



FOR YOUR
STEADFAST
LOVE IS BEFORE
MY EYES, AND
I WALK IN YOUR
FAITHFULNESS.

Psalm 26:3, ESV

SEPTUAGESIMA

Luther Memorial Church February 1, 2026

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Bible Study/Sunday School . . . 9am

Divine Worship . . . 10am

Soup Sunday . . . 11am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 8 (TLH Pg. 124);

PRAYERS: 5 (Pg. 118); **6** (Pg. 118).

HYMNS: 528:1-5 325 459 528:8, 13-15

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 528:1-5 - "If God Himself Be For Me"

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Setting 2, WS Pg. 12)

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

C: ♫ Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

C: ♫ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

♫ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

♫ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'n-ly host we glorify.

Pastor: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." **C: Amen.**

OT LESSON

JEREMIAH 9:23-24

²³ Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord." *

EPISTLE LESSON:

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-2:4

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." *

THE ALLELUIA:

Pastor: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Congregation:

¶ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead;

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

HYMN: 325 - "O Thou that Hear'st when Sinners Cry"

THE SERMON:

JONAH 2:1-10

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly.² And he said: "I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, and He answered me. "Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and You heard my voice.

³ For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, and the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me. ⁴ Then I said, 'I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.'

⁵ The waters surrounded me, even to my soul; The deep closed around me; Weeds were wrapped around my head. ⁶ I went down to the moorings of the mountains; The earth with its bars *closed* behind me forever; Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD, my God. ⁷ "When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD; and my prayer went *up* to You, Into Your holy temple.

⁸ "Those who regard worthless idols Forsake their own Mercy. ⁹ But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD."

¹⁰ So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.**

LEARN OF JONAH...

HOW TO PRAY IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Pray to the LORD, the True God with Thanks.

Pray to the LORD, recognizing that He alone can save.

THE OFFERTORY

¶ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

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.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(LSB 397:1-2,4)

♪ As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.

♪ As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare, So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

♪ Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way; And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

PRAYER(S) /THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 459 - "Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare"

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Now we praise You that You sent to us Your only-begotten Son and that in him, being found as a man, you did show the fulness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always!

LAMB OF GOD

¶ O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



Why doesn't our church pass the Sacrament out in the pews, as some churches do? Well, because we understand Communion very differently than others do. We understand the Lord's Supper to have just as great a potential for harm as it has for good. For that reason, we do not give it out until we have determined that it will work for your good and the good of the church. In fact, we do not even commune our own children until they have been properly instructed. For this reason, we trust that those of other faiths will understand our practice of asking all who wish to commune to prepare with the pastor first. **The Lord's Supper will be received standing or seated in the pews. You are asked to dispose of the empties in one of the disposals near the front of the sanctuary.**

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

¶ O Lord, now let your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

¶ All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING

♪ My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

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

CLOSING HYMN: 528:8,13-15 - "If God Himself Be For Me"

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 1, 2026

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:

Family Fellowship Hour (Host: Kim and Dave Bernthal)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Ladies of Luther Memorial, 6pm

Wednesday: Living Hope Confirmation 4:30pm

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

SOUP SUNDAY

Our Soup Sunday follows worship this morning during our Family Fellowship Hour hosted by Kim and Dave Bernthal. Please stick around there is more than enough soup.

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2026 General Budget has been set by the Voters in our Annual Meeting at: \$120,120.00. We have thus far received: \$7,086.00 toward that budget.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

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 2025-26. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. Thus far we have received \$13,405.00 toward that pledge.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HOUR 2026

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to host a Family Fellowship Hour during 2026. Please take a look and sign up when you can host!

"BUSINESS CARDS"

On your way out you may notice some 'business cards' on the stand with the Guestbook. Feel free to take a few and share them with any unchurched friends. They read: "If we meet and you forget me You have lost nothing. But if you meet Jesus Christ and forget Him You have lost everything!" There is information about Jesus and Luther Memorial on the back of each card.

PASTOR'S SUMMARY OF THE LM ANNUAL MEETING

The Luther Memorial Annual Meeting was called to order by Chairman David Bernthal. Pastor Schaller opened by reading his devotion printed in the Annual Report.

The minutes of the 3rd Quarter Voter's Meeting were read by secretary Gunnard Sippert.

The floor was given to Pastor Schaller to read his report (pg. 4-8). Pastor made comments along the way. It was noted that the CLC Board of Trustee's report and presentation was sent out by e-mail to the membership two days prior. The floor was given to Mission Committee Chairman Mike Schwersinske who commented on the Mission Committee Report (pg. 9). The floor was given to Financial Secretary Kevin Kern. Mr. Kern commented on his report (pg. 10).

The floor was given to the Treasurer, Mr. Mike Sippert to present his report (pg. 11-13) a correction was noted.

The Building and Grounds section of the Annual Report (pg. 14) was read by Chairman Bernthal.

The floor was given to Treasurer Mike Sippert to present the Council's Budget Recommendation for 2026. The treasurer reviewed 2025 noting that for the first time in some time we made our budget and are no longer in debt to ourselves. The proposed budget for 2026 is less than 2025 (in part due to the fact that we do not have a school). It includes a cost-of-living increase for Called Workers (Pastor, Secretary and Custodian). The proposed budget also returns \$788 CEF Payments (building remodel) into the Budget. It was also suggested that due to the large balance in the checking account, we revisit making additional payments to the CEF loan quarterly. The budget as proposed by the Council was passed, set at: \$120,120.00 for 2026.

The matter of the Cooperative Budget Plan/Pledge was taken up by Chairman Bernthal. The CLC Budget runs from July 1st to June 30th. We have pledged to send \$22,000 for fiscal year 2025-26 and we are on track to make that amount. The CBP was set at \$25,000 for year 2026-27. There was no old business. There was a question raised about the status of the teacherage rental. The matter is being reviewed by the Church Council.

There were no elections as a motion was made in the 2025 Annual Meeting to suspend term limits until the Luther Memorial Church Constitution could be reviewed and issues resolved. The current terms run through 2027.

The meeting was concluded by motion and with the Lord's Prayer.

These are not the official minutes but only the recollection and notes of Pastor Schaller. If you desire the actual minutes, speak with the recording secretary, Gunnard Sippert.

FUNERAL OBITUARY

After having written more than 50 Funeral Obituaries, I have had a number of people ask me to write theirs in advance. If you would like the pastor to work on that for you, feel free to ask him.

"THIS SUNDAY IS CALLED 'SEPTUA-WHAT?"

When your pastor organizes the worship service he uses what is called a Pericope (meaning literally: 'a cutting out') a set of verses that form one unit or thought. (FYI, we are following the Eisenach Pericope which was developed in 1896 to supplement the historic Scripture readings for each Sunday in the Church Year -- which are listed in the front of the Lutheran Hymnal).

This year our pericope has fewer Sundays after Epiphany and includes three pre-Lent Sundays: Septuagesima (meaning 70), Sexagesima (meaning 60) and Quinquagesima (you guessed it, meaning 50). These number names do not designate exact periods of time until Easter but are only general markers of time from Easter. Technically Speaking, from Septuagesima until the Saturday after Easter it is 70 days.

Septuagesima reminds of the 70 years of captivity that God's people underwent in Babylon. It urges us to begin the return journey from bondage to sin toward the Promised Land. This first Sunday pre-lent reminds us that it is God's grace alone which we can thank if we are called as His people.

CLC CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Jonah Albrecht who serves Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church in Lynnwood WA (Seattle) and Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA • Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has been called by Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. • Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School in Inver Grove Heights, MN has been called to serve Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has called Pastor Paul Agenten who currently serves Calvary Lutheran (Marquette) and St. Peter Lutheran (Stambaugh). • Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley MN, has announced his retirement as of January 31, 2026. He has also resigned from the CLC Board of Regents.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025-26

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, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Amount Pledged 2025	Received as of 1/25/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (25)
\$22,000	\$13,405.00	\$8,595.00	\$344.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 1/25/26

Attendance: 1/25 -

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	M & I (Non-Budgetary)
\$1,010.00	\$110.00	\$100.00*	\$20.00	\$500.00
LM Student Aid (Non-Budgetary)				
\$20.00				
Total Offerings: \$1,760.00				
<i>*In Memory of Lowell Boelk.</i>				

Luther Memorial General Budget 2026

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the General Fund Budget at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 2026. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

General Budget	Received as of 1/25/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (49 Sundays)
\$120,120.00	\$7,086.00	\$113,034.00	\$2,307.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2-7, 2026

Monday – Matthew 8:23-27 Jesus could sleep in the middle of a terrible storm because even the wind and the sea obey Him (v27)! Such is the glory of God's own Son!

Tuesday – Romans 13:8-10 Following Christ does not mean we do not pay lawful debts, but Christian love goes beyond the mere payments owed and serves the best interest of one's neighbor.

Wednesday – Isaiah 43:1-3 Jesus embodied the promises of old, was with the disciples when they passed through the waters (v2), and saved mankind from the fire that their sins deserve.

Thursday - Psalm 97 When the LORD rules, that is surely something to celebrate, for His righteousness wins over all evil, and all the peoples see His glory (v6). He guards, delivers, and brings light and joy to His people.

Friday – Psalm 2:1-6 Why? Why-ever would the people and rulers of this world rage against the LORD who saves by His Christ? Thankfully they cannot stop Him from establishing His King on the throne.

Saturday – Psalm 2:7-12 The Son speaks of the Father's decree, very much like the announcement at Jesus' baptism and transfiguration: "This is my beloved Son!" How blessed are all who take refuge in Him (v12).



These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis.

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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 8

¹ O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Lord God, you do not desire the death of the sinner, but would have him turn from his evil way and live. I come to you confessing that I have sinned and deserve only Your anger and punishment. But I cling to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave himself for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may always believe this and never doubt. Grant that in this faith I may go to Your altar and receive the body and blood which Your Son has given for my salvation, and praise, laud and honor Your love and mercy all the days of my life. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

I give you thanks and praise, Almighty, everlasting god, heavenly Father, for this your divine love that has again enabled me to receive the body and blood of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. I humbly ask that you would fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit that through this Sacrament which I have received with both mouth and by faith that I may always retain and possess the treasures of Your grace, even the forgiveness of sins and unity with Christ and eternal life.

Let this enable me to walk in the footsteps of my Lord Jesus, doubting nothing and trusting that you will give to me and all who trust in Him the crown of everlasting life. Hear me, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. Amen.

HYMN

IF GOD HIMSELF BE FOR ME

1. If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy; For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly. If Christ, my Head and Master, Befriend me from above, What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love?

2. This I believe, yea, rather, Of this I make my boast, That God is my dear Father, The Friend who loves me most, And that, whate'er betide me, My Savior is at hand Through stormy seas to guide me And bring me safe to land.

3. I build on this foundation, That Jesus and His blood Alone are my salvation, The true, eternal good. Without Him all that pleases Is valueless on earth; The gifts I owe to Jesus Alone my love are worth.

4. My Jesus is my Splendor, My Sun, my Light, alone; Were He not my Defender Before God's awe-full throne, I never should find favor And mercy in His sight, But be destroyed forever As darkness by the light.

5. He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death; He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith. In Him I can be cheerful, Bold, and undaunted aye; In Him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.

HYMN

O THOU THAT HEAR'ST WHEN SINNERS CRY

1. O Thou that hear'st when sinners cry Though all my crimes before Thee lie, Behold them not with angry look, But blot their memory from Thy book.

2. Create my nature pure within And form my soul averse to sin; Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart Nor hide Thy presence from my heart.

3. I cannot live without Thy light, Cast out and banish from Thy sight; Thy holy joys, my God, restore And guard me that I fall no more.

4. Though I have grieved Thy Spirit, Lord, His help and comfort still afford And let me now come near Thy throne To plead the merits of Thy Son.

5. A broken heart, my God, my King, Is all the sacrifice I bring. Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye And save the soul condemned to die.

6. Oh, may Thy love inspire my tongue Salvation shall be all my song; And all my powers shall join to bless The Lord, my Strength and Righteousness.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(LSB 397:1-2,4)

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HYMN

COME, MY SOUL, THY SUIT PREPARE

1. Come, my soul, thy suit prepare, Jesus loves to answer prayer; He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not say thee nay.

2. Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring; For His grace and pow'r are such None can ever ask too much.

3. With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin; Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, Set my conscience free from guilt.

4. Lord, I come to Thee for rest, Take possession of my breast; There Thy blood-bought right maintain And without a rival reign.

5. As the image in the glass Answers the beholder's face, Thus unto my heart appear; Print Thine own resemblance there.

6. While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer; As my Guide, my Guard, my Friend, Lead me to my journey's end.

7. Show me what I have to do; Every hour my strength renew. Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death.

HYMN

IF GOD HIMSELF BE FOR ME

8. And when my soul is lying Weak, trembling, and opprest, He pleads with groans and sighing That cannot be exprest; But God's quick eye discerns them, Although they give no sound, And into language turns them E'en in the heart's deep ground.

13. Though earth be rent asunder, Thou'rt mine eternally; Not fire nor sword nor thunder Shall sever me from Thee; Not hunger, thirst, nor danger, Not pain nor poverty Nor mighty princes' anger Shall ever hinder me.

14. No angel and no gladness, No throne, no pomp, no show, No love, no hate, no sadness, No pain, no depth of woe, No scheme of man's contrivance, However small or great, Shall draw me from Thy guidance Nor from Thee separate.

15. My heart for joy is springing And can no more be sad, 'Tis full of mirth and singing, Sees naught but sunshine glad. The Sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King; That which I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing. Amen.