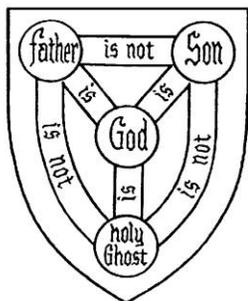


CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Divine Worship. 9:30am

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TRINITY TWELVE

August 30, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: Hymn Insert

Prayers: Hymn Insert

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 537 9 19 39

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 537 - "Every Morning Mercies New"

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE

(TLH Pg.5ff.)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution, -- "Amen."

The Introit... The Gloria Patri (Pg. 6) ...The Kyrie (Pg. 7).

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain; Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings; Honor, riches, power, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings. Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

The Salutation (Pg. 9) ...The Collect -- "Amen."

SUNDAY MORNING AND WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

We plan to resume Wednesday Evening Bible Study September 16th and Sunday Bible Study on September 13th. There will be no Bible Study on Wednesday September 23rd or 30th since pastor will be out of town.

BOARD OF DOCTRINE COLLOQUY MEETING

Pastor Schaller is planning to depart Marquette on Sunday September 20th following worship to travel to Eau Claire for a pair of Board of Doctrine Colloquies, returning to Marquette Wednesday September 23rd.

GREAT LAKES PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Great Lakes Pastoral Conference is tentatively scheduled to take place in Eau Claire, WI, Tuesday September 29-October 1st. Pastor Schaller currently plans to attend that Conference and present a paper.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Luke Bernthal has returned the call of Living Savior of Eden Prairie, MN. • Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich have called Pastor Ben Libby who currently serves Ascension in Tacoma, WA. • Morningstar of Fairchild, Trinity of Millston and Peace with God of Onalaska WI have called Pastor Chad Sebyt, who currently serves Redeemer of Cheyenne, Wyoming. • Bethel of Morris, MN, has called Pastor Tom Schuetze, who currently serves St. Paul in Lakewood (Denver), CO.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2020

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Calvary to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. The amount given to 'Missions' on your church envelope goes to this pledge. In the event that our offerings fall short of our pledge, the difference will be taken from the Calvary General Fund. The Fiscal year of the CLC runs from December 1- November 30 each year. In the event that our offerings exceed our pledge, additional funds will be placed in the General Fund.**

Amount Pledged 2020	Received as of 8/23/20	Amount Remaining
\$7000.00	\$2820.00	\$4180.00

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO

JANUARY GOAL	RECEIVED 8/23	JANUARY GOAL
\$35.00	\$0	\$35.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 8/16/20

General Fund	Loose	Missions (CBP)		
\$880.00	\$130.00	\$110.00		
Total: \$1120.00				

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HOME DEVOTIONS AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

Monday - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Obviously, people who honor God and live as His dear children reach out to others—in this case, *foreigners*, who are then nurtured by the Holy Spirit to *join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants*. It's very clear that God has always had a heart for non-Jews; since He loves them, God urges us to move forward in our mission endeavors to reach and rescue them. Yea and Amen!

Tuesday - John 15:1-11 Father & Son are concerned about the health of their vines and maintain productivity by *cleansing* the vines with a pruning knife. More precisely, the pruning knife is the Word He has spoken to us (3), the words/message that remain in our hearts (7), God's cherished precepts (10). How else would you expect God to operate with His children but by His loving maintenance, to correct and care for us in His vineyard?

Wednesday - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 *When I am weak, then I am strong* is not a riddle. Just follow the line of thought: Jesus was protecting Paul from harmful pride by afflicting him with a *thorn in the flesh*. [All it takes is a sliver in thumb or eyelid to bring things to a screeching halt.] When Jesus declined to lift that *infirmity*, Paul caught on that Jesus was controlling his life for his spiritual benefit, and he got to really understand *When I am weak, then I am strong*.

Thursday - Deuteronomy 8:1-3,11-20 What's good about the pandemic? It may be that God is using it to *humble us and to test us, to make us know that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD*—as Jesus pointed out to Satan (Matt.4:4). How amazing that God makes use of a microscopic virus to remind us of our mortality and refocus our thinking to the LORD, who works in mysterious ways His purpose to fulfill.

Friday - Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus was always on the move—even crossing borders in order to meet somebody who needed His help (21-22). But why did He seem so aloof? For the good reason that He was testing her willpower and her faith in Him, of course. The way to build muscle is to make muscles work harder than before. Same with the muscle of faith-dependence on God.

Saturday - Acts 16:6-15 North-west Turkey was bypassed (6-8) on this trip because of more urgent need farther west, in the borderlands of Europe. In response to God's call, the mission team sailed across the Aegean Sea to the seaport of Philippi. Although the missionaries did not find the man-of-the-vision, they discovered others whom God had prepared for the gospel, women who were meeting at Riverside Park for Sabbath worship. Apparently, Lydia was a leader, and she convinced the missionaries to lodge in her home; she and members of her household became converts. Praise the Lord and hallelujah!



Faith is the assurance
of things hoped for,
the conviction
of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity Twelve Sunday August 30, 2020

THE SERMON:

HEBREWS 11:3

³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

IS GOD MY FATHER?

Galatians 3:26-27, John 1:12; Matthew 28:19, John 6:27, Galatians 1:3, Ephesians 5:20, Philippians 2:11; Matthew 11:27, Genesis 17:1; Psalm 19:1, Hebrews 3:4, Genesis 1:3.

THE OFFERINGS

In order to minimize contact with the ushers, you are asked to please leave your offerings in the basket on the table in the fellowship hall either before or after worship.

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 441:1-2,6)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

PRAYER(S)...THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 19 - "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen, Amen, Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 39 – "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 30, 2020

THIS WEEK

Sunday: Divine Worship - 9:30am

BRIEF COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a very brief council meeting after worship in the fellowship hall to confirm the color of the shingles to be installed on the church roof.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

GENESIS 1:1-31

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

⁶ Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." ⁷ Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so. ⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

⁹ Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear"; and it was so. ¹⁰ And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was* good.

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. ¹² And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. ¹³ So the evening and the morning were the third day.

¹⁴ Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; ¹⁵ and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. ¹⁶ Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. *He made* the stars also. ¹⁷ God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that *it was* good. ¹⁹ So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

²⁰ Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." ²¹ So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

²⁴ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind"; and it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

²⁹ And God said, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. ³⁰ Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for food"; and it was so. ³¹ Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

ACTS 17:22-33

²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their

dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

³² And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this *matter*." ³³ So Paul departed from among them. *

THE GRADUAL -- (A Prayer for the Sunday read responsively)

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times;

Congregation: His praise shall be continually in my mouth.

Pastor: My soul will make its boast the LORD;

Congregation: The humble will hear and rejoice. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Pastor: Sing aloud to God, our Strength:

Congregation: Make a joyful noise unto the LORD. Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. ²⁶ Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. ²⁷ All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. ²⁸ Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 9 - "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

HYMN SHEET

(An effort to reduce the points of contact for the time being.)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 96

¹ Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. ² Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. ³ Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

⁴ For the LORD *is* great and greatly to be praised; He *is* to be feared above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples *are* idols, But the LORD made the heavens. ⁶ Honor and majesty *are* before Him; Strength and beauty *are* in His sanctuary.

⁷ Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength. ⁸ Give to the LORD the glory *due* His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. ⁹ Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.

¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously."

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; ¹² Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD. ¹³ For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.*

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR PEACE AND QUIETNESS

O Lord, we pray that You would mercifully hear the prayers of Your People so that we, being delivered from all adversities and serving You with a quiet mind, may enjoy Your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE UNBELIEVING

Almighty and everlasting God, you do not desire the death of the wicked, but that all men would repent and live, hear our prayers for unbelievers, and give us opportunity to speak to them of Christ. Through Your Word turn them from their idols to the living and true God and to Your only Son, and so gather them into Your Church, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

EVERY MORNING MERCIES NEW

1. Every morning mercies new Fall as fresh as morning dew; Every morning let us pay Tribute with the early day; For Thy mercies, Lord, are sure, Thy compassion doth endure.

2. Still the greatness of Thy love Daily doth our sins remove; Daily, far as east from west, Lifts the burden from the breast; Gives unbought to those who pray Strength to stand in evil day.

3. Let our prayers each morn prevail That these gifts may never fail; And as we confess the sin And the Tempter's power within, Feed us with the Bread of Life; Fit us for our daily strife.

4. As the morning light returns, As the sun with splendor burns, Teach us still to turn to Thee, Ever-blessed Trinity. With our hands our hearts to raise In unfailling prayer and praise.

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Congregation: (Sung) "Amen."

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: (Sung) "Who made heaven and earth."

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

Congregation: (Sung) "And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin."

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: "O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen."

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

CLC Financial Report - July

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 1 Month	Balance 7/31/2020
General Fund	0	74,529	98,567	91,450	- 24,128
ILC Operations	0	70,878	80,575	114,845	- 9,697
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	730	18,449		183,729
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	14,542	490	8,000		7,032
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	12,711	17,300		79,465
Kinship	86,093	18,392	18,216		86,269
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	33,480	19,009		1,928,842
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	7,202	943		90,539
Reserve Fund	294,092	0	0		294,092
Total	\$2,678,880	\$73,005	\$81,917		\$2,669,968

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
(Last payment, see below) Current Balance July 31, 2020	\$1,045,871
Principal paid to date	\$415,000

General Fund – Offerings vs disbursements left a negative balance to start the new fiscal year FY21, not unusual for summer & given the pandemic issues. Yet we were still blessed with more than the daily bread for which we pray. **The Trustees, Regents, Missions, & Ed & Publications count on their major funding from our CLC General Fund offerings.**

ILC Operations– ILC July revenue vs disbursements resulted in the usual slight deficit for a summer month when ILC is not in session. When ILC opens August 24 the initial payments due on student accounts will cover the July deficit.

ILC Building Projects – The good news has traveled quickly of the nearly \$2M bequest ILC has received from a faithful member who desired whenever the Lord called him Home to pay off the remaining ILC building debt on the Academic Center (Original: \$1,751,000 in 2010) & the North Hall dorm upgrades (\$253,000 in 2017), and to use any balance for future expansion. The last \$8000 monthly payment was made in July. Regular congregational Building Fund offerings, plus special individual offerings of \$300,000 in the last 2 or 3 years has resulted in the final principal balance of \$1,045,871, which will be paid by the end of August when the final transfer arrangements can be made to the Building Fund. *"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee."* (1Chron 29:14)

CEF – July revenue vs disbursements resulted in a \$14,500 gain for the current balance.

MDF – July disbursements included \$12,000 for Nepal Bible Institute construction loan, \$4,000 for church building assistance, \$1,200 for Bibles & tracts, and \$1000 for Africa exploratory work.

IIF – Disbursed \$11,000 for a 2nd bus to transport students under COVID requirements. **Kinship** – Offerings of \$18,392 & disbursements of \$10,000 for orphans & \$8,000 for Sem students.

Barb Koval stopped by for Private Communion on her way back to Mount Pleasant...she wanted to say "Hello" to her church family!



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Arleen Herlich who is recovering from a procedure on her back. Barb Koval who has returned home and is recovering in Mount Pleasant. Bob Vidlund who is in the memory care unit at Mill Creek. Debra Vidlund who is in the process of moving to Tourville Apartments.

Congregation: (Sung) "Amen."

GLORIA PATRI

All: (Sung) "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

THE KYRIE

All: (Sung) "Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us."

LITURGICAL HYMN

GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain; Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings; Honor, riches, power, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings. Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

SALUTATION

Pastor: "The Lord be with you."

Congregation: (Sung) "And with thy spirit."

COLLECT

Pastor: (Prayer)

Congregation: (Sung) "Amen."

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS

1. O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright, On thee the high and lowly Before th' eternal throne Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," To the great Three in One.

2. On thee at the Creation The light first had its birth; On thee for our salvation Christ rose from depth of earth; On thee our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heaven, And thus on thee, most glorious, A threefold light was given.

3. Thou art a cooling fountain In life's dry, dreary sand; From thee, like Nebo's mountain, We view our Promised Land; A day of sweet reflection, A day of holy love, A day of resurrection From earth to things above.

4. Today on weary nations The heavenly manna falls; To holy convocations The silver trumpet calls, Where Gospel-light is glowing With pure and radiant beams And living water flowing With soul-refreshing streams.

5. New graces ever gaining From this our day of rest, We reach the rest remaining To spirits of the blest. To Holy Ghost be praises, To Father, and to Son; The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One.

OFFERING HYMN WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

HYMN ALL PRAISE TO GOD, WHO REIGNS ABOVE

1. All praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, power, and love, The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills, The God who every sorrow
stills,-- To God all praise and glory!

2. What God's almighty power hath made His gracious mercy
keepeth; By morning dawn or evening shade His watchful eye
ne'er sleepeth; Within the kingdom of His might Lo, all is just and
all is right,-- To God all praise and glory!

3. I cried to Him in time of need: Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death He gave me life indeed And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; Oh, thank Him, thank our God,
with me,-- To God all praise and glory!

4. The Lord forsaketh not His flock, His chosen generation; He is
their Refuge and their Rock, Their Peace and their Salvation. As
with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band,-
- To God all praise and glory!

5. Ye who confess Christ's holy name, To God give praise and
glory! Ye who the Father's power proclaim, To God give praise and
glory! All idols under foot be trod, The Lord is God! The Lord is
God! To God all praise and glory!

6. Then come before His presence now And banish fear and
sadness; To your Redeemer pay your vow And sing with joy and
gladness: Though great distress my soul befell, The Lord, my God,
did all things well,-- To God all praise and glory!

HYMN PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my
soul, praise Him, for He is Thy Health and Salvation! Join the full
throng: Wake, harp and psalter and song; Sound forth in glad
adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth. Hast thou not
seen How thy desires all have been Granted in what He
ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously, made thee;
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling, hath stayed
thee. What need or grief Ever hath failed of relief?-- Wings of His
mercy did shade thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do, Who with His love doth
befriend thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him! All that
hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the
Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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The Ushers are asked to dismiss the congregation from the back in an effort to reduce the 'bottleneck' in the fellowship hall.