

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 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Sunday
November 2nd, 2025

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“Bind him hand and foot, and cast him out into the outer darkness; there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.” St. Matthew 22:13

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Ach bleib bei uns”</i>	Steven Wentz
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“Forsake Us Not—O Lord, Be Near”</i>	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. 117
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. 117
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Ephesians 5:15-21
The Gradual		ASBH p. 117
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
The Gospel		St. Matthew 22:1-14
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”</i>	ASBH 58
The Sermon	<i>Call Them That Were Bidden to the Marriage</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>“Look Down, O Lord, From Heav’n, Behold”</i>	ASBH 33
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>“I Come, O Lord, to Thy Communion”</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>“Let Me Be Thine Forever”</i>	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>“Ich dank’ dir, lieber Herre”</i>	Johann Christoph Bach

Recitation of the Catechism

The Apostles’ Creed (pages 13-15) & Questions 102-107 (Part II. The Creed. The First Article. Of Creation, pages 68-72).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.
TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

Announcements

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, Cate Smithey, 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, *Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Tony, WI and Pure Blessings Ev. Lutheran Church, Brandon, WI;* and their pastor, the *Rev. Jeffrey Ahonen.*
- 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, Brennan David,* 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.

Daily Readings for the Week of the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
Today	Ezekiel 5-6; Matt 21:28-44	Ezekiel 7-8; Romans 11:25-32
Monday:	Ezekiel 9-10; Mark 4:1-41	Ezekiel 11-12; Isaiah 43:1-13
Tuesday:	Ezek. 13-14; Luke 13:18-35	Ezekiel 15-16; Isaiah 41:1-20
Wednesday:	Ezek. 17-18; Matt. 13:31-58	Ezekiel 19-20; Habakkuk 2:1-4
Thursday:	Ezek. 21-22; Matt. 16:13-20	Ezekiel 23-24; Isaiah 63:7-19
Friday:	Ezek. 25-26; 2 Cor. 3:10—4:18	Ezekiel 27-28; Isaiah 64:1-12
Saturday:	Ezekiel 29-30; 2 Cor. 5:1-21	Ezekiel 31-32; Isaiah 5:1-7

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 9-11	Psalms 98, 12-17
Monday:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 18	Psalms 98, 19-22
Tuesday:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 23-25	Psalms 98, 26-30
Wednesday:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 31-32	Psalms 98, 33-34
Thursday:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 35	Psalms 98, 36-37
Friday:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 38	Psalms 98, 39-41
Saturday:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 42-44	Psalms 18, Part II, 45-48

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, VIII.20-30

Tuesday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, VIII.31-43

Wednesday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, VIII.44-53

Thurs.: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, VIII.54-63

Friday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, VIII.64-75

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: How One Should Be Taught to Pray

Friday: The Table of Duties

Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: ASBH 58—"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

Evening: ASBH 33—"Look Down, O Lord, From Heav'n, Behold"

Calendar for the Week of the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Today: The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

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

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Helen, GA Oktoberfest Ends

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: The Festival of Harvest—White

Election Day

First Frost Date

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: 5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Ormond Beach, FL

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

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

St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

This week is the second to last week of classes for the Fall Quarter of the Diocesan seminary. They will then have a short break before the Winter Quarter begins. I will be teaching a class on the Psalms during the Winter Quarter. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

The Lutheran Herald

The November 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

"Now, this outer darkness is in contrast with the inner light, since faith

alone must see within the heart. There our light, our reason must be covered and cease, and faith alone lighten us. For if a person will act according to reason and open it, there is nothing but death, hell and sin before his eyes. Reason then considers itself a candidate for death; yet it finds no help in any creature, all is a desert and dark. Therefore reason must be barred out here, or it must despair and surrender itself as a captive to the light of faith alone. This same light then sees that it is God in heaven who is interested in us, who cares for us, upon whom the heart can meditate, who rejects all aid of reason and depends upon no creature; then man will be sustained. Now this is the sense of the words, that those cast thus into outer darkness will be robbed of faith, and thus cast out. Since they do not cleave to God's mercy alone through faith, they must despair and be condemned." *From the Church Postil for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Sunday published in 1525.*

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-21

Gospel: St. Matthew 22:1-14

November 4th—The Festival of Harvest

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Gospel: St. Luke 12:15-21

November 9th—The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

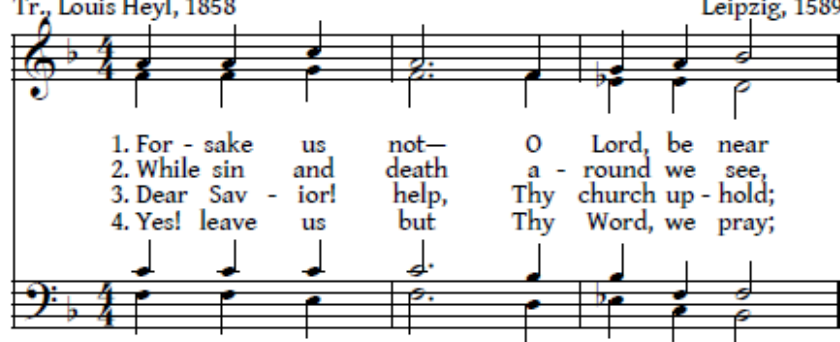
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: St. Matthew 24:15-28

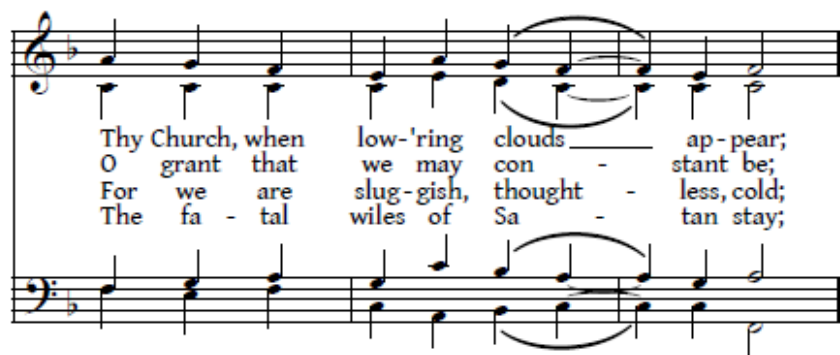
##. Forsake Us Not—O Lord, Be Near

Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ
Nikolaus Selnecker, 1611
Tr., Louis Heyl, 1858

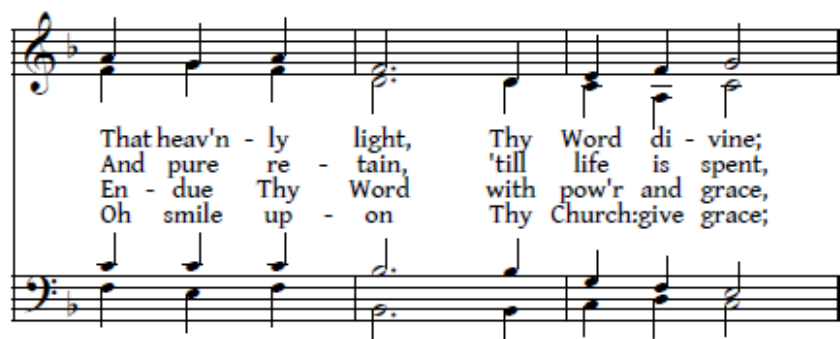
Ach bleib bei uns
"Geistliche Lieder"
Leipzig, 1589



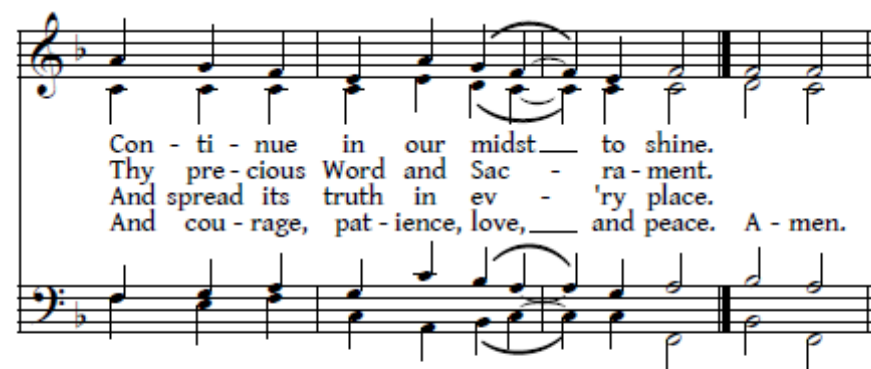
1. For - sake us not— O Lord, be near
2. While sin and death a - round we see,
3. Dear Sav - ior! help, Thy church up - hold;
4. Yes! leave us but Thy Word, we pray;



Thy Church, when low-'ring clouds ap - pear;
O grant that we may con - stant be;
For we are slug - gish, thought - less, cold;
The fa - tal wiles of Sa - tan stay;



That heav'n - ly light, Thy Word di - vine;
And pure re - tain, 'till life is spent,
En - due Thy Word with pow'r and grace,
Oh smile up - on Thy Church: give grace;



Con - ti - nue in our midst to shine.
Thy pre - cious Word and Sac - ra - ment.
And spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.
And cou - rage, pat - ience, love, and peace. A - men.

5. O God! how sin's dread works abound;
Throughout the earth no rest is found;
And wide has falsehood's spirit spread,
And error boldly rears its head.

6. And ever is there something new
Devised to change Thy doctrines true;
Lord Jesus! as thou still dost reign,
Those vain, presumptuous minds restrain.

7. And as the cause and glory, Lord,
Are Thine, not ours, do Thou afford
Us help and strength and constancy,
And keep us ever true to Thee.

8. Thy Word shall fortify us hence,
It is Thy Church's sure defense;
O let us in its pow'r confide,
That we may seek no other guide.

9. Here on Thy Word in faith we lean,
There Thou shalt be forever seen;
And when our journey, endeth here,
Receive us, Lord, in glory there.

##. I Come, O Lord, to Thy Communion

Ich komm' zu deinem Abendmahle

Friedrich C. Heyder, 1710

Tr., Sts. 1-11, A. T. Bonnet, 1900; Sts. 12-21, composite

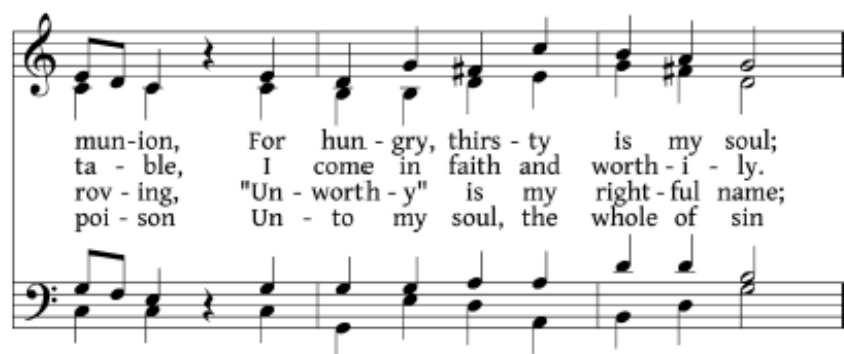
Ich sterbe täglich

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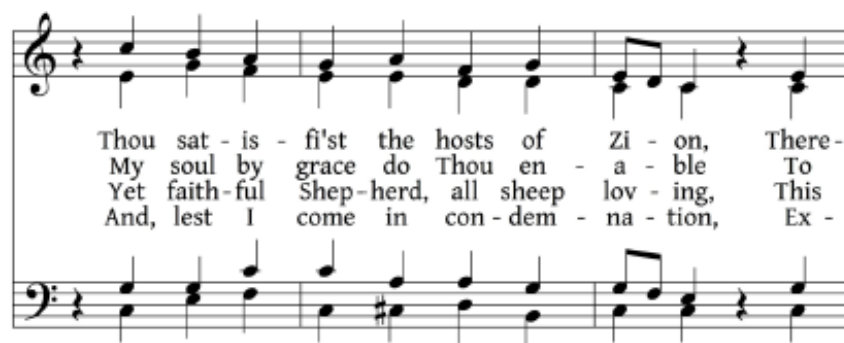
Leipzig, 1756



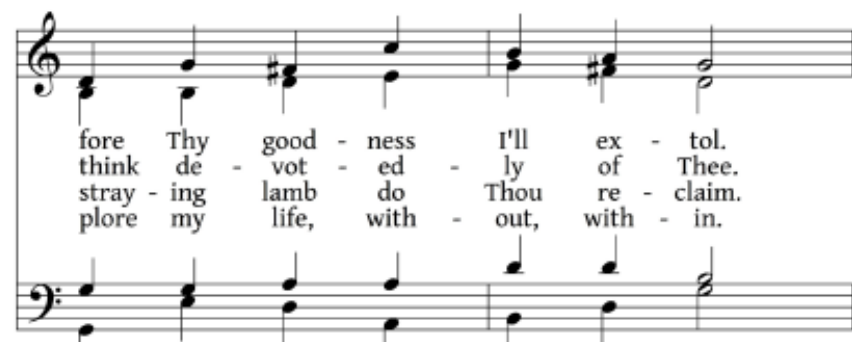
1. I come, O Lord, to Thy Com -
 2. Grant that to this, Thy heav'n - ly
 3. Be - cause in sin I have been
 4. Grant that I curse as dead - ly



mun-ion, For hun - gry, thirs - ty is my soul;
 ta - ble, I come in faith and worth - i - ly.
 rov - ing, "Un - worth - y" is my right - ful name;
 poi - son Un - to my soul, the whole of sin



Thou sat - is - fi'st the hosts of Zi - on, There -
 My soul by grace do Thou en - a - ble To
 Yet faith - ful Shep - herd, all sheep lov - ing, This
 And, lest I come in con - dem - na - tion, Ex -



fore Thy good - ness I'll ex - tol.
 think de - vot - ed - ly of Thee.
 stray - ing lamb do Thou re - claim.
 plore my life, with - out, with - in.



My Je - sus, let Thy Flesh and Blood Be



to my soul its great - est good. A - men.

5. Thy heart is filled with loving passion,
 Thy longing burns most fervently
 To gather sinners with compassion
 Therefore, this sinner comes to Thee.

8. Upon Thy Supper I'm bestowing
 This name alone, "Love's Testament,"
 For easy is it to be knowing
 Thy love in this blessed Sacrament.

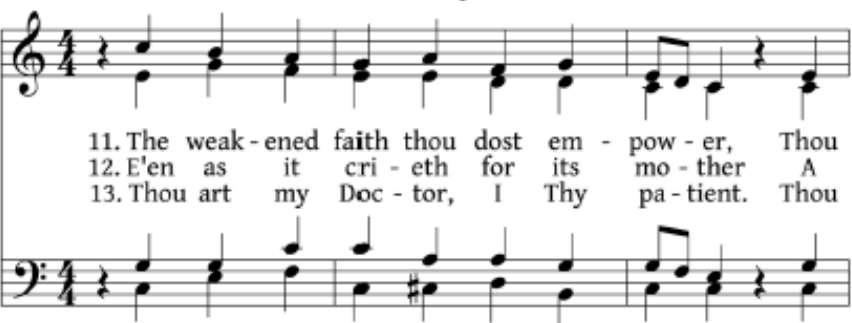
6. I am so weary and so laden
 With sin, and come at Thy request.
 By grace receive me, my heart gladden,
 Refresh me as Thy welcome guest.

9. It is the best we can inherit;
 It is faith's bond, its surest base.
 It strengthens heart and mind and spirit,
 The covenant of hope and grace.

7. For Thou wilt find a heart that lowly
 Repenting, falls before Thy feet,
 And there bewails its sins, yet solely
 Thy merit pleads e'en as 'tis meet.

10. This meal is, for my soul, sweet pasture,
 The beggar's wealth, the weak man's pow'r.
 'Tis Satan's dread, the angels' rapture;
 It quickens in the dying hour.

##. I Come, O Lord, to Thy Communion [cont.]



11. The weak - ened faith thou dost em - pow - er, Thou
 12. E'en as it cri - eth for its mo - ther A
 13. Thou art my Doc - tor, I Thy pa - tient. Thou



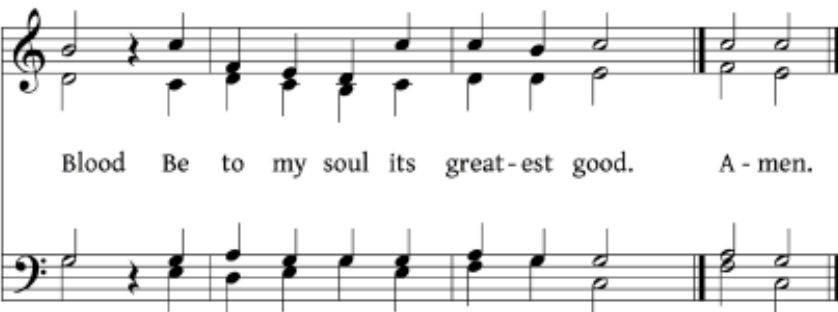
sweet, ce - les - tial feast of love. Then art thou
 hung - ry child's de - sires are met. So dost Je -
 art my Fa - ther, I, Thine heir. Thou art my



tru - ly my strong tow - er When weak - ness me from
 sus as my dear Bro - ther Feed - eth me so I
 ark, to heav'n I sail it, Thro' wind and wave, Thou



Christ would move.
 do not fret. My Je - sus, let Thy Flesh and
 bring'st me there.



Blood Be to my soul its great - est good. A - men.

14. The Body Thou for me hast given,
 The Blood which Thou hast shed for me.
 Gives my soul strength and life and heaven,
 And to my heart grants rest and peace.

15. I am with Thee wholly united,
 Thou dwell'st in me and I in Thee,
 Now my soul weeps no more, distressed,
 It laughs wholeheartedly in Thee.

16. Who is it who will now condemn me?
 He who justifies me is here.
 The flames of hell hold no fear for me,
 With Jesus I to heav'n draw near.

17. If death should quickly come upon me,
 Nonetheless will I be well-pleased,
 For He who death did long since defeat,
 To Him in faith my heart has cleaved.

18. Thou wilt one day my body quicken
 And bring me out of the dark grave.
 Now me, the grave, can no more frighten
 In Thee it is my resting place.

19. My dead flesh will be resurrected,
 E'en though the worms have destroyed it.
 To life again will it be raised
 And in my flesh I shall see Him.

20. Thus all life's pain will be discarded
 As my heart tastes the greatest sweets.
 By many griefs was I surrounded,
 But through Jesus I find release.

21. Now my heart has become a dwelling
 Of the Most Holy Trinity.
 I stand with saints and angels, singing,
 And live in joy eternally.

##. Let Me Be Thine Forever

Lass mich dein sein und bleiben

Ich dank' dir, lieber Herre

St. 1, Nikolaus Selnecker, 1572; St. 2, 3, unknown, 1688 "Musika Deutsch"

Tr., Matthias Loy, 1880

Nürnberg, 1532

1. Let me be Thine for - ev - er,
2. Lord Je - sus! boun - teous Giv - er

My Of gra light - cious and God life and di - Lord; vine,

May Thou I didst for - sake soul Thee nev - er,

Nor To wan Thee - der I from Thy re - Word: sign;

Pre - serve me from the maz - es me
Thou hast in mer - cy bought es me

Of With er blood - ror and and bit - dis - trust, pain,

And Let I me, shall since Thou hast sought - es me,

For - ev - er with the just.
E - ter - nal life ob - tain. A - men.

3. O Holy Ghost, who pourest Sweet peace into my heart,
And all my soul restorest, Thy comfort ne'er depart:
Let me His name confessing Whom I in faith have known,
Receive Thy constant blessing, And be in death Thine own.