

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5, 2024
IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!



THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Setting: Chuck Marohnic

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686

- 1 **Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.**
- 2 **Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.**
- 3 **Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;**

**Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We
have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have
done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our
whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly
deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that
we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your
holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake
forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by
His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE - "This is the Feast"

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good,

by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Be seated*)

Acts 10:34-48

Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

10:30 PSALM 98 (Sung responsively)

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!
Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together
before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

10:30 CHILDREN'S SERMON

ALLELUIA VERSE (Stand)

LSB 156

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON (Be seated)

Grace, mercy and peace be to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus. Amen. Dear friends in Christ:

Today's sermon will examine one sentence from the scriptures. And not a long sentence either – just half of one verse.

Of course the examination will take us to many other verses of scripture as well. And that's because the sentence chosen speaks to some of the Bible's most important thoughts and we want to make those connections to reinforce the message.

Even so, our main goal today will be to understand just these few words – doing so with appropriate depth – in order to add the sentence to our repertoire of known verses and draw on its power. God uses the words of scripture to bring us great blessing. With confidence that he will do so again today, let us begin our task.

The sentence I've chosen for us comes from today's second reading. There, in the first half of First John chapter five verse four, John writes: "For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world."

Let's break this sentence down into two sections and examine it in two parts. In the first we will examine the phrase "born of God," while in the second we will concentrate on the phrase "overcomes the world."

What does it mean to be "born of God?" Actually, John tells us this at the beginning of the chapter. He says: "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God."

So, being born of God has to do with believing that Jesus is the Christ. And this is certainly central to its meaning. But as we will see, there is more as well.

Earlier in John's Gospel, Jesus spoke about the importance of believing to a man named Nicodemus. At that time he said: "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life."

And here we learn that being born from God is a requirement for salvation. For Jesus also said: "Unless a man is born from above (or again) he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

These words suggest that something new must happen to a person, and that this something new is different than just a person's belief. Jesus makes this clear when he says: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God (3:5)."

In his conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus didn't say anything further about the water. And he only gave a few brief remarks about the work of the Spirit. Jesus was being careful at that time since the conversation took place so early in his ministry.

But he did leave one big clue as to what would make a person's birth from God possible. He spoke of God giving his Son, and about that Son being lifted up to bring people salvation.

Today's reading from First John – written many years later – reflects on those words from Jesus, in light of his completed ministry. John tells us that Jesus "came by water and blood... not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth."

John's references here to water and blood refer to Jesus' baptism and crucifixion. At his baptism Jesus was declared to be the Son of God. At his crucifixion, when he was lifted up on a cross, he shed his blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

The Holy Spirit testifies to these truths. And this is the same Spirit which testifies to us, allowing us to believe.

In our recent Sunday Bible Classes, we've heard Martin Luther explain to us how faith always works best when it has an object to cling to. This is why God has given us Baptism and the Lord's Supper in addition to the words of the scripture. For Baptism with water is a physical and tangible event that happens in time – something to which we can attach our faith. It reminds us that God has claimed us as his own and that he helps us to believe. Likewise, the bread and wine of Holy Communion are objects which give Christ's body and blood. And these remind us that his body and blood were given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

Our first reading today, from the book of Acts, records Peter speaking to a crowd gathered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman centurion. Peter explains to them that Jesus is Lord of all because he was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and raised from the dead. Jesus was also appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead, and whoever believes in him would have the forgiveness of sins.

As our reading described, the people hearing this message then received the Holy Spirit. And when Peter and the other followers of Christ perceived this, they baptized them. In this story we have an excellent description of what it means to be “born of God.”

Notice that the people’s belief is not mentioned. Peter only encouraged the people to believe. Certainly the people must have believed what they heard. But that wasn’t the most important element. What is mentioned is the presence of the Holy Spirit. The text wants us to know that through the Holy Spirit – given in the message and in Baptism – the people had been born of God.

One is “born of God” when they receive the Holy Spirit. At that time they become a new creation. Paul explained this to the Corinthians when he said: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,

he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come” (2 Cor. 5:17). Included in this re-birth is the forgiveness of sins and faith in Christ. Both are gifts of the Lord that accompany and witness to our new birth.

You and I who have been baptized into Christ and seek to live in that faith can be assured that we have been born of God and have received the gift of eternal life. Or, as worded by John in that short sentence we are examining today, we can know that we have “overcome the world.”

The introduction of this phrase now moves us to the second part of today’s sermon. And here we should drill down on what each of these words mean. As we will find, they shed very important light on what it means to be born of God.

To begin, let’s first tackle that word “world.” This is a big word and we want to make sure we understand its full meaning.

In its essence, the world is everything that is not God. God created the world; therefore he is the Creator and the world is the creation.

The Bible makes clear that the world was created good and that it still retains a measure of that goodness. But the world has also fallen into corruption. This happened when people sinned. The world is now characterized by death and suffering – neither of which were present in the original creation.

Because of this condition, the world should be thought of as both good and bad. It's good because God is present in the world and because it supports life and retains great beauty. But it's bad because it is filled with great danger, great evils, and the life it supports will only last for a short time.

As such, we are not to see the world as the greatest good there is, nor embrace it as our true love. God has told us that this world will pass away and that in time he will bring forth a new creation.

The scriptures thus warn us against undue love of the world. They remind us that the world is ruled in large part by the forces of evil (John 12:31). They point out how we will not find a full measure of peace in the world (John 14:27). And they explain that those of us who hold these views will often be hated by those who don't (John 15:19).

God loves the world, yes. And he has sent his Son to save it. But he also knows that it needs to be convicted concerning sin and righteousness (John 16:8). This is why John, in our chosen sentence today, says that we need to overcome the world. We need to overcome the direction of the world – which simply leads to death – and we need to overcome the appeals, desires and wisdom of the world, which lure us away from God.

As wonderful as the world can be, we have no lasting city here. The beauty of the world's lands, climate, and people can take us down just as easily as they can thrill and inspire.

Such is the case with the world's wisdom as well. The world's wisdom has great appeal as something which seems to help us survive. And let's face it, this wisdom seems more fun than God's wisdom too.

But it is a wisdom that is short-sighted in many ways. And it tends to help the individual much more than it helps the group.

Today's reading from First John reminds us that God's wisdom – here called his "commandments" – reflects his love. God's love is a love for all people. And it lasts beyond this life.

God's commandments are not burdensome, as John points out in today's reading. The world tries to convince us otherwise, but that's because the world without God is only about pleasure and survival. God's commandments, on the other hand, are meant to maintain a healthy life for all.

And here we get to that greater understanding of what overcoming the world means. Yes, it means overcoming death and living beyond the grave. But it also means living in a way that reflects God's love.

Love is the other great concept that John lifts up in our reading. He starts with belief, and then moves to love. Both of these come from being born of God. They are gifts given to us, as well as goals for our life. They are the two essential elements of the "abiding in me" that Jesus mentions in today's Gospel reading.

Living in faith and love is God's way of overcoming the world. We who are born of God can do this through the Spirit's power.

We will never do it perfectly, this side of heaven. But we can still do it with great success. Christians have been making a positive contribution to our world since the beginning.

As a final bit of reflection today, let's also quickly delve into that word "overcome." In its essence, the word means victory, or to conquer. Most of us know the Greek word because a certain athletic company uses it as its name: Nike.

To say that we have overcome the world thus means that we have victory over it. We have conquered its danger and come out on top.

And this is a great thing, of course. But we don't want to be boastful about it. Nor do we want to overemphasize our contribution. And we certainly don't want people to get the wrong idea of what our victory means.

Rather than calling us victors and conquerors, our English translations will usually state that we are simply those who have overcome. We have overcome the world – not conquered it.

The idea of overcoming speaks to the challenge involved. It also speaks to the goodness of the cause. People today overcome addictions, disabilities and injustices. Perhaps you know the famous song We will Overcome. It was an important anthem in the Civil Rights movement, and to this day remains a powerful cry for justice.

Our Christian desire to overcome is not a desire to rule but to simply survive and be okay. We recognize that our sin puts us in a bad place and that if we don't overcome it, we will be miserable.

Whichever English word we use, we are to use it with thankfulness. “Everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world,” and this is no small thing. Through this overcoming we have victory over the curse of death, and we are given faith and love from God to help us conquer the evils around us.

In one of his few uses of the word, Jesus says, at the very end of the long discourse in John from which we’ve been quoting: “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Yes, Jesus has overcome the world. That is our great hope.

We are to be humble about this overcoming of the world we’ve been given through our new birth. But we can also celebrate it and be confident too. We’ve been given a great victory! That’s why Paul can tell us, in the book of Romans, that we are “more than conquerors through him who loved us” (Rom. 8:37). And it’s why Jesus, in the Book of Revelation, pronounces a blessing to “those who have conquered” in his addresses to each of the seven churches (Rev. 2:7ff).

“Everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world.” Yes, this is true.

Knowing this, let us then keep this faith and live in the love to which it calls us. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY (Stand) How Wide the Love of Christ

LSB 535

**1 How wide the love of Christ!
It knows not class or race
But holds our one humanity
Within its broad embrace.**

**2 How long the love of Christ!
Its patience will not cease
Until this broken world is bound
In everlasting peace.**

**3 How high the love of Christ!
Beyond all thought it soars,
And yet upon our passing lives
Unmeasured mercy pours.**

**4 How deep the love of Christ,
Descending to a cross!
He bears within His wounded hands
All human pain and loss.**

**5 All praise to You, O Christ,
For love whose depth and height,
Whose length and breadth fill time and space
With endless life and light!**

**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.**

OFFERING

Offerings support the church's mission work – both here and through our many partners. Offerings may be placed in the box at the sanctuary entrance or sent to the church through our website or the mail. Fellowship Cards help us welcome new people and track participation. Please fill one out and place it in the offering box following the service.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who come to hear God's Word, that they would rightly fear God and learn what He has done for their souls, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the work of our missionaries, that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the people of God, that like our Lord Jesus who loved the world and laid down His life for all, they also may lay down their lives for others in love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation's leaders, that God would cause them to serve wisely for our good in accord with His revealed order; and though we do not always know what the Master is doing by the authorities He gives, that we would make ample use of the freedom Jesus has given in His name to ask the Father for everything as friends and fellow heirs, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts at this time... that they would receive from God all His good gifts of healing for the body, grace to bear the cross, and finally a blessed end and the gift of eternal life in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who come to the Holy Supper, that having received the testimony of God in the water of Baptism, they may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus and so overcome the world by faith in Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Bless us now with all we need to continue our course in faith until that day of our final victory. And to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

PREFACE

LSB 160

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS

LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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 peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION (Be seated)

Those wishing to commune at the foot of the steps should come forward first. Those wishing to commune at the altar rail should come forward after these, front rows first, from both sides of the aisle. After receiving, all should return to their seats. A common dismissal will be given at the end.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Water, Blood, and Crying Spirit

- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>1 Water, blood, and Spirit crying,
By their witness testifying
To the One whose death-defying
Life has come, with life for all.</p> <p>2 In a wat'ry grave are buried
All our sins that Jesus carried;
Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried
Us across death's raging flood.</p> | <p>3 Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us,
Past the scowl of death He leads us;
Spreads a table where He feeds us
With His body and His blood.</p> <p>4 Though around us death is seething,
God, His two-edged sword unsheathing,
By His Spirit life is breathing
Through the living, active Word.</p> <p>5 Spirit, water, blood entreating,
Working faith and its completing
In the One whose death-defeating
Life has come, with life for all.</p> |
|--|---|

PRAYER (Stand)

BENEDICTION

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,
 May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing,
 Rich in love and joy and peace.</p> <p>2 Laden branches freely bearing
 Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing,
 Patience, kindness, gentleness.</p> | <p>3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master,
 Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster,
 Goodness, faith, and self-control.</p> <p>4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,
 May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending,
 Heaven's love and joy and peace.</p> |
|---|---|

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fruitful Trees, The Spirit's Sowing
Setting: Ellen Coman

FELLOWSHIP – Boards of Education and Stewardship

Those serving:

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.:

Greeter: Steve Berg
Comm. assist: Dede Dixon
Reader: Norm Williams

10:30 a.m.:

Greeter: Charles Fisher
Comm. assist: Dan Buuck
Reader: Charles Fisher
Acolyte: William Dennis
AV Assist: Hannes Buuck, Andreas Buuck

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2024 Concordia Publishing House.

686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–90, alt. Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg Text and tune: Public domain

535 How Wide the Love of Christ Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923–2007 Tune: Johann M. Spiess, 1715–72 Text: © 1997 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005326
Tune: Public domain

597 Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955 Tune: Jeffrey N. Blerch, 1967 Text: © 1999 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005326 Tune: © 2003 Jeffrey N. Blerch. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005326

691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926 Tune: Ralph C. Schultz, 1932 Text: © 1984 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005326 Tune: © 1980 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005326