

**AND THE SOLDIERS
TWISTED TOGETHER
A CROWN OF THORNS
AND PUT IT ON HIS
HEAD AND ARRAYED
HIM IN A PURPLE ROBE.**

JOHN 19:2, ESV

LENT FOUR

Luther Memorial Church March 30, 2025

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession
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Bible Study/Sunday School. 9am

Worship. 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 25 (TLH Pg. 128);

PRAYERS: 74 (Pg. 109); 73 (Pg. 109).

HYMNS: 143:1-5 158 155 143:6,12,15

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN:

143:1-5 *“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”*

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement Pg. 22)

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Congregation: **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OT LESSON:

ISAIAH 12:1-6

You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

² “Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.” *

EPISTLE LESSON:

ROMANS 8:1-10

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable:

¹¹And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ' ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'

²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!'

³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.' " *

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CONFESSION OF FAITH:

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN: 158 *"Glory Be to Jesus"*

THE SERMON:

LUKE 23:8-12

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MAPPING OUT THE EVENTS OF LENT

IN HEROD'S PALACE

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

THE OFFERING HYMN (TLH 148:1,7-8)

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light, My Strength by day, my Trust by night, On earth I'm but a passing guest And sorely with my sins opprest.

♪ Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read That Thou to save me hast decreed And grant that in Thine opened side My troubled soul may ever hide.

♪ Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just. I take my homeward way in trust. The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide When here I may no more abide.

PRAYER(S) /THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 723 *"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor) **CONGREGATION:** "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN:

143:6,12,15 *"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will return and join us again. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 30, 2025

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP

† Sunday School Teachers Meeting, Conference Room

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Spring Cleaning 5:30pm;

Ladies of Luther Memorial Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday: Midweek Lenten Worship 6:30pm (Mark Tiefel)

Sunday: Sunday School/Bible Class 9am; Worship 10am

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$ 31,901.25 toward that budget.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

Please keep our Cooperative Budget Pledge needs in mind when giving thanks to the Savior for all of His gifts to you. We have pledged to send \$22,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2024-25. Thus far we have received \$ 13,495.00 toward that pledge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING

The Sunday School Teachers are scheduled to meet next this Sunday March 30th following worship in the conference room.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HOUR 2025

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to host a Family Fellowship Hour during 2025. Please take a look and sign up when you can host!

LM FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Our next Family Game Night is scheduled for April 11th beginning at 6:30pm. Our final spring FGN will take place on May 9th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for snacks and games!

WEBSITE CALENDAR

While the contest part may be over, we would love to share more artwork on our calendar page so we can fill the rest of the year and going into the next. We don't have to display a name if that bothers you. Nobody has to be "fabulous" either. Please come back each month to check out the newly displayed piece and to look over 'what's happening'.

LENTEN SERIES 2025

*Lent continues Wednesday April 2nd at 6:30pm. Our ongoing theme is: "The Hand of the Lord Who...1) Freely Gives; 2) **Creates and Saves**; 3) Casts out Demons; 4) Heals the Sick; 5) Raises the Dead; 6) Holds all things." Pastor Mark Tiefel will be preaching at Luther Memorial this coming Wednesday.*

SPRING CLEANING

The Ladies of Luther Memorial will be gathering to continue cleaning up the basement kitchen and to decide whether to keep, donate or dispose of the items. If you would like to help, join them on April 1st at 5:30 pm. Many hands make for light work.

2025 ILHS VISITORS DAY

*Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host their annual High School Visitors Day on Friday, May 2, 2025 for students grades 7 and up. A schedule of events and online registration can be found at www.ilc.edu. Please register students and chaperones by Friday, April 25. A theater performance of *The Worst High School Play in the World* will take place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. Friday night's play performance will be livestreamed on YouTube with an unlisted link that will be shared via email. The Immanuel Band will perform before the play on Friday at 7:00 pm, and student talent performances will take place Saturday at 7:00 pm. Performances are open to the public. For more information, please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446).*

CLC YOUTH CAMP

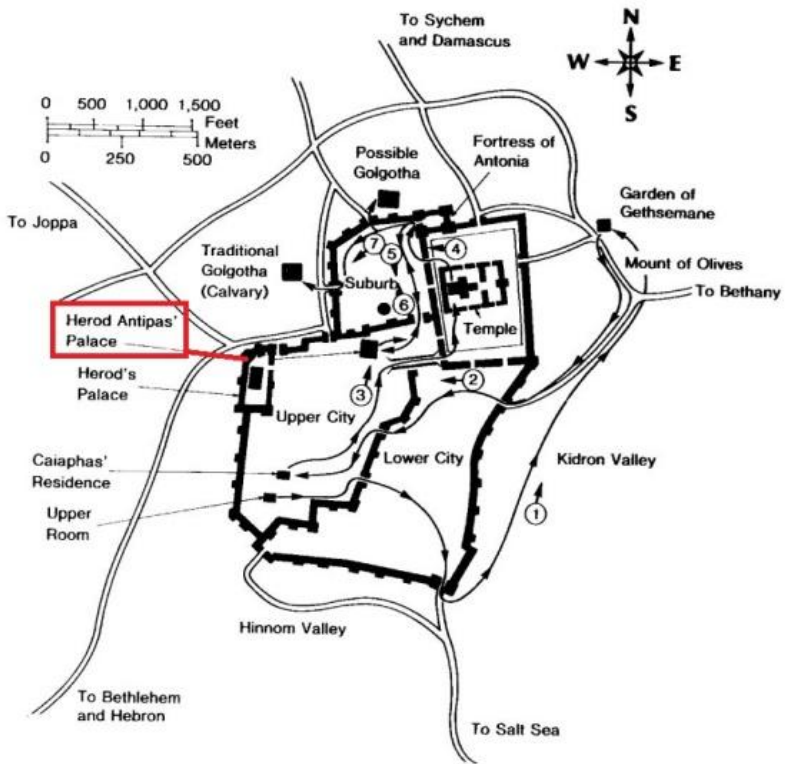
CLC Youth Camp at Pillager 2025 Camp registration opened Saturday March 15th at 10am CST. CLC Youth Camp at Pillager is for campers entering grades 6th-12th. Camp runs June 8-14th, 2025. For more information please visit our website,

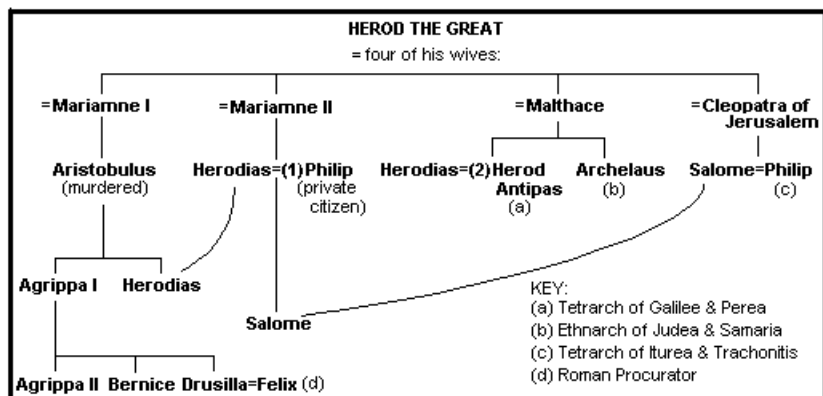
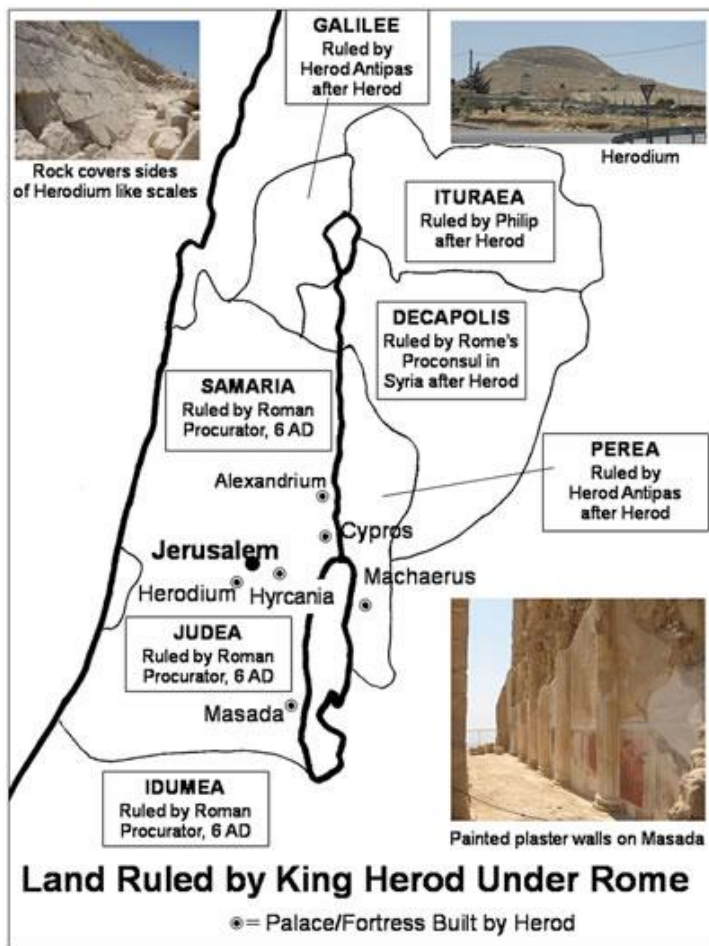
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or contact Amber Casto and Ethan Sydow at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

TEACHER CALL

During our most recent Teacher Call Meeting, our chairman asked for a discussion as to whether or not we are still committed to calling a teacher for Luther Memorial School. There was discussion and the quorum of voters moved forward with calling a teacher because that is the established will of the Voters of Luther Memorial. It did not escape notice that there were a number of Voters who did not remain for the meeting or participate. If you have misgivings about calling a teacher you are asked to speak with Chairman Bernthal or Pastor Schaller and express yourself. If you do not make use of your right to speak...don't complain about it later.





CLC CALL NEWS

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School in Mountain View, CA has called Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran in Lakewood, CO. • Faith Lutheran in Manchester has called Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran in Watertown and Zion Lutheran in Hidewood Township, SD. • Pastor Paul Tiefel Jr. has announced his intention to retire from the public ministry at Messiah Lutheran on August 15th 2025. He is in good health. • Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, has called Teacher Amy Mielke, who currently teaches at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. Grace Lutheran School in Sleepy Eye, MN, has called Mrs. Vanessa Wales and Mrs. Danielle Sippert to teach courses for the 2025-26 school year to replace Mrs. Debra Mayhew.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Luther Memorial to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Amount Pledged 2024	Received as of 3/26/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (13)
\$22,000	\$ 13,495.00	\$ 8,505.00	\$654.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – 3/23 & 3/26 2025

Attendance: 3/23 - 94; 3/26 -35

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	Kinship (Missions)	MDF (Missions)	LM Student Aid (Non-Budgetary)
\$1,782.00	\$310.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
General School Fund (School)				
\$100.00				
Total Offerings: \$2,232.00				

Luther Memorial General Budget 2025

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the general budget at the Annual Meeting in January of 2025. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

General Budget	Received as of 3/26/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (40 Sundays)
\$130,000.00	\$31,901.25	\$98,098.75	\$2,452.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS MARCH 31-APRIL 5, 2025

Monday – John 11:1-16 When Jesus hears that Lazarus is sick, He does not immediately go to help. This does **not** mean that He lacks love, but that He has greater understanding than we, His followers, do.

Tuesday – John 11:17-27 Four days in the tomb, decaying – this is not too great a problem for the Resurrection and the Life. Such is the glory of the Christ, the Son of God who was to come into the world (v4, v27).

Wednesday - 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 Since Christ died for all, all died, and His resurrection declares that we are also reconciled to God. Christ became sin for us that we might become righteousness in Him (v21).

Thursday – Isaiah 64:1-4 Because enemies trample the sanctuary, Isaiah calls upon God to descend with power and rescue His people, both from their earthly foes and from His own just judgment upon their sins.

Friday – Isaiah 64:5-12 Even on the cross Jesus never stopped looking to God for help. Isaiah also, admitting guilt, still looks to God for mercy. Do not be angry, Lord, without limit, or remember our guilt forever (v9).

Saturday – Exodus 3:1-14 The LORD comes to Moses in a burning bush at a time when Moses no longer thinks he can deliver the Israelites from Egypt. God says: This is my time, and **I am** will be with you!

These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis. Graphics in the bulletin are taken from Church Art Online via a regular legal subscription.



HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!” ¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah* *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR PEACE

O God, you are the author of peace. Defend us, your humble servants, against every assault of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in Your defense, may not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE BLESSEDNESS OF HEAVEN

Almighty, Everlasting God, who gave Your only Son to be a High Priest of good things to come, hereafter grant to us, Your unworthy servants, to have our share in the company of the blessed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN O DEAREST JESUS, WHAT LAW HAST THOU BROKEN

1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast thou broken That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken? Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, -- What dark transgression?

2. They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee; With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee; They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; They crucify Thee.

3. Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish? It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish; Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.

4. What punishment so strange is suffered yonder! The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander; The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him, Who would not know Him.

5. The sinless Son of God must die in sadness; The sinful child of man may live in gladness; Man forfeited his life and is acquitted, -- God is committed.

HYMN

GLORY BE TO JESUS

1. Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains Poured for me the life-blood From His sacred veins!

2. Grace and life eternal In that blood I find; Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!

3. Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream Which from endless torments Did the world redeem!

4. Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies; But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

5. Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

6. Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood, Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 148:1, 7-8)

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light, My Strength by day, my Trust by night, On earth I'm but a passing guest And sorely with my sins opprest.

♪ Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read That Thou to save me hast decreed And grant that in Thine opened side My troubled soul may ever hide.

♪ Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just. I take my homeward way in trust. The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide When here I may no more abide.

HYMN

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing.

4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll sing His love for me, And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on.

HYMN O DEAREST JESUS, WHAT LAW HAST THOU BROKEN

6. There was no spot in me by sin untainted; Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted; My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me, Such woe it wrought me.

12. I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing, That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing; To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor Henceforth forever.

15. And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven To me the crown of joy at last is given, Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee, I, too, shall praise Thee. Amen.