

With Awe and Love



# Hymn Festival **Based on Martin Luther's**

Catechism Hymns

# Sunday, April 2, 2017 3:00pm

**Reception following Hymnfest in Fellowship Hall** 

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church 629 Eighth Street NE Hickory, NC 28601

Prelude

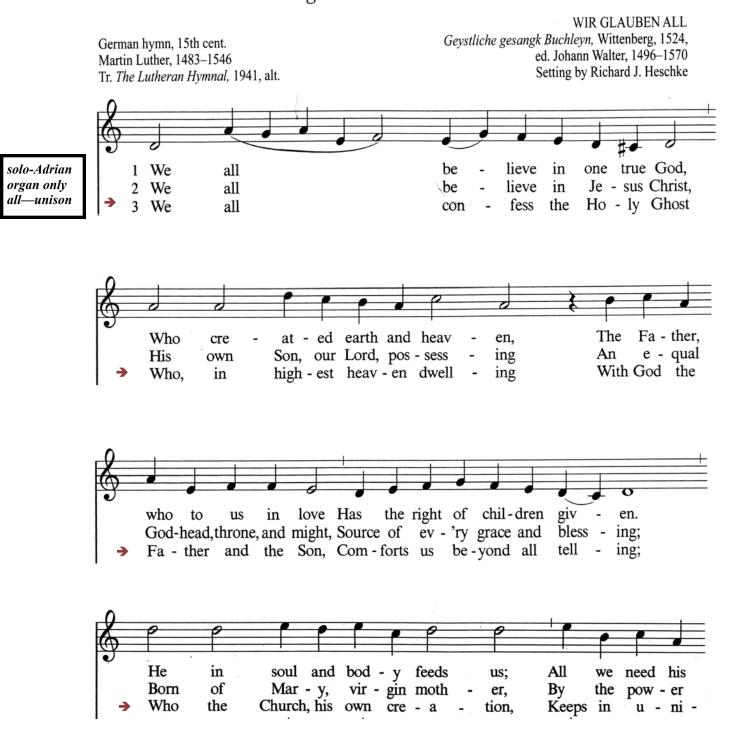
**Prelude in E-flat Major** 

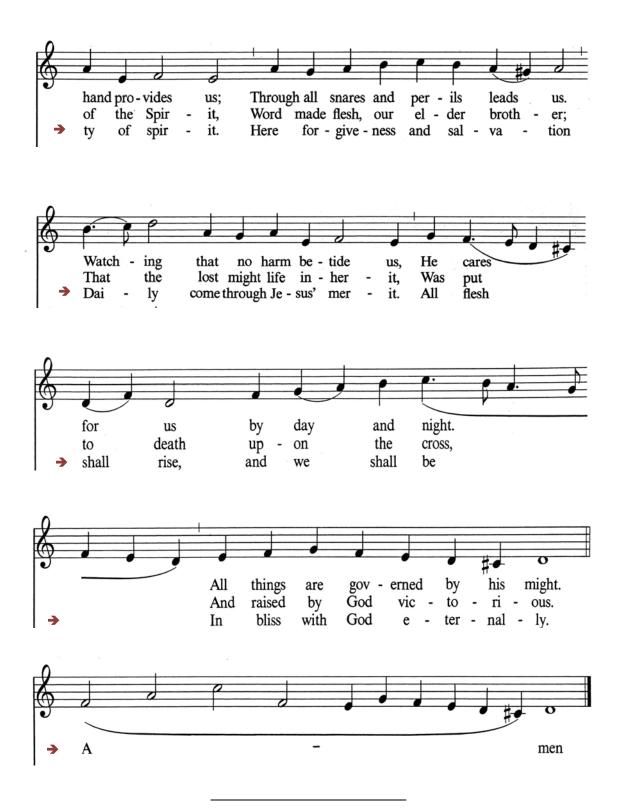
## The Apostles' Creed

## Luther's Reflection on the Creed

## We All Believe in One True God

Wir glauben all an einen Gott





This hymn is based on a medieval hymn that summarized the entire Nicene Creed in one German stanza. Luther took that hymn's text and music as a foundation on which he built his own three-stanza versification of the Creed, one stanza for each person of the Holy Trinity. Even the medieval tune was reshaped in places to strengthen its support of the text. Appearing first in print with Walter's 1524 hymnal, the hymn served a liturgical function within the *Deutsche Messe* of 1526 and a catechetical function in teaching Christians the basics of the faith.

## The Ten Commandments

## Luther's Reflection on the Ten Commandments

## **These Are the Holy Ten Commands**

Dies sind die heilgen zehn Gebot



#### Choir—Raabe, page 7

5 "You are to honor and obey Your father, mother, ev'ry day, Serve them each way that comes to hand; You'll then live long in the land." Have mercy, Lord!

### Men—unison

6 "You shall not murder, hurt, nor hate; Your anger dare not dominate.Be kind and patient; help, defend, And treat your foe as your friend."Have mercy, Lord!

#### All unison; organ (alternate Harmonization)

7 "Be faithful to your marriage vow; No lust or impure thoughts allow. Keep all your conduct free from sin By self-controlled discipline." Have mercy, Lord!

#### women—unison

8 "You shall not steal or take away What others worked for night and day, But open wide a gen'rous hand And help the poor in the land."

Have mercy, Lord!

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## Choir—Raabe, page 8-9

9 "Bear no false witness nor defame Your neighbor nor destroy his name, But view him in the kindest way; Speak truth in all that you say." Have mercy, Lord!

#### solo—Adrian

10 "You shall not crave your neighbor's house Nor covet money, goods, or spouse.Pray God He would your neighbor bless As you yourself wish success."Have mercy, Lord!

## All—with trumpet on melody

11 You have this Law to see therein That you have not been free from sin But also that you clearly see How pure toward God life should be. Have mercy, Lord!

#### All—with trumpet on melody

12 Our works cannot salvation gain; They merit only endless pain.Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee, Who pleads for us endlessly.Have mercy, Lord!

With the publication of his Small Catechism in 1529, Luther demonstrated his concern for instructing the people in God's Word. He had already shown this concern in 1524 when he wrote this hymn, which was used in 1525 during weekday Lenten services. After the introductory stanza, each of the Ten Commandments is discussed within a stanza, the exception being the Ninth and Tenth Commandments, which are combined in the tenth stanza. The Commandments show us our sin and our need for a Savior. Thus Luther, in the concluding two stanzas, applies God's Law to our hearts and shows us Jesus Christ as our Savior.

# Choir—

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## These Are the Holy Ten Commands Stanza 5



## These Are the Holy Ten Commands Stanza 9

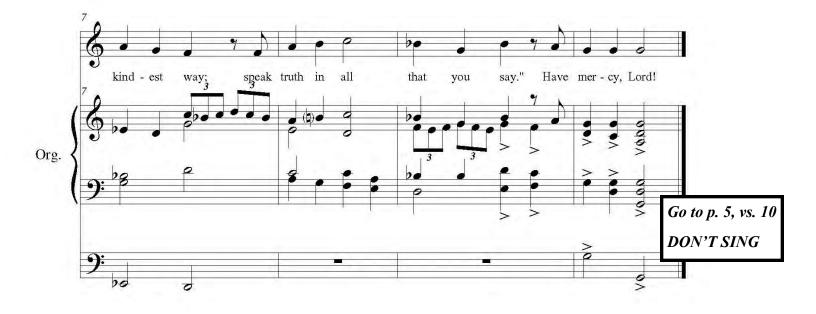


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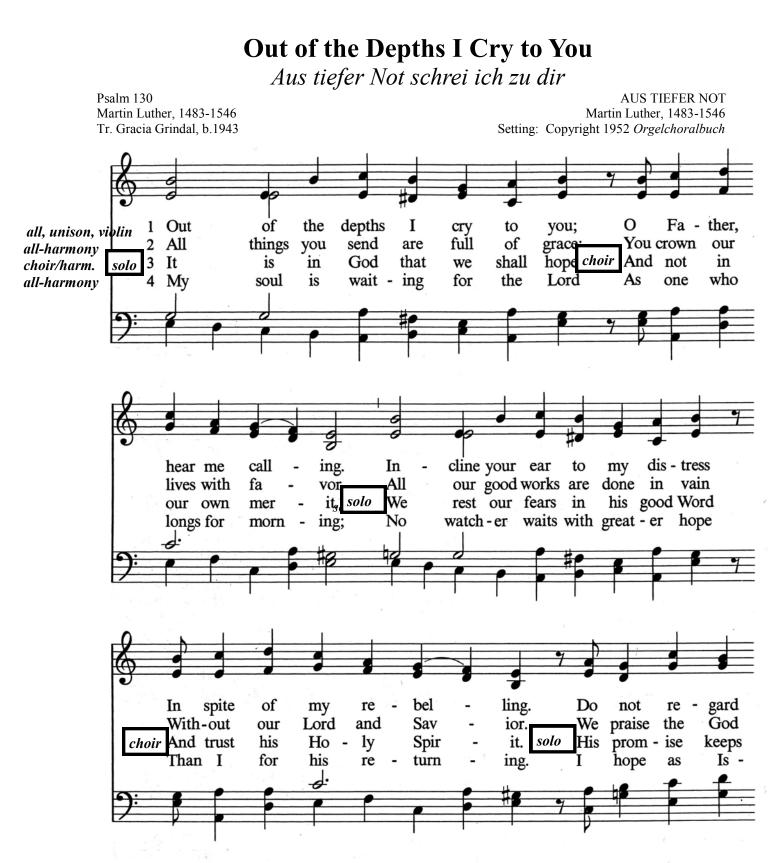
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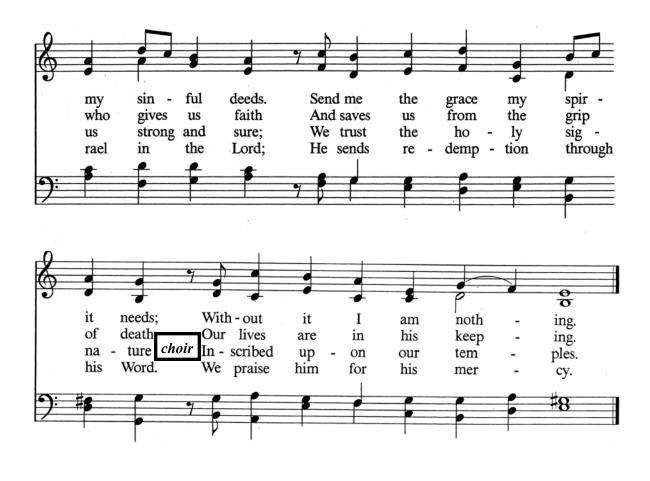




Confession and Forgiveness

Luther's Reflection on Confession





Psalm 130, which this hymn paraphrases, portrays the deepest repentance, the highest assurance of forgiveness, and the strongest hope of the believer in Christ. Luther used this hymn as an example of the type of German hymn he hoped poets would write for congregational singing. When the hymn was published in 1524, it was paired with Luther's own new, descriptive tune.

# The Lord's Prayer

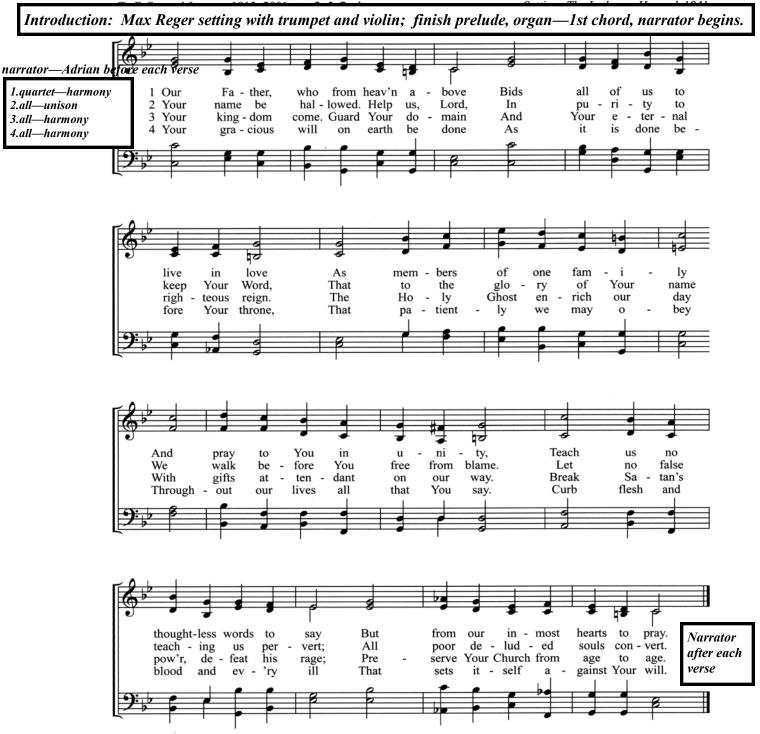
## Luther's Reflection on the Lord's Prayer

Quartet: Betty, June, Kasim, Steve & Charlie

## **Our Father, Who from Heaven Above**

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Martin Luther, 1483–1546 Tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, sts. 1, 6, 8–9, alt. VATER UNSER Attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546



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#### all women—unison, w/ violin

5 Give us this day our daily bread, And let us all be clothed and fed.
Save us from hardship, war, and strife; In plague and famine, spare our life, That we in honest peace may live, To care and greed no entrance give. Narrator

## all men—unison, w/ trumpet

6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, That they may trouble us no more; We, too, will gladly those forgive Who hurt us by the way they live. Help us in our community To serve each other willingly. Narrator

#### solo—Kasim

7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,
Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost. Narrator

#### all—unison, w/ violin

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace. Narrator

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all—unison, soprano descant w/violin (next page), trumpet—melody

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in You, that we May doubt not but with trust believe That what we ask we shall receive. Thus in Your name and at Your Word We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

Having completed at least one hymn for each section of the catechism, Luther set out to write a versification of the Lord's Prayer. Unique to his paraphrase is that almost every stanza is catechetical in form: first, a literal statement of the petition; second, an explanation and application. Though Luther himself wrote a tune for the text, it was never well received. Rather, Schumann's 1539 hymnal uses a revised tune from the Bohemian Brethren, which is used here. It is uncertain how much Luther was involved in revising the tune.



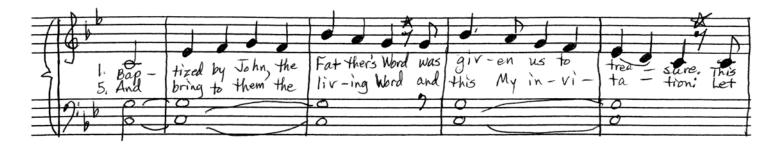
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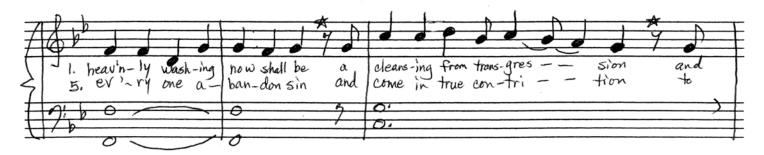
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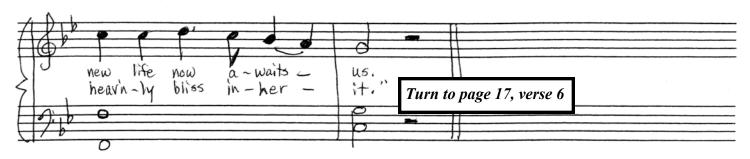
To Jordan Came ... (Baptism) Arr. Ada Smith

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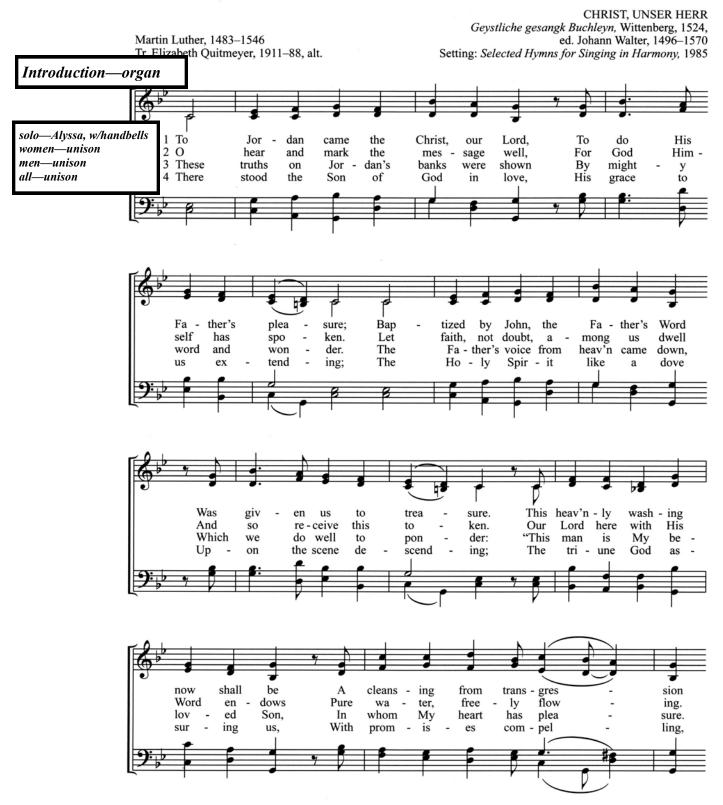


Holy Baptism

### Luther's Reflection on Holy Baptism

## To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam



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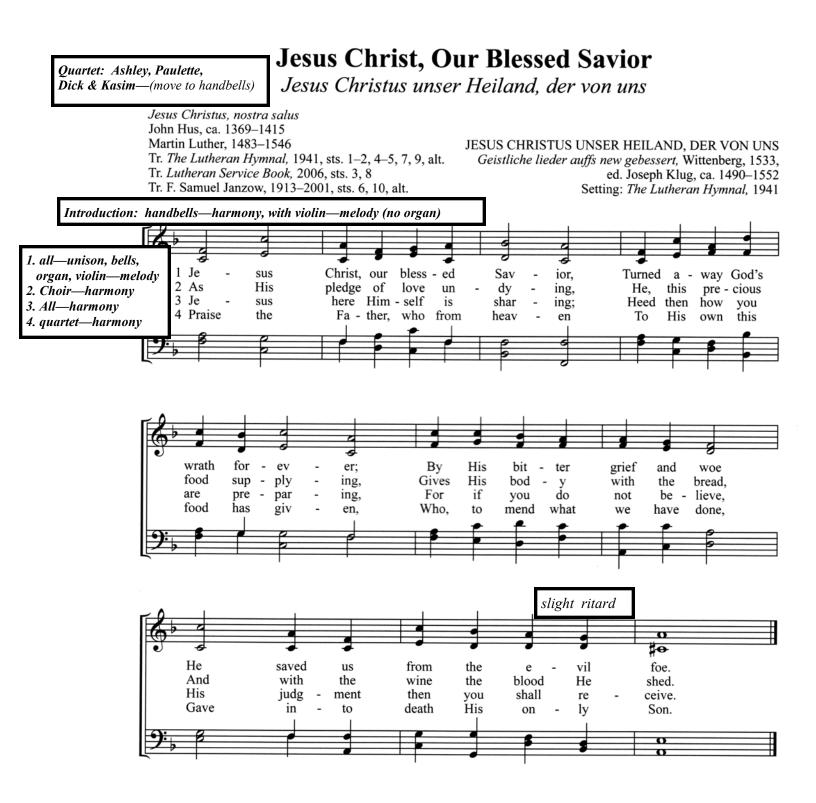


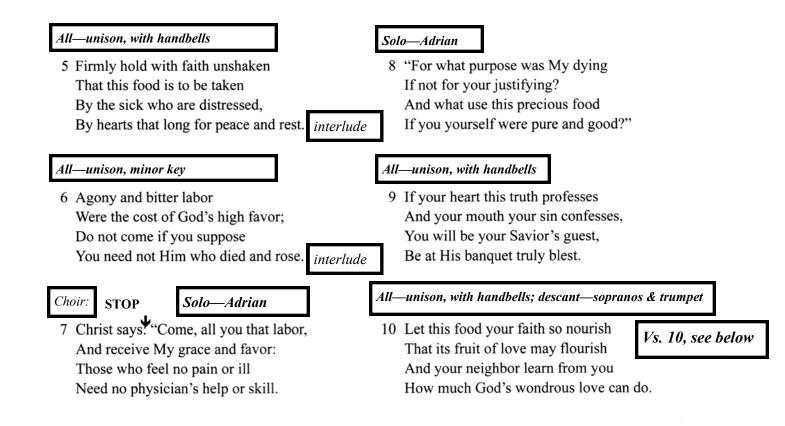
Assuring His own pardon.

Luther wrote this hymn in 1541, though the earliest existing copy is from a 1543 hymnal. Finishing the cycle of catechetical hymns, this Baptism hymn reflects the teaching in Luther's Small and Large Catechisms. The tune, perhaps written by Luther, was associated with his paraphrase of Psalm 67 and had been so used in a 1524 hymnal. Beginning with the Gospel account of Christ's Baptism, Luther quickly goes on to explore the riches of God's Word-drenched water of Baptism in which Christians are reborn and receive forgiveness of sins and faith.

# The Sacrament of the Altar

## Luther's Reflection on Holy Communion





Luther's hymn expounding on the Lord's Supper was probably written in 1524, the same year it was released as a broadsheet and published in three hymnals. Luther loosely based his hymn on a Latin hymn ascribed to Bohemian reformer John Hus. While the tune originally printed in 1524 is still often used with this text, the present melody is based on a fifteenth-century German trope and was published in Klug's hymnal of 1533. This standard catechism hymn on the Sacrament of the Altar should not be confused with Luther's Easter hymn that bears a similar German first line.



### **Luther's Reflection**

## **Closing Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Setting by Donald Busarow



## **Invocation and Blessing**

**Pastor Richard Fritz** 

(Please be seated—recognition of participants is appropriate after the Postlude.)PostludeFugue in E-flat Major (St. Anne)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Please join us for a Reception in Fellowship Hall on the first floor.