
- For *St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Seminary* and our seminarians, *Duncan Geldenhuys* and *Jonathan Teo Zin Han.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Bob, Barbara, and Bobby Eisold,* and *Deacon and Sherrill Smithey.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially *Thomas Allred* and *John Monahan.*
- For all those who serve in the military.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week, especially *Pastor and Tanya Dulas.*

Announcements

Daily Readings for Week after the First Sunday after Epiphany

	Morning	Evening
Today	Col. 2; Mark 10:13-16	Colossians 3; Ephesians 6:1-4
Monday:	Col. 4; John 1:29-34	1 Thessalonians 1; Genesis 8:1-22
Tuesday:	1 Thess. 2; John 1:35-42	1 Thessalonians 3; Genesis 11:1-9
Wednesday:	1 Thess. 4; John 1:43-51	1 Thessalonians 5; Genesis 12:1-20
Thursday:	2 Thess. 1; Luke 4:1-13	2 Thessalonians 2; Genesis 13:1-18
Friday:	2 Thess. 3; Mark 1:12-15	1 Timothy 1; Genesis 14:8-24
Saturday:	1 Timothy 2; Matt. 4:12-17	1 Timothy 3; Genesis 15:1-21

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 67, 58-59	Psalms 86, 60-63
Monday:	Psalms 67, 64-65	Psalms 86, 66-68
Tuesday:	Psalms 67, 69	Psalms 86, 70-72
Wednesday:	Psalms 67, 73	Psalms 86, 74-76
Thursday:	Psalms 67, 77	Psalms 86, 78
Friday:	Psalms 67, 79-80	Psalms 86, 81-83
Saturday:	Psalms 67, 84-85	Psalms 16, 86-88

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Large Catechism, II.9-24
Tuesday: The Large Catechism, II.25-37
Wednesday: The Large Catechism, II.38-54
Thursday: The Large Catechism, II.55-70
Friday: The Large Catechism, III.1-16

Reciting the Catechism Daily:

Sunday: The Ten Commandments
Monday: The Apostles' Creed
Tuesday: The Lord's Prayer
Wednesday: Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession

Thursday: The Sacrament of the Altar

Friday: How One Should Be Taught to Pray

Saturday: The Table of Duties

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: ASBH 10—"Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men"

Evening: INSERT—"Zion, Awake and Brighten!"

Calendar for the Week after the First Sunday after Epiphany

Today: The First Sunday after Epiphany—Green

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

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. Pastor Teaches Psalms Class

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Pastor Teaches Psalms Class

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday after Epiphany—Green

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Simpsonville, SC and Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The Diocesan seminary continues their Winter Quarter of their second year. Classes will continue until, Friday, February 27th. I am teaching the class on the Psalms this quarter. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

The Lutheran Herald

The January 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.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"As Christ was made manifest by the star and at the Jordan for our consolation, as our Savior, as we have already and repeatedly heard, so He manifests Himself again in our Gospel today for our instruction, that we might learn, in all matters pertaining to God, to disregard everyone else, whether parents or rulers, or whoever it may be. For in these things

we look to another Master, to a higher Authority, to God; Him we must obey, and do whatever He desires. When we have accomplished His will, then we may heed the will of our parents and superiors, if they demand nothing contrary to our obedience towards God; for this, as has been stated, comes first and must be fulfilled.

"I will not mention here the great tribulation, felt by but few, which surely follows the separation from Christ, but will confine myself, in all simplicity, to the Child Jesus, who manifests Himself today in His authority over others, so that He even compels His mother to follow Him, instead of following her as might be expected of a child. This happened that the words of the angel might be fulfilled: 'He shall be called the Son of the Highest.' Mary was now reminded of these words, that she might not forget them. This manifestation is in perfect harmony with the others, and we plainly learn from it that Christ was more than mere man, as the shepherds and Simeon had already testified concerning Him. The difference between Him and other children He wished to be observed, although He occasionally mingled with them and took part in their plays.

"The Evangelist describes in a happy manner what Christ did in the temple. We observe that He did not inquire as to the price of grain, nor how the stock-market ranged, nor what the latest fashions were, but He conversed with the doctors concerning the Word of God; He listened to their explanations of the Scriptures and corrected them, yet in a manner becoming a youth. Let us suppose that they had under consideration the fifth commandment, and that they explained it as having reference merely to actual murders with the hand: we can then imagine how Jesus interposed and told the doctors that this commandment meant much more; that it also forbade anger, wrath, evil thoughts and injurious reports concerning others; that it demanded a friendly disposition towards our fellow men, as He afterwards explains in the Sermon on the Mount." *From the House Postil for the First Sunday after Epiphany, 1522.*

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The First Sunday after Epiphany

Epistle:

Romans 12:1-5

Gospel:

St. Luke 2:41-52

January 18th—The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Epistle:

Romans 12:6-16a

Gospel:

St. John 2:1-11

140. Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

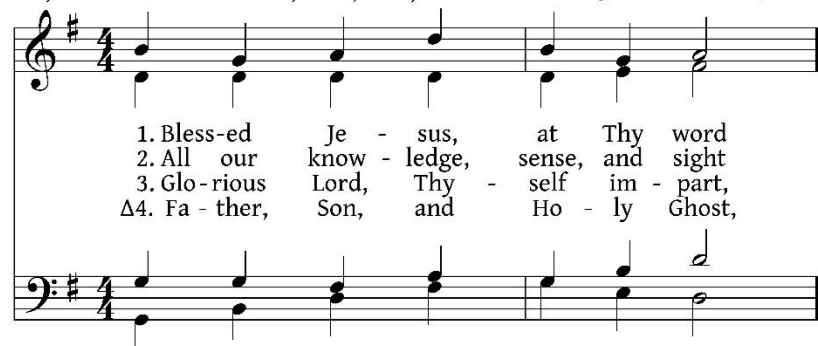
Liebster Jesus, wir sind hier

St. 1-3, Tobias Clausnitzer, 1667; St. 4, unknown, 1707


Liebster Jesu

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858; St. 4, unknown

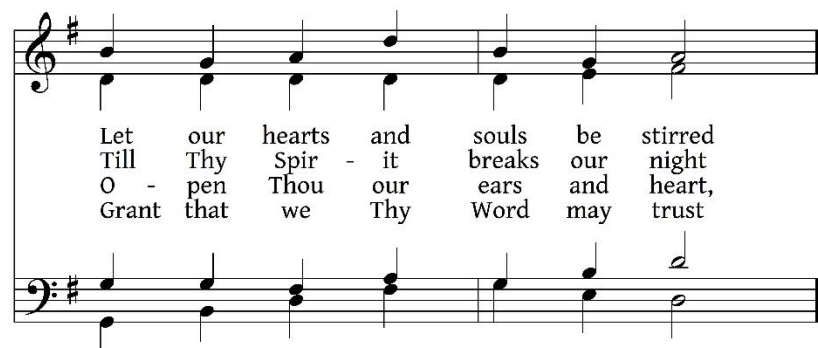
Johann R. Ahle, 1664



1. Bless-ed Je - sus, at Thy word
 2. All our know - ledge, sense, and sight
 3. Glo - rious Lord, Thy - self im - part,
 Δ4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



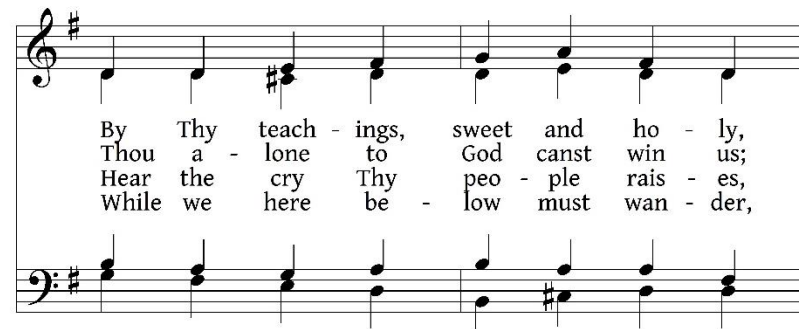
We are gath - ered all to hear Thee;
 Lie in deep - est dark - ness shroud - ed
 Light of Light, from God pro - ceed - ing;
 Praise to Thee and ad - o - ra - tion!



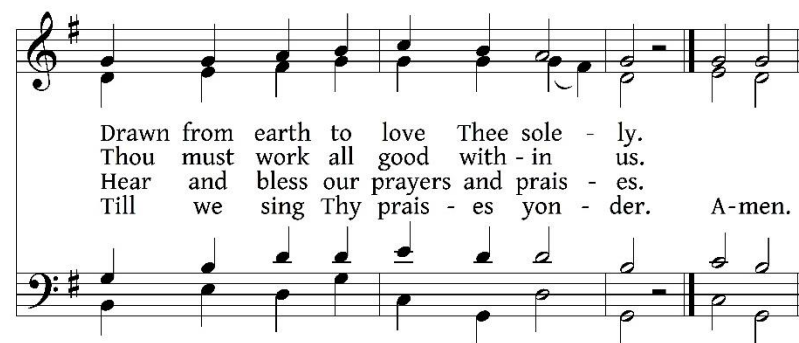
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 Till Thy Spir - it breaks our night
 O - pen Thou our ears and heart,
 Grant that we Thy Word may trust



Now to seek and love and fear Thee,
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed.
 Help us by Thy Spir - it's plead - ing;
 And ob - tain Thy true con - so - la - tion



By Thy teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
 Thou a - lone to God canst win us;
 Hear the cry Thy peo - ple rais - es,
 While we here be - low must wan - der,



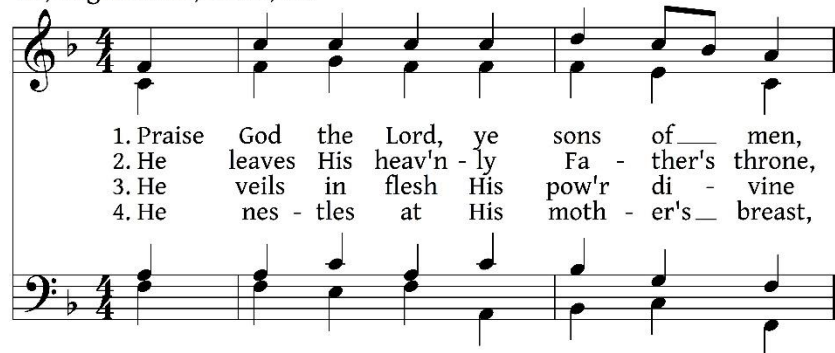
Drawn from earth to love Thee sole - ly.
 Thou must work all good with - in us.
 Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 Till we sing Thy prais - es yon - der. A-men.

1st Sunday after Epiphany

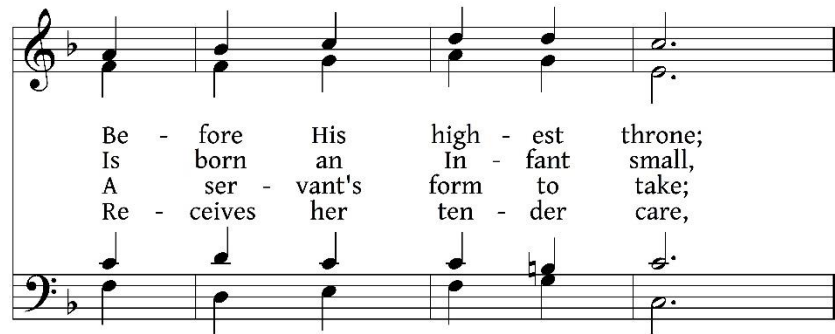
10. Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich
Nikolaus Herman, 1560
Tr., August Crull, †1923, alt.

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen
Nikolaus Herman, 1554



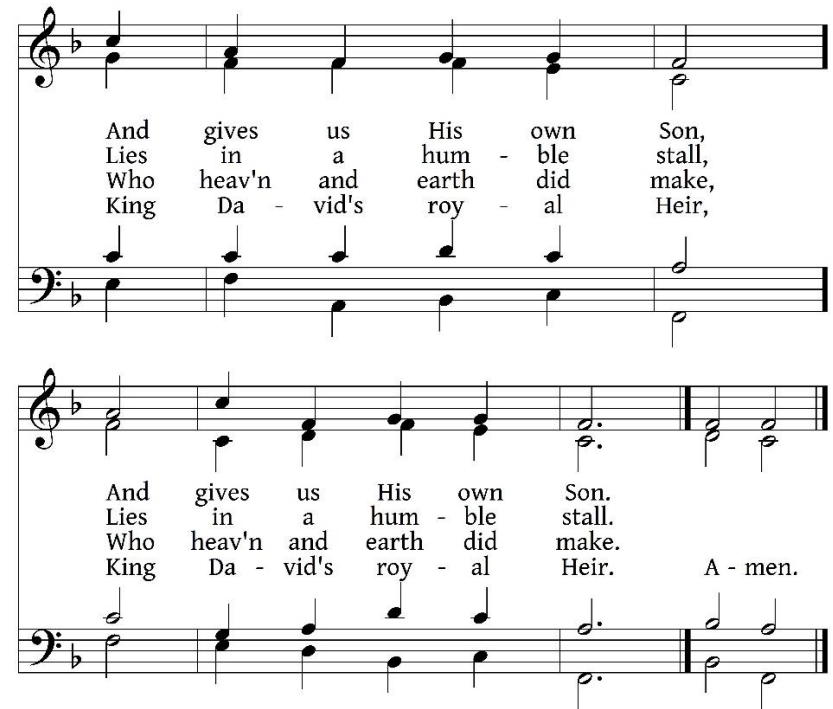
1. Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men,
2. He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne,
3. He veils in flesh His pow'r di - vine,
4. He nes - tles at His moth - er's breast,



Be - fore His high - est throne;
Is born an In - fant small,
A ser - vant's form to take;
Re - ceives her ten - der care,



To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain
And in a man - ger, poor and lone,
In want and low - li - ness must pine
Whom an - gels hail with joy most blest,



And gives us His own Son,
Lies in heav'n a and earth hum - ble stall,
Who heav'n and vid's roy - al did make,
King Da - vid's roy - al Heir,
A - men.

5. 'Tis He who in these latter days
From Judah's tribe should come,
By whom the Father would upraise
The Church, His Christendom.

6. A wondrous change which He doth make!
He takes our flesh and blood,
And lays aside for sinners' sake
His majesty of God.

7. He serves that I a lord may be;
A great exchange indeed!
Could Jesus' love do more for me
To help me in my need?

8. He opens us again the door
Of Paradise today;
The angel guards the gate no more.
To God our thanks we pay.

##. Zion, Awake and Brighten!

Brich auf und werde lichte

Martin Opitz, 1628, ab.

Tr., Emanuel Cronenwett, 1880, alt.

O Welt, ich muß dich lassen

Heinrich Isaak, c. 1490

1. Zi - on, a - wake and bright - en!
 2. Though earth is yet and be - cloud - ed,
 3. On this broad earth the na - tions,
 4. Be - hold the surg - ing mass - es!

Lo, day be - gins to light - en,
 And Gen - tile na - tions shroud - ed
 Thro' - out all gen - er - a - tions,
 Thy Light doth draw all class - es,

Thy Light draws nigh to thee;
 In dark - ness dense and drear,
 That see the light of day,
 The world turns un - to thee;

The bright-ness of His glo - ry,
 The Lord, thy Life, hath blessed thee,
 Shall learn thy bright - er glo - ry;
 Thy fame hath reached their hear - ing,

The morn of Proph - ets' sto - ry,
 With lov - ing grace ca - ressed thee,
 And men shall haste be - fore thee,
 Their sons and daugh - ters, near - ing,

Now shines a - round and o - ver thee.
 And crowned thy brow with hon - or dear.
 To see thy Light and bless its ray.
 Haste at thy shrine to bend the knee. A - men.

5. Thy heart shall leap within thee
 When thou shalt see th' assembly,
 Th' abundance of the sea;
 Thine eyes shall feast on courses
 Of myriad Gentile forces,
 That come converted unto thee.

6. There are glad delegations
 From Ephah and far nations,
 And clouds from Midian;
 With gold shall Sheba cheer thee,
 And incense; all that near thee
 Shall sing thy praisee, O chosen One!

217. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared

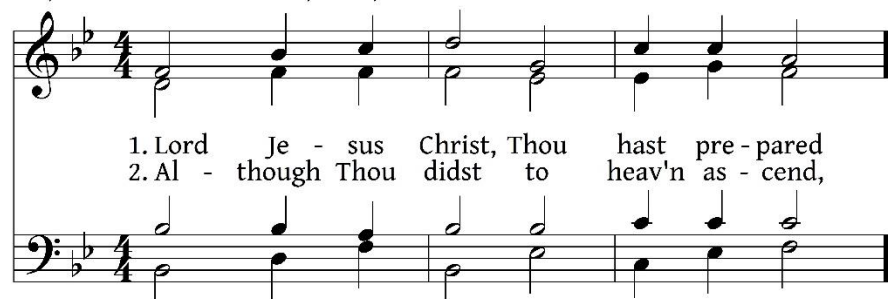
Herr Jesu Christ, du hast bereit't

Samuel Kinner, 1638

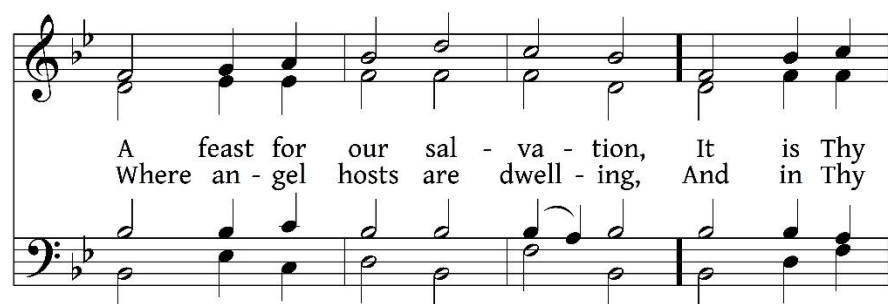
Tr., Emanuel Cronenwett, 1880, ad.

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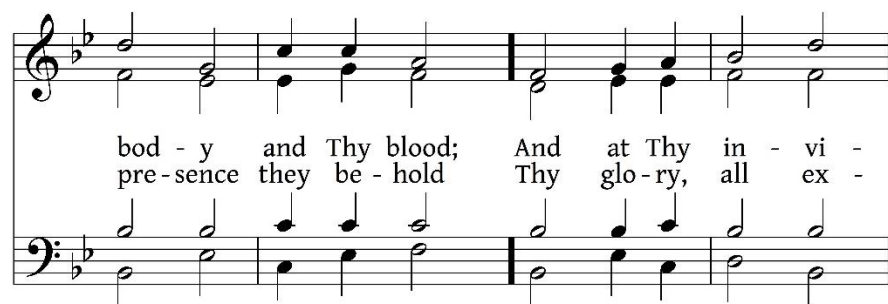
Peter Sohren, 1668



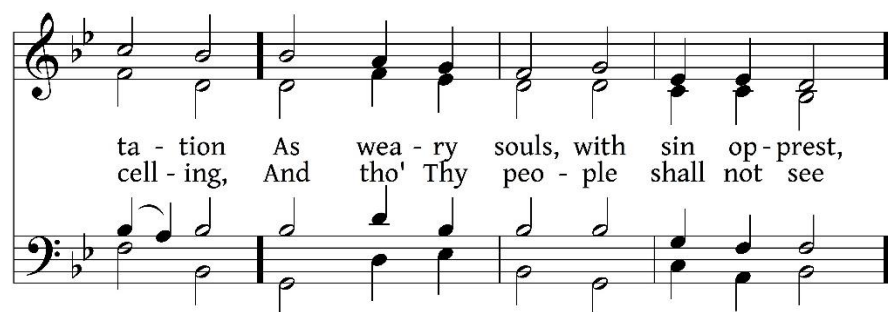
1. Lord Je - sus Christ, Thou hast pre - pared
2. Al - though Thou didst to heav'n as - cend,



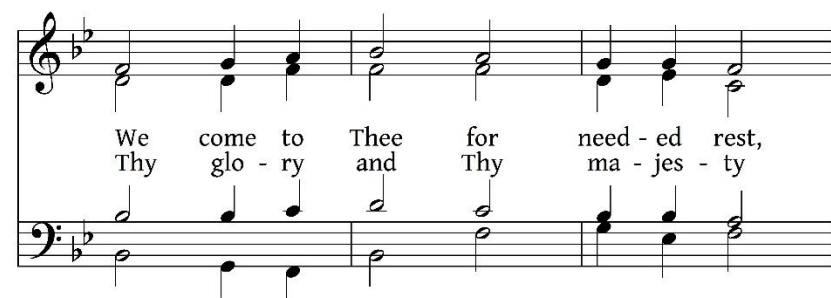
A feast for our sal - va - tion, It is Thy
Where an - gel hosts are dwell - ing, And in Thy



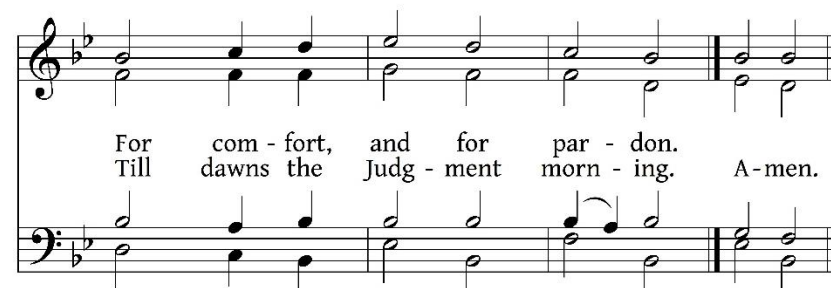
bod - y and Thy blood; And at Thy in - vi -
pre - sence they be - hold Thy glo - ry, all ex -



ta - tion As wea - ry souls, with sin op - prest,
cell - ing, And tho' Thy peo - ple shall not see



We come to Thee and for need - ed rest,
Thy glo - ry and Thy ma - jes - ty



For com - fort, and for par - don.
Till dawns the Judg - ment morn - ing. A - men.

3. Yet, Savior, Thou art not confined
To any habitation,
But Thou art present ev'rywhere
And with Thy congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

4. We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Thy precious Word believing
That Thy true body and Thy blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This word remains forever true,
And there is naught Thou canst not do;
For Thou, Lord, art almighty.

5. Tho' reason cannot understand
Yet faith this truth embraces;
Thy body, Lord, is ev'rywhere
At once in many places.
How this can be I leave to Thee,
Thy Word alone sufficeth me,
I trust its truth unfailing.

6. Lord, I believe what Thou hast said,
Help me when doubts assail me;
Remember that I am but dust
And let my faith not fail me.
Thy Supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7. Grant that we worthily receive
Thy Supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving o'er our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Thy grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8. For Thy consoling Supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this Sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

Within the Father's House

James R. Woodford, 1863

Franconia

"Harmonischer Liederschatz"

Frankfurt, 1738

1. With - in the Fa - ther's house The
 2. The doc - tors of the Law Gaze
 3. Yet not to them is giv'n The
 4. The sec - ret of the Lord Es -

Son hath found His home, And
 on the won - drous Child And
 might - y truth to know, To
 capes each hu - man eye, And

to His Tem - ple sud - den - ly The
 mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of
 lift the earth - ly veil which hides In -
 faith - ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The

Lord of Life hath come.
 wis - dom un - de - filed.
 car - nate God be - low.
 full e - piph - a - ny. A - men.

5. Lord, visit Thou our souls
 And teach us by Thy grace
 Each dim revealing of Thyself
 With loving awe to trace.

6. Till from our darkened sight
 The cloud shall pass away
 And on the cleanséd soul shall burst
 The everlasting day.

Δ7. Till we behold Thy face
 And know as we are known
 Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Coequal Three in One.