

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service – Setting One

October 15, 2023

Vol. 125-46

Rite of Holy Baptism pg. 268 (Eva Faith Dunham)

Invocation (please stand)

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

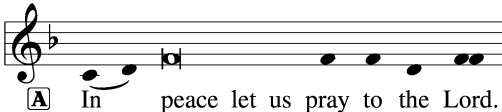
Service of the Word pg. 151

Introit (sung responsively)*



Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*
 When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears.
[The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;*
this is God, our God forever and | ever.
 Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;*
 incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in a | parable;*
I will utter dark sayings | from of old,
 things that we have | heard and known,*
 that our fathers have | told us.
We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, | and his might,*
and the wonders that | he has done.
*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**
and to the Holy | Spirit;
*as it was in the be- / ginning,**
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.
 Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*
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[The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;*
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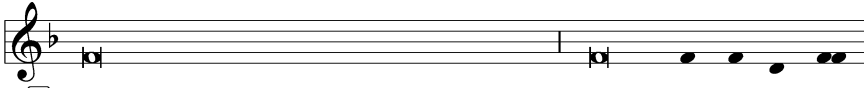
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



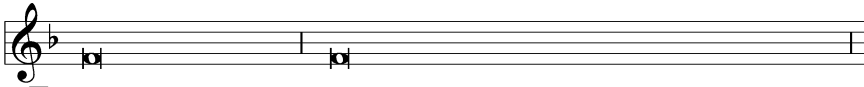
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



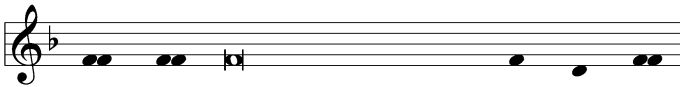
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



Gloria in Excelsis



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 28:10–17

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹²And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

O LORD, I call upon you; hasten | to me!*

Give ear to my voice when I | call to you!

Let my prayer be counted as incense be- | fore you,*

and the lifting up of my hands as the evening | sacrifice!

Epistle

Ephesians 4:22–28

²²Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. ²And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, **“Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.”** ³And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” ⁴But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, **“Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ⁶But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”**—he then said to the paralytic—**“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.”** ⁷And he rose and went home. ⁸When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

#708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

We remember all those in need of continued strength and healing:

Tom Black (father of Ed Black)

Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)

Barbara Murphy (Melissa Price's grandmother)

Margaret Whitesel

Joellen Meyer

Norwin Bauermeister

Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson

Baptismal Blessing *Eva Faith Dunham*

We pray for our members shut-in:

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

Gloria Siela (home)

Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)

Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)

We pray for our schools

We pray for our Church and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Offering

Offertory



G What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament pg. 160

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



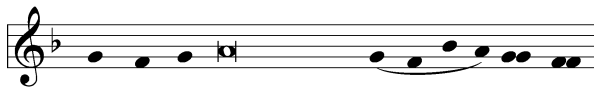
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

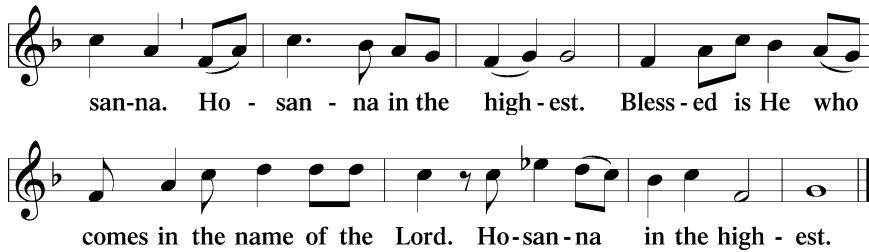
Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** **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.

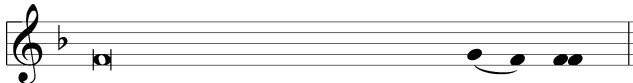
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper in our worship. Bethlehem Lutheran Church administers this Holy Supper in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the Bread and Wine, the very Body and Blood of Jesus through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Furthermore, the communicants as a body of believers make a confession of the unity of their faith. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament with us, who are not communicant members of

Bethlehem or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are asked to please speak with the Pastor before the service.

Distribution Hymns

#625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

#627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

#843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

#685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

#610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

#722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Nunc Dimittis (please stand)



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

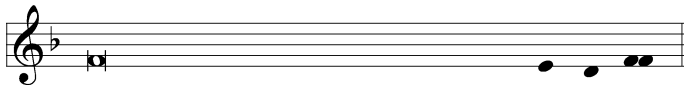
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Closing Hymn

#717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS this morning to our church and worship service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that you please complete a green visitor's card from the pew and place it in the offering plate. Also, please be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor and to others in attendance and feel free to worship with us again.

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Seminarian Morgan Phillips
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Fieldworker	Sem. Morgan Phillips and Sem. William Bales
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Acolyte	Alex Fuhrmann and Vinny Fuhrmann
Altar Guild Chairman	Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison
Ushers	Jared Conrad, Mike Nahrwold, Jacob Meyer Trent Bultemeier, Andrew Stoppenhagen, Jacob Werling

Pastor: Rev. Samuel Wirgau	260-273-7595
(Samuel.wirgau@gmail.com)	
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Office	260-597-7121
Bethlehem Lutheran School	260-597-7366
Assoc. Pastor, Headmaster: Rev. Anthony Dodgers	616-648-6489
Kantor: Mr. Richard Brinkley	260-705-4105
Deaconess: Wendy Boehm	260-415-8526
<i>Website for Church and School: www.BethlehemOssian.org</i>	

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	NO	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
MONDAY	Oct. 16-20 NO	School – Fall Break
	NO	Handbell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	NO	Chapel Service
	5:30 p.m.	Catechesis Class
	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service
	NO	Adult Choir Practice
SATURDAY	4-6 p.m.	Trunk or Treat (at New Hope)
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	Church Council Meeting
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 597-7121.

<http://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

BAPTIZED this morning into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Eva Faith Dunham newborn daughter of Chad and Megan Dunham. Eva's sponsors are David and Michelle Bowman and Bryce Bowman. We welcome Eva as a member of the Kingdom of God and join her of all God's blessings. ***The family will be sharing cake and punch with our members in the Fellowship Hall following today's service.***

THANK YOU to Pastor Wirgau for his many visits to Lee. Also, thank you to all who helped at the funeral and the ladies who served the luncheon. Julia Braselton and family.

OCTOBER IS CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH. Please take a moment to express your appreciation for one or more of these workers by writing a thank you note. Cards and a collection basket are located in the church foyer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -We are looking for individuals who would be interested in helping in the kindergarten and/or 1/2nd grade room as teachers' aides. Volunteers would be an extra hand in the classrooms, help to organize papers, work with students in small groups (playing games, helping them complete tasks) and one-on-one. Any help is welcome, even if you cannot do it every day or all day. Mrs. Streeks could use help from 9:15-11 each day and Mrs. Phillips could use help from 9:30-11 and/or 12:30-3 (would be okay if at least half the day is covered.) We are still looking for help Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Contact Mrs. Phillips, Pastor Dodgers, Mrs. Streeks, or the school office if interested.

Attention Church Ushers – A new schedule has been made, please be sure to pick your copy up in the church office.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR - Please join us for the annual Holiday Bazaar and Swiss Steak Dinner – Sunday, November 5th. More information can be found on the insert in today's bulletin. Volunteer sign-up sheets are now posted in the hallway. Please consider helping with this holiday event.

ALL SAINTS DAY - In remembrance and thanksgiving for all the saints who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors, we would like to have a special "All Saint's Day" memorial on Sunday, November 5th. If you have a loved one you would like to add, please contact Deaconess Boehm 260-415-8526 or wmeyer.boehm@gmail.com with their name(s) by October 30th. There will be a special bulletin insert and those who have passed away in the last year will have their name read during the prayers. Please consider sharing in this special remembrance.

The Women's group of Bethlehem would like to include church members and people outside our membership to display their crafts or food for sale during the Holiday Bazaar on November 5. If anyone has not been contacted and wants to be included, please call Joellen Meyer at 260-273-9114 or. Diana Thorpe at 260-438-7159 to reserve a spot.

Plan to join us for the annual **Bethlehem Square Dance** that will be held on Friday, November 17th at Lighted Gardens with Bill Werling's band.

SOUP AND BAKE SALE – The Women of Bethlehem will be having a soup and bake sale on Sunday, October 22nd following the church service.

PAINTING CLASS -Join us Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall for a painting class with Ruth Green. Sign up for the class and a picture of what we'll be painting is on the Women of Bethlehem bulletin board. Any questions or for more information please call Jenny Bultemeier 419-230-8068 or Pat Krumma 260-622-7553.

BOOK FAIR - While our school's in-person Book Fair is over, there is still a chance to place an order online at our eFair! Just use the link <https://i9063.paperpie.com/2570663> to shop. Monday 10/16 is the last day to place your orders. Christmas is just around the corner, and they offer so many wonderful books and educational toys! Thank you

Around the World Silent Auction & Gala tickets are on sale now! Mark your calendar and join us on November 4, 2023 at The Lighted Gardens! Adventure awaits as you travel with us for a night of fun...all while raising money for our wonderful school! Ticket prices are \$60 individual, \$110 couple, \$440 for table of 8. Contact Jennifer Bultemeier (419-230-8068, Melissa Price 260-433-5307 or the school office for tickets.

Our teachers work very hard, and we would like to give them a night of fun! We would like to get donations to sponsor 2 tables at our Around the World Silent Auction & Gala for our wonderful teachers and their spouses. Please see Jennifer Bultemeier 419-230-8068, Melissa Price 260-433-5307, or call the school office 260-597-7366 if you would like to help sponsor their tables. Thank you in advance!

St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School is having a Dan's Famous Fish and Tenderloin dinner & bake sale on Saturday November 4th from 4:00-7:00pm with dine-in or drive thru service. The school is located at 3845 E 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733. Cost is \$13.00 per meal and includes AYCE fish and or tenderloin, also serving cheesy potatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, dinner roll, cookies and a drink. All proceeds are going towards purchasing new blinds for the windows in the classrooms.

Circuit Forum – St. John, Bingen TODAY Sunday, October 15th at 3:00 p.m. Information on 2023 Synodical Convention. Everyone is invited to attend.

Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim - second annual Women's Retreat, Saturday, October 21st in the Dahling Family Life Center. Registration is from 9-9:30am with the program starting at 9:30a.m. There will be a continental breakfast, snacks and lunch. The program ends at 1:30pm. There will be a minimal cost to attend. Please call the church office to register, 260-547-4248.

Offering Oct. 8, 2023

Average weekly need	\$13,818
Home Fund Env.	\$7,026.96
Synod	71.83
Loose	268.55
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	45.85
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sunday School	13.00
Memorials	10.00
Total	<hr/> \$7,436.19

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$157.20

Next week bills due: \$6,000

Bills due two weeks: \$15,000

Savings Account Balance \$40,594.13

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: \$19,750

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 197/140

Wednesday 21/16

RECITATION & PRAYER FOR SCHOOL AND HOME

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

What are the Ten Commandments?

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What is the Apostles' 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 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

- *Additional Memory Work for the week may be recited.*
- *A hymn may be sung.*
- *Scripture Reading and Devotion Lesson*
- *Prayers and Intercessions*

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.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Learn-by-heart all or some of the provided text as age and ability of your household allows.

LSB #579:1, 5-6 "The Law of God Is Good and Wise"

(1) The Law of God is good and wise

And sets His will before our eyes,

Shows us the way of righteousness,

And dooms to death when we transgress.

(5) The Law is good; but since the fall

Its holiness condemns us all;

It dooms us for our sin to die

And has no power to justify

(6) To Jesus we for refuge flee,

Who from the curse has set us free,

And humbly worship at His throne,

Saved by His grace through faith alone.