

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)




- ✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m.
(Also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

-  **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** *Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.*
- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- **Adult Bible Study**, today we will be continuing the topic of "Myth or Faith". We hope to see you there!!
- **Shoebox Packing Party:** Will be held on November 6th, 2022 during Sunday School hour beginning at 10:45am. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join us in the Sunday School wing. There will be NO MEAL this year.
-  The vase on the altar is placed in memory of Alexis Tieg from her mother Jackie.
-  Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God and is in loving memory of Dwayne Wyffels sponsored by Jim and Mary Wyffels and family.
- **29er's will meet on October 26th at Noon for a potluck.** Hope to see you there!!
- **Quarterly Voter's meeting** will be held today, Sunday October 23rd at 10:15am.
- **Anyone** looking for Iris bulbs, feel free to contact Gene Schwarz
- **Secret Sisters**, please remember to send a card with a note to your Secret Brother or Sister this month and continue to pray for him/her.
- **Needed very soon:** 15 to 20 large plastic coffee cans for the Live Nativity.
- **Mark your Calendars:** Sunday October 30th there will be an OPEN HOUSE here at church from 2pm to 4pm for Bob Roemhildt's 80th birthday. Everyone is invited!!
- **With the Holiday's fast approaching**, keep in mind the gift of SCRIP, and remember a percentage of all purchases go to the Youth. Thank you for your support.
- **Characters Needed:** If you have a desire to be apart of the Live Nativity this year and would like to be a character, part of the set up and take down crew, please contact the church office, Anita Nelson or sign up on the bulletin board by the elevator. Thanks
- **Grandparenting Matters Workshop** will be held on November 7th and November 14th from 7-9pm. This is a No Charge event. Please let Anita Nelson or the Church office know if you are interested in attending.
- I would like to **thank you** for the Pastor Appreciation treats and program. Thank you to the Cotta Guild for the Pastor's Companion Book after 14 years mine was worn out. Thank you to the children's choir and adult choir for their songs. I appreciated your wonderful cards, words of encouragement and gifts. In Christ, Pastor Bob & DiAnna.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Kingdom Belongs to You!

October 23, 2022

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me"

[LSB 588]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are adopted as God's sons and daughters and drawn into His kingdom. By means of His Word and Supper, we gather to receive our Savior's mercy and then respond to Him in thanksgiving and praise. Therefore, at our Lord's invitation, let us come before our heavenly Father in humility and faith, seeking His pardon for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 56:10–13; antiphon: v. 3*

P: When I am afraid,
C: **I put my trust in You.**
P: In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I
praise,
C: **in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to
me?**
P: I must perform my vows to You, O God;
C: **I will render thank offerings to You.**
P: For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet
from falling,
C: **that I may walk before God in the light of life.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear
than we to pray
People: **and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve.**
Pastor: Strengthen us in the certainty of the forgiveness of sins and life
everlasting in Your heavenly kingdom,
People: **that, as Your children, we may love and trust in You all our days;**
Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Genesis 4:1–15* (Cain and Abel)

4 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have
gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel.

Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 5; antiphon: v. 11a ("Let them ever sing for joy.")*

Pastor: Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning.

People: **Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to You do I pray.**

Pastor: O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice;

People: **in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch. Let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy!**

Pastor: For You are not a God who delights in wickedness;

People: **evil may not dwell with You.**

Pastor: The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers.

People: You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

Pastor: But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will enter Your house.

People: I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the fear of You. Let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy!

Pastor: Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies;

People: make Your way straight before me.

Pastor: For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction;

People: their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

Pastor: Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels;

People: because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against You.

Pastor: But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy,

People: and spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may exult in You.

Pastor: For You bless the righteous, O LORD;

**People: You cover him with favor as with a shield.
Let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy!**

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18 (The Lord will bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom.)

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE Luke 18:16b

Pastor: Alleluia. Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them,

People: **for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:9–17 (The kingdom of God belongs to the children who come to Jesus.)

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” ¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me,

and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Praise the Father, Praise the Son"

Sung by
Contemporary Ensemble

SERMON

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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 again 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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for all the children of God, members of His heavenly kingdom, a..... Your love known to all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear Your children pray!**

Pastor: Into Your hands of mercy, faithful Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Him who invites us to experience the certainty of faith that belongs to members of His heavenly kingdom, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**.....

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, 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. At Jesus' gracious invitation, we, Your children, come unto Him and receive the assurance that You have made us members of Your eternal kingdom. 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: Holy, Holy Holy

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: The Lord's Prayer *please rise*
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 *Matthew 26:26–28*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ... in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: Lamb of God [LSB 550]

*Your only Son, no sin to hide;
But You have sent Him from Your side,
To walked upon this guilty sod,
And to be come the Lamb of God.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" [LSB 570]

"Now Thank We All Our God" [LSB 895]

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" [LSB 563]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Strengthen us in the certainty of our Savior's work to save us that we may live securely as children in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Luke 18:16; Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them,

People: **for to such belongs the kingdom of God."**

Pastor: As His children, receive your Father's blessing:

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.

People: Amen.

HYMN: "I'm But A stranger Here"

[LSB #748]

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:**
 - **Hospitalized:**
 - **Illness: Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown**
 - **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** LeeAnn Paulson, Pastor Rosenau, Ken Lenz, Rus Weir and Joy Weir, Bill Kuschel, Geri Kuschel
 - **Treatment:** Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger),
 - **For those with Covid-19**
 - **Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**
 - **All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
 - **Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)
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St. Paul Lutheran Church

- **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist in a time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.
- **Facebook Live-stream and Radio Broadcasts:** Our worship service is live-streamed on Facebook each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (in Facebook search for: @stpaulwaseca to locate our Facebook page.) Our worship service is also Radio Broadcast each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Radio 1170 AM or 106.3 FM, and www.newstalk1170.com
- **Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer chain, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School: Begins on September 11th, 2022, please join us for Sunday School at 10:15-11:15, for ages 3 through grade 8.**

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The Lord's Supper

- ✠ We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- ✠ The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, (For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. **1 Corinthians 11:26-30**)
- ✠ The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. (Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers)
- ✠ Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service. Thank You.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: October 23rd - October 30th, 2022

Sunday (23rd):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Quarterly Voter's Meeting

Monday (24th):

10:00 am Prayer Team

Tuesday (25th):

1:00 pm Quilters
3:30 pm Adult Confirmation

Wednesday (26th):

Noon 29er's meet for potluck lunch
3:30 - 4:30 pm Confirmation 6th - 8th grade
7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (27th):

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean

Friday (28th):

Saturday (29th):

Sunday (30th):

9:00 am Divine Service w/Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Adult Bible Study and coffee hour

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: October 23rd:

ORGANIST: Matt Groskreutz
ACOLYTE: Ellie Hoban
ELDER/DEACON: Kent DeLong/Kraig Deling
RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood
FACEBOOK LIVE: Cindy Gilmore
READER: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK: October 30th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Peyton Ross
ELDER/DEACON: Kent DeLong/ Kraig Deling
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad
FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore
READER: Denise Duffy

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on October 16th: 100 **Bible Study: 26** **Sunday School: 13**
General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit) October 9th: \$3558.00
Dedicated Funds: Radio Broadcast \$75.00
 Organ Fund \$125.00
 Undesignated memorial in memory of Mark Manthe \$25.00

1 Jesus loves me! This I know, _____
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! He who died _____
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Let's His little child come in. *Refrain*

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in
earth and sky and sea.

- 1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

- 2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

- 3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many-a conflict, many-a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

1 Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

△3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

1 I'm but a stranger here,
 Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear,
 Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on ev'ry hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
 Heav'n is my home.

2 What though the tempest rage,
 Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage,
 Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast
Soon shall be over-past;
I shall reach home at last,
 Heav'n is my home.

3 Therefore I murmur not,
 Heav'n is my home;

Whate'er my earthly lot,
 Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord's right hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
 Heav'n is my home.

