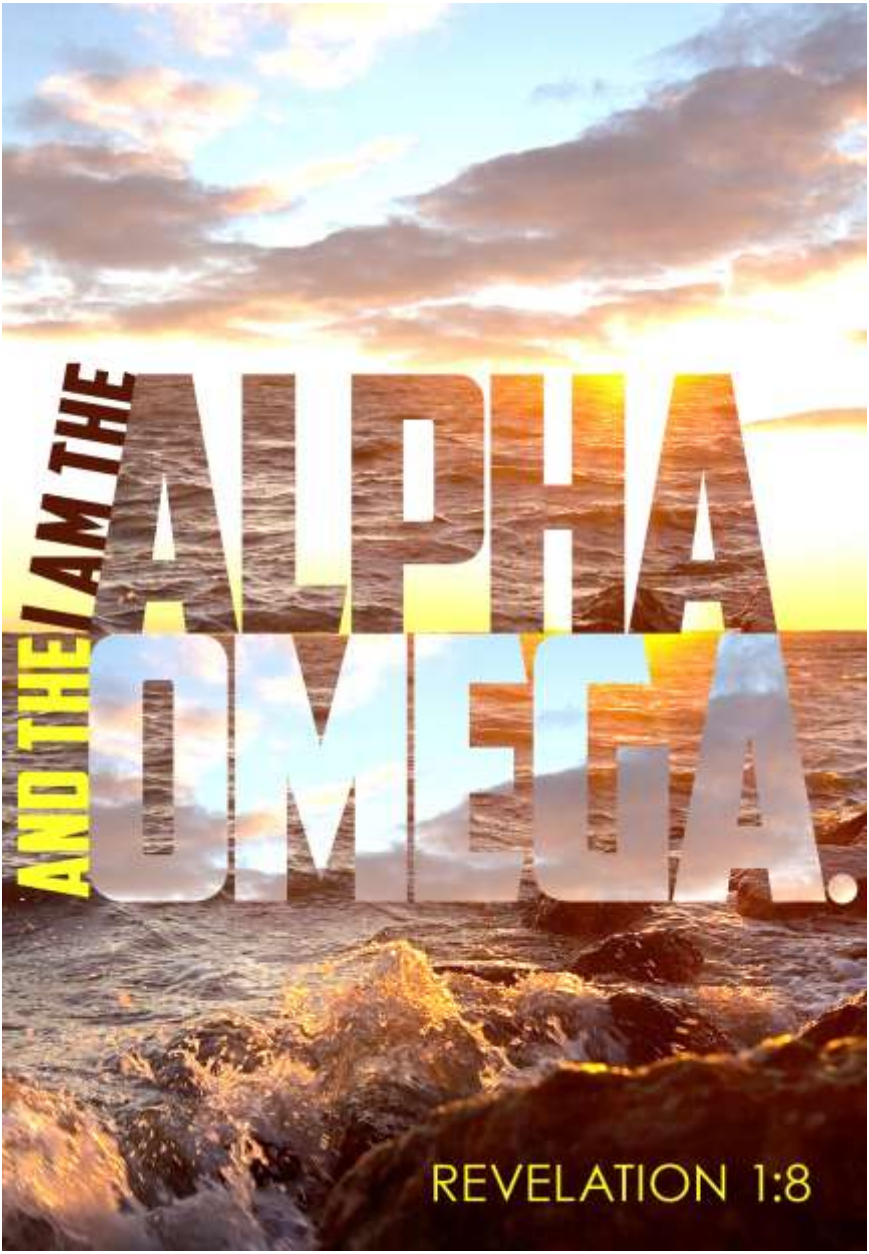


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LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 10am
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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 126 (TLH Pg. 153);
PRAYERS: 59 (Pg. 108); **55** (Pg. 107).
HYMNS: 521 518:1-4 518:5-7

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 521 -*"What God Ordains Is Always Good"*

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 stand 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: ECCLESIASTES 11:9-12:14

9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you
in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the
sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring
you into judgment.

10 Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your
body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity. Remember also
your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come
and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure
in them"; **2** before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars
are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, **3** in the day when
the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent,
and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look
through the windows are dimmed, **4** and the doors on the street are
shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at
the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low—
5 they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the
almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and
desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the
mourners go about the streets— **6** before the silver cord is snapped,
or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the
fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, **7** and the dust returns
to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
8 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

9 Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people
knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs
with great care. **10** The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and
uprightly he wrote words of truth.

11 The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed
are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. **12** My
son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books
there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.
13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his
commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. **14** For God will
bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether
good or evil. *

EPISTLE: REVELATION 2:8-11

8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the
first and the last, who died and came to life.

9 " 'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and
the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but
are a synagogue of Satan. **10** Do not fear what you are about to
suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison,
that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation.
Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. **11** He
who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.' *

GOSPEL: LUKE 19:11-27

11 As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable,
because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that
the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. **12** He said
therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for
himself a kingdom and then return. **13** Calling ten of his servants, he
gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I
come.' **14** But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him,
saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' **15** When he
returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants
to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might
know what they had gained by doing business. **16** The first came
before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.'
17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have
been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.'
18 And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five
minas.' **19** And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

20 Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept
laid away in a handkerchief; **21** for I was afraid of you, because you
are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what
you did not sow.' **22** He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your
own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man,
taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow?
23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my
coming I might have collected it with interest?' **24** And he said to
those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one
who has the ten minas.' **25** And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten
minas!' **26** 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given,
but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.
27 But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign
over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.' " *

CONFESSION 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: 518:1-4 - *"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"*

THE SERMON: REVELATION 2:8-11

[8]To the messenger of the church in Smyrna write: The First and the
Last, who was dead and came to life again, says this: [9]I know your
suffering and your poverty—but you are rich. And I know the
blasphemy that comes from those who say they are Jews but are not;
rather, they are a synagogue of Satan. [10]Do not fear anything that you
are about to suffer. Look, the Devil is about to throw some of you into
prison so that you will be tested, and you will suffer for ten days.

Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.
[11]Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.**

THE LETTER TO THE BELIEVERS IN SMYRNA

I know your troubles…don't be afraid.
Be faithful and I will give you the crown of life.

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 244:1-3)

♫ 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 to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King, Glory to the King of nations; Heaven and earth, your praises bring! Glory, glory, To the King of Glory sing!

PRAYER(S)/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

CLOSING HYMN:

518:5-7 -*"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. 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

November 15, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Confirmation 3-4pm; Mission Committee 6pm
Wednesday: LH Confirmation 4-5pm
Sunday: LM BC/SS 9am; LM Worship 10am;
LH Worship 12:30pm; LH BC/SS 1:45pm

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: $ 115,321.53 toward that budget.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

We have pledged to send $25,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2026-27. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027. Thus far we have received $ 6,755.00 toward that pledge.

WORSHIP CREW

We are always in need of help in carrying out our worship service without an organist. If you've been thinking that you could help with the slides or the streaming service and would like to learn how to do it, please speak with Mr. Rodney Kern.

NEED TO STEP OUT?

If you need to step out to tend to one of your children you can continue watching the service on your phone. Hang in there. You are doing a great job! Simply scan this QR Code to watch the service on your smartphone.

SAVE THE DATE – ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

The ladies of Luther Memorial Church warmly invite you to Advent by Candlelight on ***Sunday, December 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.*** *Join us as we reflect on the Good News proclaimed through the birth of our Savior, the Great Joy we receive through the Gospel message, and the beautiful reminder that this Good News is for All People! We look forward to sharing this special afternoon of faith, fellowship, and the light of Christ with you! To register: https://canva.link/4htpsrrtwb8v1ya*

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Mission Committee is excited to introduce ***Instant Church Directory****, an easy and convenient way for our church family to stay connected. With Instant Church Directory, you'll be able to 1) View our church directory from your computer or mobile device, 2) Easily find names and contact information for fellow church members, 3) Put faces with names through member photos, 4) Keep up with directory information as it is updated, 5) Access the directory through a secure, private system available to our church family.*

This is NOT SOCIAL MEDIA. We understand the importance of protecting personal information. Instant Church Directory is a private, password-protected directory intended only for members of our church. The directory is NOT a public website and access is limited only to specific individuals verified by our church.

Interested? You will need to provide an e-mail address before you can log in. Your e-mail address helps to identify your account and provides a secure way to access the directory. If you are interested, please provide an e-mail address and you will be sent directions how to log in.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Our Thanksgiving Eve Service at Luther Memorial is scheduled for Wednesday, November 25th at 6pm. Join us on the eve of Thanksgiving Day to glorify God for all of His gifts to us.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Our Midweek Advent Services this year begin the Wednesday after Thanksgiving on December 2nd at 6pm. We prepare for the celebration of the 1st Coming of the Lord on December 2nd, 9th and 16th.

CHRISTMAS PRACTICES

Our Christmas Practices will be at 9am on the first three Sundays in December (6, 13, 20) to prepare for the Christmas Eve Service on Thursday December 24th at 6pm. Since our practice precedes worship, we ask that students be a little early, no later than 9am.

UPCOMING ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- *Wednesday November 25th 6pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship*
- *Sunday November 29, 10am – Advent One*
- *Wednesday December 2nd 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #1*
- *Sunday December 6th 10am – Advent Two*
- *Wednesday December 9th 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #2*
- *Sunday December 13th 10am – Advent Three*
- *Wednesday December 16th 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #3*
- *Sunday December 20th 10am – Advent Four*
- *Thursday December 24th 6pm – Christmas Eve Worship*
- *Friday December 25th 10am – Christmas Day Worship*
- *Sunday December 27th 10am – Sunday after Christmas*
- *Thursday December 31st – 6pm New Year's Eve Communion Service*

KINSHIP SPONSORS NEEDED - After the CLC declared fellowship with the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) in 2020, the CLC Board of Missions has been working together with the BLCM to establish a local seminary for pastoral training. There is currently one BLCM pastor serving 1,715 souls across 19 congregations and 14 preaching stations in a country that is 95% Muslim. However, this January, 14 men will begin their pastoral training as the inaugural seminary class of the BLCM. Sponsors are needed to help these men receive their training so that they may join in the abundant work in Bangladesh. The cost of a sponsorship will be $60 per month. To begin a sponsorship or for more information, please text, call, or email Dan Roehl. (Cell: 507-381-2042; Email: danroehl@hotmail.com)


Advent
by Candlelight
DECEMBER 6, 2026
3:00 PM
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CLC CALL NEWS

St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD has called Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld, who currently serves Redeemer Lutheran in Sister Lakes, MI. ● Pastor Paul Krause has accepted the call of Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has called Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. ● Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran in Hidewood Township, SD, have called Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran in Fairchild, Peace with God Lutheran in Onalaska, St. Paul's Lutheran of Melrose and Trinity Lutheran Church in Millston, WI. • Pastor Michael Wilke has returned the call of Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND and St. Paul's in Ponsford, MN.• Missionary Todd Ohlmann has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in EC, WI.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2026-27

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, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

Amount Pledged 2026	***Received as of 11/8/26***	***Amount Remaining***	***Approximate per Sunday*** *(33)*
$25,000	*$6,755.00*	*$18,245.00*	*$553.00*

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 11/8/26

Attendance: 11/8 –69 (Online 28) 97

General Fund ***(Budgetary)***	***General Missions (CBP)***	***Debt Retirement*** ***(Non-Budgetary)***	***ILC Building Fund*** ***(Missions)***	***MDF*** ***(Missions)***
$2,290.00	*$220.00*	*$5.00*	*$20.00*	*$315.00**

Total Offerings: $2,850.00

**$10 In memory of David Kleinschmidt.*

Luther Memorial General Budget 2026

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the General Fund Budget at the Annual Meeting January 18, 2026. The fiscal year is from January 1 – December 31, 2026.

General Budget	***Received as of 11/8/26***	***Amount Remaining***	***Remaining Amount*** *(7 Sundays)*
$120,120.00	*$115,321.53*	*$4,798.47*	*$685.00*

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS NOVEMBER 16-21, 2026

Monday – Matthew 22:1-14 The Pharisees are trying to arrest Jesus, but He is still reaching out to them in a parable. They are the invited ones, who should come and truly celebrate the forgiving mercy of God.

Tuesday – Ephesians 5:15-21 Our daily walk should reflect the heavenly goal which the Lord wants for us, our songs reflect the joy the Spirit brings to our hearts, and our thanks to God show in serving each other.

Wednesday – Isaiah 65:1-2 As Jesus invited the Pharisees (Mt22), so did the LORD in Isaiah's time also reach out to those who did not seek Him. And in our day, He still calls us to repentance, saying, "Here I am, here I am" (v1).

Thursday – Psalm 57 David hid in a cave more than once when Saul was chasing him, yet it is not the cave, but God, who is his refuge (v1) in this psalm of prayer (v1-6) and praise (v7-11) for saving him from "lions" (v4).

Friday – Romans 11:25-32 God's own precious people include both Jews and Gentiles (v25-26). This is not because Jews or Gentiles have been so good, but because God is good. He wants to show mercy to all (v32).

Saturday – Psalm 119:145-152 The psalmist prays for his life as one who relies on the LORD for salvation from every foe. From the Word, which is both true and eternal, he learns of the LORD's mercy and compassions.

LUTHER MEMORIAL
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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP PSALM 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. **2** Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." **3** The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad. **4** Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb! **5** Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! **6** He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him. *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that on the Last Day, when He will come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: WHAT GOD ORDAINS IS ALWAYS GOOD

1. What God ordains is always good; His will abideth holy. As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly. God indeed in every need Doth well know how to shield me; To Him, then, I will yield me.

2. What God ordains is always good. He never will deceive me; He leads me in His own right way, And never will He leave me. I take content What He hath sent; His hand that sends me sadness Will turn my tears to gladness.

3. What God ordains is always good. His loving thought attends me; No poison can be in the cup That my Physician sends me. My God is true; Each morn anew I'll trust His grace unending, My life to Him commending.

4. What God ordains is always good. He is my Friend and Father; He suffers naught to do me harm, Though many storms may gather. Now I may know Both joy and woe, Someday I shall see clearly That He hath loved me dearly.

5. What God ordains is always good. Though I the cup am drinking Which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking. For after grief God grants relief, My heart with comfort filling And all my sorrow stilling.

6. What God ordains is always good. This truth remains unshaken. Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken. I fear no harm, For with His arm He shall embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

HYMN IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE

1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the Rock that naught can move.

2. What can these anxious cares avail thee, These never-ceasing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou bewail thee O'er each dark moment as it flies? Our cross and trials do but press The heavier for our bitterness.

3. Be patient and await His leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure And His discerning love hath sent, Nor doubt our inmost wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.

4. God knows full well when times of gladness Shall be the needful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with sadness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to thee all unaware And makes thee own His loving care.

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♫ Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King, Glory to the King of nations; Heaven and earth, your praises bring! Glory, glory, To the King of Glory sing!

HYMN IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE

5. Nor think amid the fiery trial That God hath cast thee off unheard, That he whose hopes meet no denial Must surely be of God preferred. Time passes and much change doth bring And sets a bound to everything.

6. All are alike before the Highest; 'Tis easy to our God, we know, To raise thee up, though low thou liest, To make the rich man poor and low. True wonders still by Him are wrought Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully, And trust His Word, though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee. God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed. Amen.