

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 9:30am
Sunday School. 10:45am
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TRINITY EIGHTEEN

October 11, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: Hymn Insert

Prayers: Hymn Insert

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 221 216 212:1-4 212:5-7

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 221 - "Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices"

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."

CALVARY COUNCIL/VOTER'S MEETINGS

Despite the fact that Pastor Schaller failed to announce the quarterly council meeting to take place this morning, it will be held. Moreover, the Quarterly Voter's Meeting will take place next Sunday (October 18) following worship.

CLC CALL NEWS

Missionary Todd Ohlmann has returned the call of Living Savior of Eden Prairie, MN. • Pastor Johnathan Schnose, member of Mount Zion in the Detroit Area, has recently passed the first stage of the colloquy and has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD, to serve as resident vacancy pastor. Bethel in Morris MN has also called Pastor Johnathan Schnose to serve them as resident vacancy pastor. • Professor John Reim has announced his intention to retire from the Teaching Ministry at ILC effective the end of the current school year. • Messiah Lutheran School in Eau Claire, WI, has called June Schmid to teach 4th Grade for the 2020-21 school Year. • Pastor Stephen Sydow has accepted the call to serve as ILC's part-time on campus counselor. • Mrs. Bethany Gurgel has also been called to serve as the female counterpart in this on-campus counseling program.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – ONLINE

Last week's Wednesday Bible Study on Psalm 22 is posted on the website.

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 10/4/20	Amount Remaining
\$7000.00	\$4185.00	\$2815.00

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO

JUNE 2021 GOAL	RECEIVED 10/4	AUGUST 2021 GOAL
\$5.00	\$50.00	\$35.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 10/4/20

General Fund	Loose	Missions (CBP)	CLCI Sem Student
\$670.00	\$60.00	\$220.00	\$50.00
Total: \$1000.00			

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READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS OCTOBER 12-17 2020

Monday - Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 One's sin-guilt cannot be dumped on someone else in the family (à la the proverb), and here God set the record straight (3-4). The *fair* way to deal with sinners is to hold each accountable for his own sins, repent of them (*get a new heart and a new spirit*), and escape punishment. God doesn't want anyone to go to hell, and neither do we.

Tuesday - Matthew 21:28-32 This parable/story illustrates how repentance works. Both boys sinned against their father; the first with a rebellious retort, the second by lying. The first regretted his sin and reformed; the second did not regret his lie and did not reform. Same story with many others who faced off with Jesus (31-32). Lord, have mercy on us!

Wednesday - Philippians 2:1-11 In our family and in our congregation, we bond with one another (1-2) by putting our personal interests second to the interests of others (3-4). We live in the shadow of our Savior, who put Himself second to the entire human race in order to square everyone with God (5-8). When He had finished that job, He earned the highest exaltation (9); sooner or later everyone will have to admit His lordship and bow before Him (10-11).

Thursday - Psalm 25 has a background: David adulterated, cheated, lied, and murdered, but God had not given up on him (2 Samuel 11). Next, God sent Nathan to confront him, and David repented (2 Samuel 12). That was not the end of his troubles, for his son Absalom turned traitor, and forced David to flee for his life. That's the background; now let's read the psalm again.

Friday - Luke 22:61-62 Peter put up a tough front to keep others at a safe distance but he couldn't bear to cold-shoulder Jesus. Why not? Because he felt the love of Jesus drawing him close. That's what brings a wayward child of God back from the brink (doesn't it?) to a tearful reunion with the Son of God, who loves us . . . all the way through His earthly life and into heaven.

Saturday - Acts 17:16-21 Paul didn't sit on his hands in the capitol city, but visited the local synagogue and interfaced with Jews and Gentiles alike, explaining what God had done for humanity. Of course, that meant he presented Jesus' death and resurrection. [In Greek, the word *Anastasis* (resurrection) sounded sorta like the name Anastasia, and that might mean a new goddess.] Greeks were not only polytheist idolaters, but great thinkers and conversationalists, too, so God took advantage of their human traits as access for Paul and the Holy Spirit to get onto the inside track with them. This will get interesting, so stay tuned.



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Trinity Eighteen Sunday October 11, 2020

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: 212:1-4 - "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

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

CLOSING HYMN: 212:5-7 – "A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 11, 2020

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP

➤ Quarterly Council Meeting (No Bible Class)

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Bible Study 7pm (Psalm 22, Part Two)

Sunday: Worship - 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45; Voter's Meeting

USHERS

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

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Arleen Herlich who is recovering from a procedure on her back. Barb Koval who 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

PSALM 68:1-20

¹ Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him. ² As smoke is driven away, So drive *them* away; As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish at the presence of God. ³ But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him. ⁵ A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, *Is* God in His holy habitation. ⁶ God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

⁷ O God, when You went out before Your people, When You marched through the wilderness, Selah

⁸ The earth shook; The heavens also dropped *rain* at the presence of God; Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel. ⁹ You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, Whereby You confirmed Your inheritance, When it was weary. ¹⁰ Your congregation dwelt in it; You, O God, provided from Your goodness for the poor.

¹¹ The Lord gave the word; Great *was* the company of those who proclaimed *it*: ¹² "Kings of armies flee, they flee, And she who remains at home divides the spoil. ¹³ Though you lie down among the sheepfolds, *You will be* like the wings of a dove covered with silver, And her feathers with yellow gold." ¹⁴ When the Almighty scattered kings in it, It was *white* as snow in Zalmon.

¹⁵ A mountain of God *is* the mountain of Bashan; A mountain of *many* peaks *is* the mountain of Bashan. ¹⁶ Why do you fume with envy, you mountains of *many* peaks? *This is* the mountain *which* God desires to dwell in; Yes, the LORD will dwell *in it* forever.

¹⁷ The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, *Even* thousands of thousands; The Lord is among them *as in* Sinai, in the Holy *Place*. ¹⁸ You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, *Even from* the rebellious, That the LORD God might dwell *there*.

¹⁹ Blessed *be* the Lord, *Who* daily loads us *with benefits*, The God of our salvation! Selah

²⁰ Our God *is* the God of salvation; And to God the Lord *belong* escapes from death. *

EPISTLE LESSON:**EPHESIANS 4:1–16**

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ²with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴*There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

⁷But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore He says:

*"When He ascended on high,
He led captivity captive,
And gave gifts to men."*

⁹(Now this, "*He ascended*"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

¹¹And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. *

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

Pastor: The LORD is my Light and my Salvation:

Congregation: Whom shall I fear?

Pastor: God is gone up with a shout:

Congregation: The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Pastor: You have ascended on high:

Congregation: You have led captivity captive. Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 24:44-53

[cf. also Acts 1:3–8]

⁴⁴Then He said to them, "*These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.*"

⁴⁵And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

⁴⁶Then He said to them, "*Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸And you are witnesses of these things.*

[cf. also Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9]

⁴⁹"*Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.*"

⁵⁰And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen. *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 216 - "*On Christ's Ascension I Now Build*"

THE SERMON:

ACTS 1:9-11

⁹Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." *

HE IS COMING BACK...LIKE HE LEFT!

Myanmar – The spread of Covid has drastically increased in the large city of Yangon where Pastor Charles is working to spread God’s word. This recent increase in positive cases has prompted the government to increase lockdown efforts. The lockdowns prevent most travel within the city and prevent Pastor Charles from bringing God’s word to the preaching stations and orphanages that are under his spiritual care. **Pray** for God’s deliverance from this pandemic and for strength of faith for those who are being deprived of God’s word.

Bangladesh – Pastor Monotosh was very sick for a couple of weeks so he self-quarantined rather than go to the hospital out of concern with government interference in the Gospel ministry if he tested positive for Covid. He has since recovered and has had the opportunity to resume pastoral visits to preaching stations. He recently had the privilege of performing fifteen baptisms of individuals who were former Hindus. **Praise the Lord** for restoring Pastor Monotosh to health and for God’s faithfulness in blessing the Means of Grace as the Gospel in Word and Sacrament have brought more sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ!

New and Ongoing Contacts – The Lord continues to provide new opportunities to proclaim the truths of His saving word in different areas of the world in places such as South Sudan, Pakistan, Yemen, Egypt, Burundi, Senegal, Congo, Puerto Rico, Russia, and Italy. **Thank the Lord** for the privilege of teaching His word to others! And **Pray** for these individuals as they seek to grow in their understanding of God’s word and be better equipped to spread the Gospel in the places where they live.

MISSIONARY TODD OHLMANN

HYMN SHEET

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 68:17-20

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PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

IN TIME OF AFFLICTION AND DISTRESS

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those in any tribulation or distress cry to you also graciously come before you, so that in all their necessities they may note and receive your help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS

Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we, your wandering children humbly confess that we have deserved the correction sent upon us; but we ask of Your boundless goodness to grant us true repentance, graciously forgive our sins and remove from us or lighten our punishment and so strengthen us by Your grace that as obedient children we may be subject to Your will and bear our afflictions in patience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

HARK! TEN THOUSAND HARPS AND VOICES

1. Hark! ten thousand harps and voices Sound the note of praise above; Jesus reigns, and heaven rejoices, --Jesus reigns, the God of Love. See, He sits on yonder throne; Jesus rules the world alone.

2. Come, ye saints, unite your praises With the angels round His throne; Soon, we hope, our God will raise us To the place where He is gone. Meet it is that we should sing, "Glory, glory, to our King!"

3. Sing how Jesus came from heaven, How He bore the cross below, How all power to Him is given, How He reigns in glory now; 'Tis a great and endless theme, Oh, 'tis sweet to sing of Him!

4. Jesus, hail! Thy glory brightens All above and gives it worth; Lord of Life, Thy smile enlightens, Cheers, and charms Thy saints on earth. When we think of love like Thine, Lord, we own it love divine.

5. King of Glory, reign forever; Thine an everlasting crown. Nothing from Thy love shall sever Those whom Thou hast made Thine own, Happy objects of Thy grace, Destined to behold Thy face.

6. Savior, hasten Thine appearing; Bring, oh, bring, the glorious day When, the awe-full summons hearing, Heaven and earth shall pass away; Then with golden harps we'll sing, "Glory, glory, to our King!"

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.

Congregation: (Sung) "Amen."

This is also preventing outreach and evangelism efforts of Pastor Kossi and the other pastors and members of the MELC. **Pray** for God's deliverance from the pandemic so that worship services, pastoral training, and Gospel outreach may begin again soon.

Liberia – Due to Covid travel restrictions and heavy rains teaching and outreach trips to Bopolu have not taken place for several months. Pastor Kwiwalazu hopes to begin these visits again soon. **Continue to ask the Lord** to bring a swift end to this pandemic so that these and other ministry efforts in Liberia can continue. **Pray** also for the Lord's strength and perseverance in His followers during these trying times.

Kenya – Nancy Sagala (daughter of Anna) has been hospitalized in Nairobi with a serious illness. Schools in Kenya are making arrangements to resume in-person instruction. **Pray** for God's protection and healing for Nancy and that He would provide wisdom to school administrators.

Uganda – Pastor Daniel Mugeni has been dealing with typhoid and he and his whole family have been suffering from malaria as heavy rains in the past few weeks have led to their latrine being destroyed and an increase in the mosquito problem. **Pray** for our Savior's protection, deliverance, strength, and healing during this time of struggle

India – The Covid 19 situation continues to worsen throughout South Asia. India has been particularly hard hit in recent weeks. This situation has provided an opportunity for increased persecution as Christians are blamed in some villages. Government aid to those suffering from economic hardships is being used to entice Christians to denounce Jesus and return to Hinduism. **Pray** for our Savior to give strength of faith to the many who are suffering and that He would use their trials to strengthen their faith and as a powerful witness to unbelievers.

Nepal – While Covid travel restrictions were recently lifted in some areas of Nepal, the annual monsoon season has brought unusually heavy rains that are causing landslides and destruction of roads and crops. Raju was able to make a quick trip to the area where they intend to build the new multi-purpose HCLCN building to meet with the contractors. He is hopeful that construction can begin in November. Classes at the Himalayan Bible Institute have been canceled for the remainder of 2020. This pandemic has also given rise to the persecution of Christians in many areas of Nepal. **Pray for** safety, strength, and courage for God's people in Nepal during this time of persecution, pandemic, economic suffering, and the monsoon season. **Ask for the Lord's blessings** on the funding and construction of the new HCLC-Nepal building.

CLC MISSION OPPORTUNITIES PRAYER LIST

October 2020

Zambia – Communication with Pastor Ibrahim has been very limited due to the pandemic. After several weeks of no contact, he recently texted that he had returned to his home village in Tanzania for a visit since Zambia was on complete lockdown and he wasn't able to teach, preach, visit, or do evangelism. While in Tanzania he became sick and went to hospital where he was diagnosed with and treated for Covid 19. He was briefly hospitalized and is now recovering at his family's home in Tanzania. He is feeling much better and would like to return to Zambia as soon as possible but the border to Zambia is currently closed. **Thank** the Lord that Pastor Ibrahim was able to get the necessary medical care and that he is with family as he recovers. **Pray** that the Lord will do what is necessary for Ibrahim to return to Livingstone, Zambia and that worship services and Bible Institute classes can resume.

Tanzania – **Thank the Lord** that classes have resumed at the Wartburg Lutheran Bible Institute in Arusha with six students attending the second year of classes. Leaders of the CLC-TZ have also recently made a third visit to Zanzibar to meet with a pastor and a small group of Lutherans on the island. They have officially formed a congregation with ten members in this predominately Muslim population. **Pray** that the Lord will continue to bless and provide for the seminary as six men are being trained to be faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving word. **Praise the Lord** for the opportunity to proclaim His Law and Gospel among the people of Zanzibar and that many will turn from the darkness of Islam to the saving light of Jesus Christ!

D.R. Congo – While the pandemic hasn't hit the southern parts of the D.R. Congo as it has in so many other places around the world, the lockdowns have travel and communication difficult. Classes have resumed at Holy Trinity Lutheran Bible Institute. **Pray** that the Lord will bless and provide for this on-going effort to train faithful pastors and teachers.

Nigeria – The borders to Nigeria are still closed, but many of the restrictions placed on worship services have been lifted or loosened in recent weeks. The students at the Bible Institute have returned to class and worship services are again being conducted in all NCLC congregations as they follow government guidelines that limit the number of attendees and social distancing. **Pray** that the Lord will bless the preaching and teaching of His word.

Togo/Ghana/Benin – The government is still enforcing strict Covid lockdowns in Togo and this is preventing Missionary Evensen from resuming his teaching and preaching schedule.

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 ON CHRIST'S ASCENSION I NOW BUILD

1. On Christ's ascension I now build The hope of my ascension;
This hope alone has ever stilled All doubt and apprehension; For
where the Head is, there full well I know His members are to dwell
When Christ shall come and call them.

2. Since He returned to claim His throne, Great gifts for men
obtaining, My heart shall rest in Him alone, No other rest
remaining; For where my Treasure sent before, There all my
thoughts shall ever soar To still their deepest yearning.

3. Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling Thine
ascension, That I may ever walk with thee, Adorning thy
Redemption; And then, when all my days shall cease, Let me
depart in joy and peace In answer to my pleading.

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 A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING

1. A Hymn of glory let us sing: New songs throughout the world
shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascendeth to the throne of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand;
Alleluia! Alleluia! And with His followers they see Jesus'
resplendent majesty. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. To whom the angels, drawing nigh, "Why stand and gaze upon
the sky? Alleluia! Alleluia! This is the Savior!" thus they say; "This
is His noble triumph-day." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

4. "Again shall ye behold Him so As ye today have seen Him go,
Alleluia! Alleluia! In glorious pomp ascending high, Up to the
portals of the sky." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING

5. Oh, grant us thitherward to tend And with unwearied hearts
ascend Alleluia! Alleluia! Unto Thy kingdom's throne, where
Thou, As is our faith, art seated now. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. Be Thou our Joy and strong Defense Who art our future
Recompense: Alleluia! Alleluia! So shall the light that springs from
Thee Be ours through all eternity. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to Thee let earth
accord, Alleluia! Alleluia! Who art, while endless ages run, With
Father and with Spirit One. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!