

# Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025



The Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31

## Father and Son with the Holy Ghost, One

1. Fa - ther and Son with the Ho - ly Ghost, One be - fore  
 2. E - vil and good, gift of life made of wood. One tree  
 3. Pro - phet and King, Jo - nah's fish. Of - fer - ring. Sac - ri -  
 4. Ser - pent en - twined nailed to feet so di - vine, The first

time and cre - a - tion e - ter - nal You stood.  
 gi - ven for ea - ting, the o - ther, ab - stain.  
 fice in the Tem - ple. A ram for Is - sac.  
 Gos - pel from E - den pierced through heel and head.

All that's te - res - tri'l and realm of ce - les - tial were  
 Sa - tan de - ceived her as man failed to lead her with  
 Fur - nace of fi - re. Bronze snake lift - ed high - er. The  
 "Fa - ther, don't take Thee a - way! Why for - sake me?" The

spoke in - to be - ing as on - ly You could.  
 God's ho - ly Word in which life we ob - tain.  
 goat of A - tone - ment. A for - ty year trek.  
 cries of the Son who has been left for dead.

"All things a - dorn. In Our i - mage, man form, "Three in  
 Fruit of her womb will free man from the tomb when the  
 Pass - o - ver Lamb. Burn - ing bush. Great I AM. And a  
 Spi - rit re - leased. God and man now at peace. As the

One say in u - ni - son, "'Tis ve - ry good."  
 blood from The Seed is The Tree of Life's stain.  
 priest in the or - der of Mel - chi - ze - dek.  
 bo - dy of Christ lays in tomb now made bed.

### 5. The victory

Won upon Calvary  
 Jesus speaks to the sinner  
 From cross whence He hung.  
 "Ever you doubt Me,  
 Know something about Me:  
 Your life and salvation  
 From My side has sprung  
 Gifts of the cross  
 Given to all the lost  
 When forgiveness I place on  
 Your ears, head, and tongue."

### 6. Father and Son

With the Holy Ghost, One  
 May we worship You always  
 Through joy and through strife.  
 Patiently guide us,  
 Protect and provide us,  
 With all that we need, as  
 The Groom would his wife.  
 Grant us the grace  
 Of Your heavenly face  
 As You bring us from death in-  
 to eternal life.

# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

**Introit**

*Psalm 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: v. 76*

Let your steadfast love | comfort me\*  
according to your promise to your | servant.  
Your hands have made and | fashioned me;\*  
give me understanding that I may learn your com- | mandments.  
Those who fear you shall see me | and rejoice,\*  
because I have hoped | in your word.  
I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are | righteous,\*  
and that in faithfulness you have af- | flicted me.  
Let your mercy come to me, that | I may live;\*  
for your law is | my delight.  
**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.**  
Let your steadfast love | comfort me\*  
according to your promise to your | servant.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,  
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,  
the notable men of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel comes!

<sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh, and see,  
and from there go to Hamath the great;  
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?  
Or is their territory greater than your territory,

<sup>3</sup>O you who put far away the day of disaster  
and bring near the seat of violence?

<sup>4</sup>“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory

and stretch themselves out on their couches,  
 and eat lambs from the flock  
 and calves from the midst of the stall,  
<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
 and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,  
<sup>6</sup>who drink wine in bowls  
 and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
 but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,  
 and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalms 91:11; 103:1*

He will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
 to guard you in | all your ways.  
 Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
 and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

## Epistle

*1 Timothy 3:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup>Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup>for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? <sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup>Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse





## Holy Gospel

*Luke 16:19–31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Gloria to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**C** **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.**

# 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from  
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om

me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth  
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,  
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And

has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were  
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy  
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in

void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my  
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false  
 peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from

heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.  
 doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
 death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,

Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious  
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my  
 O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior

blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -

Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
 Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
 tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532-1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
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## Sermon

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

Sit

# Service of the Sacrament

Stand

## Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also 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.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

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We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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 always.  
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

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**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Distribution

### 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt  
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is  
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -  
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -  
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.  
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928  
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
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### 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home



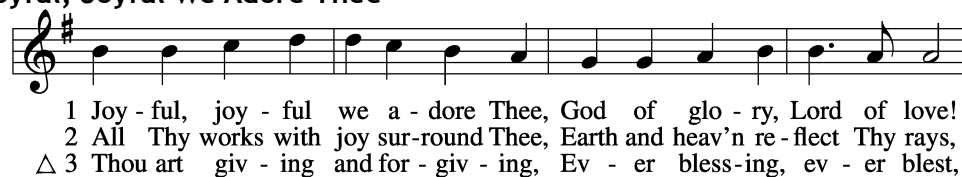
1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,  
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,  
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks  
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit  
When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row  
Con - tin - ual - ly are green; There grow such sweet and  
And ev - er - more do spring; There ev - er - more the  
have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.  
pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.  
an - gels dwell And ev - er - more do sing.

5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there  
Around my Savior stand;  
And soon my friends in Christ below  
Will join the glorious band.

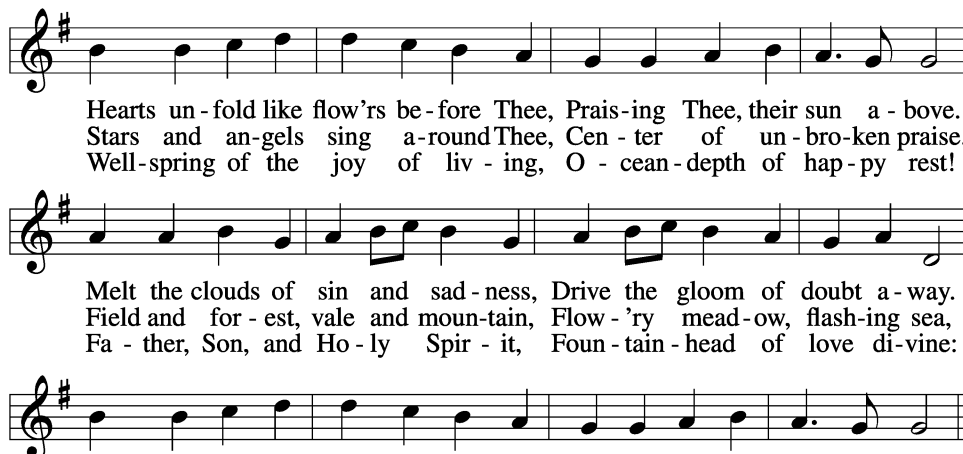
6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare  
For that bright home of love  
That I may see Thee and adore  
With all Thy saints above.

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent., alt.  
Tune: American  
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### 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
 Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

Text: Henry Van Dyke, 1852–1933, alt.  
 Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796–1867  
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## 675 Oh, What Their Joy



1 Oh, what their joy and their glo - ry must be,  
 2 In new Je - ru - sa - lem joy shall be found,  
 3 We, where no trou - ble dis - trac - tion can bring,  
 △ 4 Now let us wor - ship our Lord and our King,

Those end - less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see!  
 Bless - ings of peace shall for - ev - er a - bound;  
 Safe - ly the an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;  
 Joy - ful - ly rais - ing our voic - es to sing:

Crowns for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest;  
 Wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,  
 While for Your grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise  
 Praise to the Fa - ther, and praise to the Son,

God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.  
 Nor the things prayed for come short of the prayer.  
 Your bless - ed peo - ple shall ev - er - more raise.  
 Praise to the Spir - it, to God, Three in One.

Text: Peter Abelard, 1079–1142; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
 Tune: Antiphoner, 1681, Paris  
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Stand

## Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

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part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### 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.
- C** Amen.

### Benedicamus

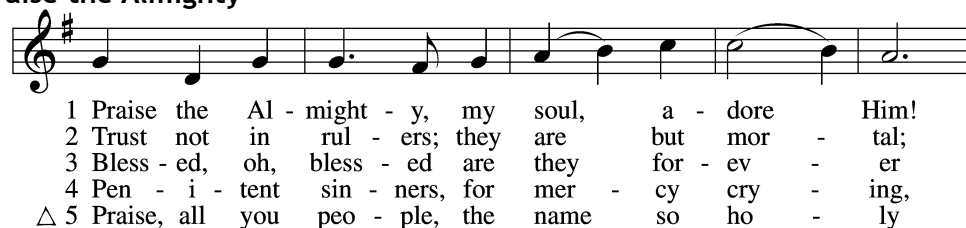
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- A** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### 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.
- C** Amen.

### 797 Praise the Almighty



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
△ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren  
heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.  
an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Daniel Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.  
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