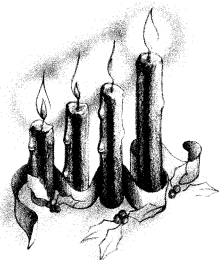


CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 9:30am
SS/BC. . . . 10:45/10:50am
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ADVENT FOUR
 December 20, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: Hymn Insert
Prayers: Hymn Insert
Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe
HYMNS: 108:1-4 98 94 108:5-8

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 108:1-4 - "We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise"

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).

**Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
 That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
 From depths of hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the
 grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly
 home: Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to
 misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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

CLC CALL NEWS

Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY has called Pastor David Ude, who currently serves Living Hope in Appleton, WI. • Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh has returned the call of Living Savior in Eden Prairie, MN • Teacher Paul Tiefel III, who currently serves at Messiah Lutheran School in Eau Claire, WI has been called to serve as Principal and Upper Grade Teacher by Messiah Lutheran School in Hales Corners (Milwaukee), WI.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2020		
<i>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.**</i>		
Amount Pledged 2020	Received as of 12/13/20	Amount Remaining
\$7000.00	\$5840.00	\$1160.00

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO		
MAY 2022 GOAL	RECEIVED 12/13	JUNE 2022 GOAL
\$25.00	\$50.00	\$25.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 12/13/20				
General Fund	Loose	Missions (CBP)	CLCI Sem Student	ILC SAF
\$1285.00	\$70.00	\$110.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Total: \$1565.00				

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 21-26, 2020

Monday - 2 Samuel 7:8-16 Via His spokesman Nathan, God vowed to continue His program of blessing David personally (8-9), planting Israel in safe harbor (10-11), and making a house for David via his son Solomon (12-13). Now, since God promised that David's house, kingdom, and throne would be established forever—it sounds like He is predicting Jesus' arrival and successful mission.

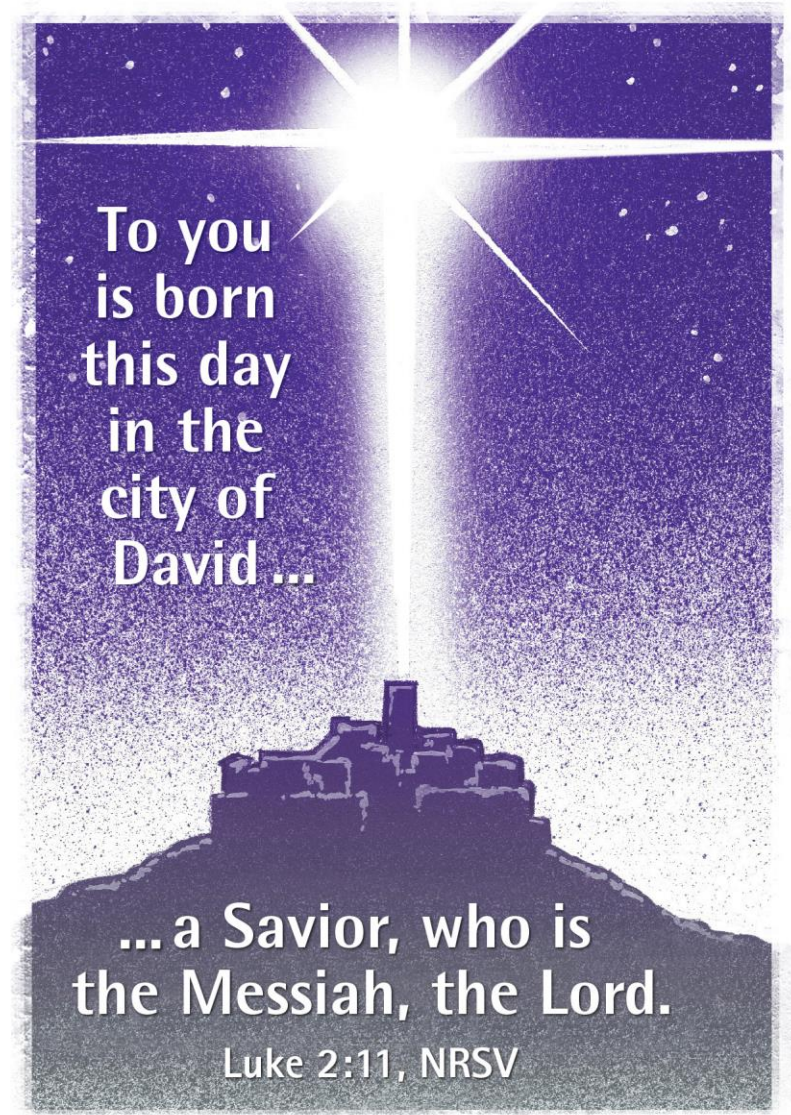
Tuesday - Luke 1:26-38 It was Gabriel's turn to announce that Jesus would arrive in due time via the twin miracles of divine conception and birth from a virgin mother (26-31), thus implementing His divine destiny (32-33). How can all this be possible? Well, God is good at miracles (as Elizabeth was discovering), for *with God nothing can ever be impossible* (37). Case closed (38).

Wednesday - Romans 16:25-27 How do these miracles impact upon our narrowing circumstances? *God is able to establish* us via His potent method of accessing our human hearts, has set His mind to our salvation and told us about it, (25-26)--thus enlarging our narrow lives. Since *God alone is wise* enough to boomerang Satan via Jesus Christ, *to Him be glory forever more*. Amen!

Thursday - Isaiah 9:2-7 God's Christmas Light shined into humanity's darkness (2) (a greater miracle than any of Israel's earthly successes 3-5) when God sent Jesus to our planet as its Governor and as loving Magistrate (6) over His people—once and for all (7). Praise the Lord!

Christmas Day! -- John 1:1-14 It's no longer top secret that Jesus has always been a member of the Holy Trinity/Godhead (1-2); He functioned as co-Creator of the Universe (3) and He continues to be our power-plant (4-5)--as John the Baptizer has made crystal clear (6-8). Although He doesn't manage to enlighten everyone (9-11), as many as received Him, to them (us!) Jesus has granted the privilege to become children of God (12-13). Christmas is glorious because Jesus is glorious (14)--and we share in His glory.

Saturday - Hebrews 1:1-12 The subject is still Jesus, whom some misidentified as an archangel. Just to clarify: Jesus is divine and Co-Creator, but He lowered Himself to *purge our sins* before He returned home (1-3). Secondly, He is superior to angels in every way imaginable (4-7)--especially in authority and privileged responsibilities (8). In addition, the Universe is not meant to last forever but will perish by the direct order of Jesus, its Supervisor (10-11). In contrast, Jesus will continue in good health and strength—for the good reason that He is Creator of the laws of nature and therefore is not subject to (but superior to) the laws of nature. An angelic creature He is not! Stay tuned for more good news.



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Advent Four Sunday December 20, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 20, 2020

THIS MORNING

Before Service: *Christmas Caroling*

Sunday School: *NT #3 – The Birth of Christ*

Bible Study: *Christmas Jeopardy*

THIS WEEK

Thursday: *Christmas Eve Worship, 7pm*

Friday: *Christmas Day Worship, 10am*

Sunday: *Worship - 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45; Bible Study 10:50am*

USHERS

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

THE SONGS AND SILENCE OF ADVENT

This morning marks the conclusion of the Advent Season, during which we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Join us this week for Holiday face to face worship (God-willing) or watch or listen online at calvary.clclutheran.org/sermons.

TENTATIVE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

While we will not have a Christmas Dinner or do Christmas Caroling at Jacobetti (which is closed) we plan to have a Christmas Eve Service this Thursday December 24th at 7pm (with social distancing) and a Christmas Day Service this Friday December 25th at 10am.

Our Annual New Year's Eve Communion Service will be held the following Thursday, December 31st at 7pm. These plans are tentative, depending on the will of our God and the health of our membership.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Church Envelopes for the coming year have been placed on the back table. Please pick up your box. If you do not have a box and would like one, please speak with Financial Secretary John Gummerus.

NEW TOUR CHOIR CD

A new CD of sacred music has been recorded by the Immanuel Lutheran Tour Choir. The CD is available at a cost of \$12 each or 2 for \$20. If you would like to have a copy, please call the CLC Book house (715) 836-6623 or speak with Pastor Schaller.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

ISAIAH 49:1-6

"Listen, O coastlands, to Me, And take heed, you peoples from afar! The LORD has called Me from the womb; From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name. ² And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me."

³ "And He said to me, 'You *are* My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.' ⁴ Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward *is* with the LORD, And my work with my God.' "

⁵ "And now the LORD says, Who formed Me from the womb *to be* His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, And My God shall be My strength), ⁶ Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' " *

THE ANGEL CANDLE

The Angel Candle reminds us of those first Messengers of the Gospel Message. The Angel Candle also reminds us that Jesus will come again with His Holy Angels, to take those who have been born of God with him to heaven.

EPISTLE LESSON:

REVELATION 5:8-14

⁸ Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³ And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power *Be* to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever. *

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

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion:

Congregation: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you;

Congregation: Righteous and having Salvation. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:

Congregation: From the house of the Lord we bless you! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen. *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 98 - “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

THE SERMON:

LUKE 2:8-14

⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” *

THE GREATEST SONG EVER PROCLAIMED

...was not delivered to the rich and famous.

...was unexpected and meant for all of us.

...was given to glorify God.

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: 94 - “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) “Amen.”

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) “Amen, Amen, Amen.”

CLOSING HYMN: 108:5-8 – “We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise”

HYMN SHEET

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 98

¹ Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. ² The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴ Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. ⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it;

⁸ Let the rivers clap *their* hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, ⁹ For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.*

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR TRUE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

O Lord God, you have taught us in Your Word that all our doings without love are worthless, send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of the love of Christ, which is the very bond of peace, and all virtues, without which those who live are counted as dead before You. Grant this for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR A HAPPY DEATH

Strengthen our faith in Jesus our Redeemer, confirm our confidence in Him so that in the hour of our death the adversary may not cause doubts to arise in our minds, but that we may confidently trust in Christ through death into life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

WE SING, IMMANUEL, THY PRAISE

1. We sing, Immanuel, Thy praise, Thou Prince of Life and Fount of grace, Thou Flower of heaven and Star of morn, Thou Lord of lords, Thou Virgin-born. Hallelujah!

2. For Thee, since first the world was made, So many hearts have watched and prayed; The patriarchs' and prophets' throng For Thee have hoped and waited long. Hallelujah!

3. Now art Thou here, Thou Ever-blest! In lowly manger dost Thou rest. Thou, making all things great, art small; So poor art Thou, yet clothest all. Hallelujah!

4. From Thee above all gladness flows, Yet Thou must bear such bitter woes; The Gentiles' Light and Hope Thou art, Yet findest none to soothe Thine heart. Hallelujah!

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."

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."

HYMN

OH, COME, OH, COME EMMANUEL

Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home: Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

1. Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He, Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see Evermore and evermore.

2. Oh, that birth forever blessed When the Virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bare the Savior of our race, And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face Evermore and evermore.

3. O ye heights of heaven, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing; Powers, dominions, bow before Him And extol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring Evermore and evermore.

4. This is He whom Heaven-taught singers Sang of old with one accord; Whom the Scriptures of the prophets Promised in their faithful word. Now He shines, the Long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord Evermore and evermore.

5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unending praises be, Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory Evermore and evermore. Amen.

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 **HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the
angelic host proclaim. "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the
herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored. Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased
as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel! Hark! the herald
angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

3. Hail, the heavenly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of
Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing
in His wings. Mild He leaves His throne on high, Born that man no
more may die; Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to give them
second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born
King!"

4. Come, Desire of nations, come, Fix in us Thy humble home; Oh,
to all Thyself impart, Formed in each believing heart! Hark! the
herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth
and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Hark! the herald
angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!" Amen.

HYMN **WE SING, IMMANUEL, THY PRAISE**

5. But I, Thy servant, Lord, today Confess my love and freely say,
I love Thee truly, but I would That I might love Thee as I should.
Hallelujah!

6. I have the will, the power is weak; Yet, Lord, my humble
offering take And graciously the love receive Which my poor heart
to Thee can give. Hallelujah!

7. Had I no load of sin to bear, Thy grace, O Lord, I could not share;
In vain hadst Thou been born for me If from God's wrath I had
been free. Hallelujah!

8. Thus will I sing Thy praises here With joyful spirit year by year;
And when we reckon years no more, May I in heaven Thy name
adore! Hallelujah!