



HOLY COMMUNION

OCTOBER 26, 2011

**Commemoration of Heermann, Nicolai,
and Gerhardt, hymnwriters**

Based on the *Agende* of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania , 1748,
written by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg (1711-1787)
and his companions

RECEIVING COMMUNION

“Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion when they are visiting in the congregations of this church.” (from the ELCA’s sacramental practices statement)

We'll be receiving the sacrament at stations today. Simply come forward by the center aisle (in two lines), receive the bread from the person in the center, then go to the side to receive the wine from a common cup or pouring chalice.

As a sign of the unity the sacrament gives, we all share the same elements. If you are unable to receive wheat bread or wine, be sure that in a single element you receive the Presence and all the gifts of the sacrament.

If you are not prepared to receive the elements today, but would like to come forward for a blessing, bring a copy of the bulletin with you -- that'll be the sign of your intention for the distributors.



HENRY MELCHIOR MÜHLENBERG and the 1748 Liturgy of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania

Born 300 years ago this year, Mühlberg studied (among other places) at the Francke Institutions in Halle, Germany, a hotbed for social service and missions. In 1742 he answered the call of several Pennsylvania congregations to cross the Atlantic and serve as their pastor. From the beginning, he did not limit his ministry to the area of Philadelphia, but ministered to Lutherans from Georgia to Nova Scotia, and connected them to one another. In 1748, together with several other Halle graduates, he established the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the first lasting extra-congregational organization of Lutherans in the New World. At that meeting, the pastors and the congregations they served adopted and promised to use a shared order of services, written by Mühlberg and his companions. Based on contemporary adaptations of Luther’s *Deutsche Messe*, this service was never published, but was copied by hand by every pastor ordained by the Ministerium for the rest of the century (we have one of these manuscripts in the Wentz Library archives). We are using a translation of that service as the model for this afternoon’s Eucharist.

Until his death, Mühlberg was a faithful pastor and preacher, a tireless organizer, and a key link between Europe and North America. His children served with distinction in the church., military, and government of the new nation, including as the first Speaker of the House under the U.S. Constitution.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pre-Service Music

*We All Believe in One True God
A Mighty Fortress*

G. Krapf
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* Gathering Song

Come, Holy Ghost! Come, Lord our God!

1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost! — Come, Lord our God! Pour
2. Thou Light of Glo - ry, gra - cious Lord! Re -
3. Thou ho - ly Fla - vour of that Love Which

out the Fa - ther's Love a - broad, and fill thy faith -
vive us by thy ho - ly Word, And teach thy Flock —
brought Re - demp - tion from a - bove, Grant us to serve —

full Peo - ple's Minds with fruit - ful Gifts of sun - dry
in the truth to call On thee, the Fa - ther and of us
three con - stant - ly, Faith con - quer Sin and Mis - er -

Kinds. O — Lord, who by thy heav'n - ly Light hast called thy
all. De - lu - sive err - ors far re - move, But guide us
y; O — Lord, by thine al - might - y Grace, Pre - pare us

Church from Sin - full Night Out of all Na - tions,
al - ways by that Love, Which, keep - ing close to JE -
so — to run our Race, That stri - ving hard for Vic -

Tribes, and Tongues. Thy praise shall tune — our choic - est
SUS' — Path, Re - jects all oth - er Guides to
to - ry, We gain thy blest — E - ter - nit -

Songs. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
Faith. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
y. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

* - Those who are able may stand.

* Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, hear the word of the high and holy One, who inhabits eternity, whose Name is holy: I dwell in the high and holy place with those who are contrite in heart, to revive the spirit of the humble and the heart of the contrite. I will not always chide, nor will I keep my anger forever.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us, therefore, confess our sins.

silence for meditation

C **I, a poor sinner, confess to God that I have grievously sinned in many ways, not only by outward and gross sins, but even more by inward blindness of heart, unbelief, doubt, despair, impatience, pride, selfishness, lust of the flesh, avarice, envy, hatred, and malice, and by other sinful passions which are naked and open in your sight, O Lord, but which I, alas, cannot fully understand. I do earnestly repent and am heartily sorry for these my sins. I therefore, plead for your grace with my whole heart, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ. By the leading of the Holy Spirit, I am resolved to amend my sinful ways. Amen.**

P Lord, the Father in heaven:

C **have mercy upon us.**

P Lord God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

C **have mercy upon us.**

P Lord God the Holy Spirit:

C **have mercy upon us, and grant us your peace. Amen.**

*Canticle of Praise

To Our Almighty Maker, God

St. 1 – all; st. 2 – lectern side; st. 3 – pulpit side; st. 4 – all.

1. To our Al - might - y Ma - ker. God, New
 2. We mag - ni - fy thy Fa - ther's Name, O
 3. O Sav - iour Christ, thou on - ly Son Of
 4. O Ho - ly Ghost, su - prem - est Good! Our

Hon - ours be ad - dress - ed, His great Sal -
 Lord of our Cre - a - tion! Thy Sov' - rain
 thine e - ter - nal Pa - rent! Thy Ran - som
 on - ly Con - so - la - tion! What Christ re -

va - tion shines a - broad, Which makes all Na - tions
 Pow'r is still the same, Thou reign'st with - out Cess -
 saves what was un - done, Thy Mer - it is our
 deem - ed by his Blood, Pre - serve thou from Dam -

ble - ed; He looks up - on us in his
 a - tion: Be - yond all Mea - sure is thy
 Ta - lent. Un - spott - ed Lamb, O bless - ed
 na - tion; 'Tis Thou must bring his Me - rits

Son, By whom we can ap - proach his Throne, Since
 Throne, What thou com - mand'st, that must be done, from
 Lord! Thy grace to our Re - lief af - ford, Have
 home, In Dan - gers pre - sent and to come, In

Peace is now pro - claim ed.
 Thee de - pend our Bless - ings.
 mer - cy on thy Peo - ple.
 Thee we have Af - fi - ance.

* Salutation and Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Anthem

I Was Wed At Sinai

S. Folkemer

I was wed at Sinai to my treasure
 and my pleasure was to hold them close to me;
 link love and labor until together we
 set the whole world free.

All my ways of justice they rejected
 and, dejected, saw I my beloved fall
 to be a nation, just like the nations all,
 fleeing from my call.

Not alone from slavery I saved them,
 but I gave them life to live in liberty.
 They'd be my people – just, peaceful, holy, free
 – I their God would be.

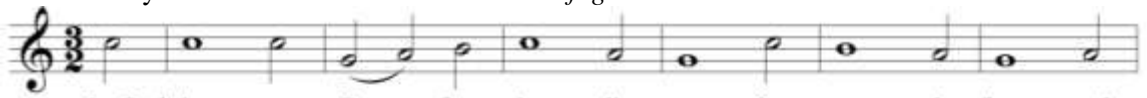
Broken-hearted, yet I will not hurt them
 nor desert them, faithful to my faithless love.
 No thundering edict can raise their hearts above;
 I must woo my love.

Not with bribes will I win them from error,
 nor with terror but, uplifted on a tree
 with arms wide open, I'll draw their hearts to me
 for eternity.

M. Oldenburg

* Gradual Hymn

God is Our Refuge in Distress



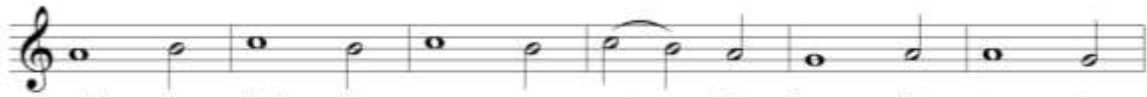
1. God is our Re - fuge in dis - tress, Our stong de - fense and
 2. All hu - man Pow'r must here be lost, Our strength would soon be
 3. If all the De - vil should wage the fight, In or - der to des -
 4. This Word puts all our Foes to Flight, With Shame they are con -



ar - mour. He's pre - sent when left com - fort - less, In rag - ing
 mov - ed. The *Val - iant Man*, of whom we boast, Is Christ, the
 troy us, They would not put us in - to fright, The Vic - t'ry
 found - ed, For Christ in - structs our Hands to fight, His Spi - rit



storms our Har - bour. Th'in - fer - nal En - e - my, Look how in -
 well be - lov - ed; This is the Con - quer - or, En - dowed with
 should be joy - ous. We scorn the Prince of Hell, With Fu - ry
 is un - bound ed: Tho' we should lose our Lives, Fame, Chil - dren,



rag'd is he! He now ex - erts his force To stop the
 sov' - reign Pow'r, The Lord both Great and Good And on - ly
 let him swell, He can - not harm one Hair, We shall es -
 Goods and Wives, Des - troy - ing all they can, They'll find but



Gos - pel course. Who can with - stand this ty - rant?
 liv - ing God, He gains the Field of Bat - tle.
 cape his Snare, One sin - gle Word can rout him.
 lit - tle Gain, God's King - dom is our Por - tion.

* Gospel

John 8:31-36

* Creed

We All Believe in One True God

ELW #411

Sermon

* Prayer of the Church

* Peace

* Offering Hymn

How Shall I Meet My Saviour?

Today's offering will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. Checks may be made payable to "LTSG.:"

1. How shall I meet my Sa - viour? How shall I wel - come Thee?
 2. Thy Si - on's strow - ing Flow - ers For Thee to tread up - on;
 3. I lay in Fet - ters groan - ing, Thou cam'st to set me free;
 4. Be not cast down, nor fright - ed At Sin, tho' ne'er so great;

What Man - ner of Be - ha - viour Is now re - quir'd of me?
 I'll raise with all my Pow - ers More Notes than U - ni - son,
 My Shame I was be - moan - ing, With Grace thou cloth - est me
 No! Je - sus is de - light - ed Your great - est Guilt t'a - bate.

Lord, thine Il - lu - mi - na - tion Set heart and Hands a - right,
 To praise the King of Glo - ry With Psalms of Mel - o - dy,
 And rais - est me to Glo - ry, En - dow - est me with Bliss,
 He comes to raise all Sin - ners From Death to Life and Bliss

That this my Prep - a - ra - tion Be pleas - ing in thy Sight.
 I'm - prove the Sac - red Sto - ry In Rhimes and Har - mon - y.
 Which is not trans - i - tor - y As world - ly Trea - sure is.
 And make us new Be - gin - ners To taste what Je - sus is.

Exhortation to Communion

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join in adoring song.

C *Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old*

ELW #868

P Eucharistic Prayer

C Lord's Prayer

Distribution

O Lamb of God, our Saviour

1. O Lamb of God, our Sa - viour, Killed on the
 2. O Lamb of God, our Sa - viour, Killed on the
 3. O Lamb of God, our Sa - viour, Killed on the

Tree of Sor - row; Thy meek and low Be -
 Tree of Sor - row; Thy meek and low Be -
 Tree of Sor - row; Thy meek and low Be -

ha - viour Paid what thou didst not bor -
 ha - viour Paid what thou didst not bor -
 ha - viour Paid what thou didst not bor -

row. Thou bor'st our Sin and Ma - lice, Took
 row. Thou bor'st our Sin and Ma - lice, Took
 row. Thou bor'st our Sin and Ma - lice, Took

up the wrath - ful Cha - lice: Have mer - cy up -
 up the wrath - ful Cha - lice: Have mer - cy up -
 up the wrath - ful Cha - lice: O grant us thy

on us, O Je - su! O Je - su!
 on us, O Je - su! O Je - su!
 Peace, O Je - su! O Je - su!

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

St. 1 – all; st. 2 – women; st. 3 – men; st. 4 – all.

1. How bright ap - pears the Mor - ning Star With Grace and
 2. My choic - est Pearl and pre - cious Crown God and the
 3. Thou Fa - ther from E - ter - ni - ty, In Mer - cy -
 4. My Joy to all the World be known, That my Be -

Truth be - yond com - pare, The Roy - al Root of — Jes - se?
 Vir - gin Mar - y's Son, Thou King of end - less Glo - ry!
 wast in - clin'd to me, Thru' thy most well - be - lov - ed;
 lov - ed keeps his Throne On Hills of Light and Glo - ry.

O Da - vid's Son of Ja - cob's Line! My Soul's De -
 Thou art com - par'd to Sha - ron's Flow'r, Thy Gos - pel
 Thy Son has chose me for his Bride In this my
 He'll kind - ly bring me to that Place Where all the

light and Spouse Di - vine, Thy love can on - ly — bless — me.
 and its sa - ving Pow'r Trans - cends what's Tran - si - to - ry,
 Spouse I can con - fide, My Love shall ne'er be mov - ed.
 Won - ders of his Grace Shall lie dis - clos'd be - fore — me.

Pre - cious, Gra - cious, Fair and Glor - ious, e'er Vic -
 Love - ly Li - ly, O Ho - san - na, Heav'n - ly
 O! this Bliss is Of his giv - ing, who's the
 A - men! A - men! Lord, my Sov' - reign! come and

tor - ious, Thou my Trea - sure Art be -
 Man - na, Thy sweet Fla - vour Be - mine
 Liv - ing Bread and Man - na, Ev - er
 go - vern All the Na - tions, Come! I

yond all Joy and Plea - sure.
 ev - er - last - ing Sa - vour.
 will I sing Ho - san - na.
 wait with great Im - pa - tience.

How Shall I Meet My Savior? (stanzas omitted from Offertory)

1. What hast thou not de - vis - ed, Lord! to re - trieve my Loss,
 2. Let this Con - sid - er - a - tion Cheer up your troub - led Heart,
 3. You need not strive nor la - bour With an - y Hu - man Strength
 4. You dare not fear the Cla - mour Of Sa - tan and his Clan,

When I was so dis - guis - ed By Sin, and Hell - sh Dross;
 Ye Sons of De - so - la - tion! That feel the sin - ful Smart;
 To draw his Love and Fa - vour To your de - sir - ed Length;
 The Word, his pow'r - ful Ham - mer, Des - troys their wick - ed Plan.

The Sense of lost Sal - va - tion Quite drove me to Des - pair,
 Take Cour - age, your Sal - va - tion Stands wait - ing at the Door,
 He comes and shews how will - ing He is to bless you all,
 He comes as King of Glo - ry, Whose Nod con - founds their Host;

But thy own In - car - na - tion Brought my Re - demp - tion near.
 The Gos - pel Con - so - la - tion Is near - er than be - fore.
 The Law he is ful - fill - ing To save you from the Fall.
 He car - ries all be - fore ye, And baf - fles all their Boast.

* Post-Communion Blessing

* Post-Communion Prayer

A Oh, give thanks to the Lord, who is good; Hallelujah!

C **Whose mercy endures forever; Hallelujah!**

A We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

* Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress

arr. S. Folkemer

PSALMODICA GERMANICA



Throughout the 17th and 18th centuries there was a tremendous cross-fertilization of devotional writings between England and Germany; Puritans and Pietists read and delighted in each other's writings. Surprisingly, little translation of hymnody happened (despite John Wesley's best efforts) until the late 19th century. One exception was *Psalmodica Germanica*, a collection of chorales and other German hymns, translated by Johann Christian Jacobi and published in 1756. A few copies of this work, which contained both texts and several tunes, made it to America and were used to span the barrier between German-speaking and English-speaking worshippers. We'll be using several of those translations and tunes the afternoon.

HEERMANN, NICOLAI, AND GERHARDT

Today we commemorate and benefit from three writers of hymn texts. The Latin and German poetry of **Johann Heermann** (+1647) was renowned in his day, and many of his hymns are still sung, including "Ah, Holy Jesus," and "O God, My Faithful God," which we will sing today.



Philipp Nicolai (+1608) wrote his hymns to comfort his parishioners (and himself) during the worst days of plague and famine. He wrote both the King and Queen of chorales – "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying," and "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright," which we will sing this afternoon.

Paul Gerhardt (+1676) was the greatest Lutheran hymn-writer between Luther himself and Herman Stuempfle. Written in the midst of the 30 Years War, they balance exemplary orthodoxy with heart-felt piety. Among his many texts are "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," and "How Shall I Meet My Saviour" ("O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"), which is serving as offertories and distribution hymns this afternoon.



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The Seminary Choir The Motet Choir

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Peter Kuhn, *Trombone*
David Sensenig, *Trombone*

