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Sundays— 8:30 Worship St. Peter
 9:30 SS
 9:15 SS—Trinity
 10:30 Worship
 9:15 SS—Waverly
 10:30 Worship

Tuesdays: Men's Sunrise Bible Study.

Wednesdays: Confirmation
 7 pm Choir practice WLC

Thursdays: Women's Sunrise Bible

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 11/1 THCC Worship
- TSL Communion
- WELCA—StP
- Dorcas Circle—WLC
- Family Confirmation
- Wed Evening Worship
- 11/5 All Saints Day
- 11/7 Worship @ THCC
- Mary Circle
- 11/8 Goldfinch Communion
- Youth Group
- 11/9 WLC Council
- 11/14 Quilting—WLC
- 11/15 Quilting—WLC
- 11/20 Article due for December newsletter
- StP Council
- 11/22 Thanksgiving Eve Worship @ WLC
- 11/29 Assemble Ripples @ TLC



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November Worship Schedule

21 st Week after Pente- cost	Sunday, October 29 th <i>500th Anniversary of Refor- mation (Altar: Red)</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, November 1 st <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Communion at Trinity 6:00 PM <i>(Everyone welcome)</i>		
22 nd Week after Pente- cost	Sunday, November 5 th <i>All Saints Sunday Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
23 rd Week after Pente- cost	Sunday, November 12 th <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
24 th Week after Pente- cost	Sunday, November 19 th <i>Altar: Green</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	Wednesday, November 22 nd <i>Thanksgiving Eve Worship Altar: Green</i>	Worship at Waverly 7:00 PM		
Final Week after Pente- cost	Sunday, November 26 th <i>Christ the King Sunday Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP THIS FALL



Did you like the Wednesday evening worship services this summer? Do you wish that this service time was offered more often? Starting in September, the Wednesday evening worship services will continue. On September 6th, October 4th, and November 1st, we will offer a Wednesday evening worship service (in addition to our Sunday morning services).

Wednesday, November 1st
6:00 pm @ Trinity
Worship w/Communion

Wednesday, December 6th
6:00 pm @ Trinity
Worship w/Communion

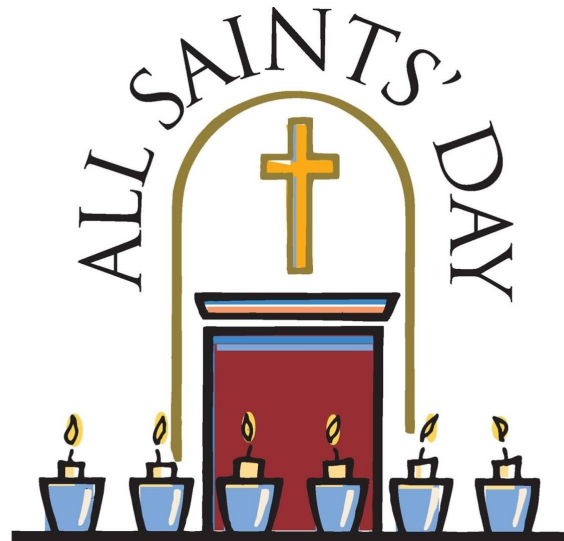
If Sunday morning worship doesn't work for you, come Wednesday evenings instead



Please join us for a special worship service the night before Thanksgiving where we will hear scripture texts about how faithful and full of abundance our God is and sing our praise and thanks to Him for all that He has blessed us with. If you have family around, invite them to join us for worship. This year's Parish Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be on Wednesday, November 22nd at Waverly beginning at 7:00 pm.

All-Saints Sunday is November 5th this year. Traditionally on All-Saints Sunday, we remember all of those faithful saints who have died, specifically those who have died since All-Saints Sunday last year. This year we will remember:

- Delores Daleske
- Arline "Pat" Hagen
- Elaine Bergemann
- Donald Saxen
- Charleen Swanson
- Selma "Tud" Peterson
- Lowell Wohlhuter
- Curt Anderson
- Phyllis Arndt
- John Planting
- Lola Hagen
- Howard Jorgenson
- Muriel Armbrust
- Betty Stine
- Shirley "Tootie" Gerdes



Please join us on Sunday, November 5th as we remember and give thanks for these saints and all of the saints who now rest from their labors in the arms of their Savior. Worship with Holy Communion begins at 8:30 AM at St. Peter and 10:30 AM at Trinity and Waverly. Remember that Daylight Savings ends on November 5th.



PRAYER CONCERNS




As Christians, we believe that prayer is our way of communicating with God. We also believe in the power of prayer; that God actually hears our prayers of thanksgiving and our cries for help. Since everyone is in need of prayers, each week during all worship services we will pray for a few families in our parish.



HIGH SCHOOL

We will meet on Wednesday, November 8th for our next youth group meeting at Trinity at 7:00 pm.





Is on break until the spring of 2018

GIVE Thanks
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS love ENDURES
FOREVER!

Psalm 107:2

Reminder to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday, November 4th.

Daylight-saving time ends

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.




If your church does Operation Christmas Child boxes, the national collection week is November 13—20. Trimont Methodist is once again a collection sight. Hours for collection are:


Monday & Tuesday (Nov. 13-14) 9-11 am
 Wednesday (Nov. 15) 9—11 am, 6—8 pm
 Thursday & Friday (Nov. 16-17) 4-7 pm
 Saturday & Sunday (Nov. 18-19) 1-4 pm
 Monday—(Nov. 20) 9-noon

The cost for each box is \$9.00. (this is an increase)
 Resources and info can be found online @ www.samaritanspurse.org

FYI:
Toothpaste and hard candy are no longer allowed in the boxes.



2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Please join Pastor Anthony and Pastor Stephanie as we walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation beginning in Rome and ending in Germany in the summer of 2018. Brochures are available in all three churches. For more information talk to Pastor Anthony.

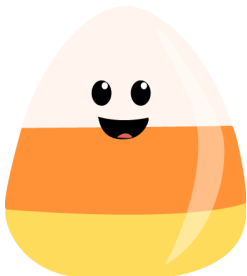


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COUNCIL MINUTES

Parish Council October 4, 2017

Parish Council Members present include: Jeff Leuth: Scott Morrow, Deb Philipp, Deanne Gaalswyk Karen Helvig, Jon Saxen and Jody Franck. Council President from Trinity, Henry Borchardt is present and Pastor Anthony Christoffels.

Jon Saxen made a motion to approve the agenda is written. Jeff Leuth seconded that motion.

Jon Saxen made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as written. Scott Morrow seconded that motion.

Treasurer's report: Jon Saxen presented the August and September reports and asked if there were any questions. Jeff Leuth made a motion to accept the August and September.

Treasurer's reports as written. Scott Morrow seconded that motion.

Pastor Report: The 5th Anniversary celebration for Circle of Faith parishes will be held on October 15th at Trinity in Welcome. Beginning at 9:15 a joint Sunday School and coffee hour will be held. Joint Worship Service will begin at 10:30 with a potluck dinner to follow. The Wednesday night worship has seen good attendance with 52 present in September and 45 present in August We will discuss the trial periods of 1st Wednesday evening worship of each month at the December meeting. Questions to think about are should we continue once a month services throughout the winter or increase in frequency??? We will add December 6th as a Wednesday evening worship opportunity beginning at 6p.m at Trinity. There will be a discussion about these services in January.

Pastor Anthony shared that Stephanie has been notified that she will be deployed for one year beginning around September 2018 and return in August 2019. She will receive two more notices on the date that she will be deployed. She would be on a peace keeping mission which will more than likely be in the country of Kuwait. There was a discussion on supporting Stephanie to ease Pastors schedule in any way we can.

Committee Updates: none

Old Business none

New Business:

2018 Proposed Budget was presented by Treasurer, Jon Saxen. Deanne Gaalswyk made a motion to accept the 2018 as presented. Jody Franck seconded that motion.

There was a discussion about the Funeral custodian fee. The family will give compensation to the custodian of \$100. Jon Saxen made a motion to accept this compensation for the custodian. Scott seconded that motion.

Funeral flowers/memorials: There was a discussion of a policy to be set if someone from the Parish Council lost a spouse, child or parent a memorial piece will be given to the member from the

Parish Council. It was decided to spend \$75 on this memorial item. Jon Saxen made a motion to accept this funeral flower policy. Scott Morrow seconded that motion. Jody Franck will research the item to purchase and make it gender specific and to have an inventory of 3 memorial pieces available.

There was a discussion to hold Parish Council meetings in the odd numbered months beginning in January.

A new item will be added to the bulletins each week beginning soon. Pastor is calling it, "Everyone needs a Prayer." Lisa will randomly chose two or three families each week from the directory. Names will be printed in the bulletin and announced in Pastor's daily prayers at Worship Services.

Christmas Eve Schedules on Sunday, December 24th will be at 5 o'clock at Waverly and Trinity. St Peter's in Ceylon will begin at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, December 20th at 6p.m at Trinity we will hold a joint service replacing our 4th Sunday in Advent. There will be no Christmas Day services at any of the Circle of Faith Parishes. New Years' Eve on Sunday, December 31st will be at the normal worship service times at each of the churches.

Pastor Anthony will be on vacation from Dec 25th - January 1st.

Lenten Eve schedule of times of services:

There was a discussion and decision to have a Round robin schedule for Pastors Anthony, Eric and Stephanie and each Pastor will be preaching either at Circle of Faith or Stephanie's churches during the 5 Lenten Wednesdays. Each church would have a normal Ash Wednesday schedule.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec 5th Tuesday at 6p.m location to be determined. Spouses are invited to this meeting to celebrate the holiday season.

Jon Saxen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jody Franck seconded the motion.

Sincerely submitted, Deb Philipp - Parish Council Secretary

Trinity Council October 10, 2017

Members present were Pastor Eric, Pastor Anthony, Henry Borchardt, John Borchardt, Jean Schock, Velma Schaal, Bob and Lonnie Moffitt and Becky Detert.

Henry called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved as listed.

Pastor Eric gave opening devotions from Luke 6. It talks about the blessed being the weak, poor and suffering. God's glory is in the beauty he has created and the tragedy of people suffering as shown in the shooting that took place in Las Vegas. The minute Peter figures out who Jesus is, Jesus says he must suffer and die.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Anthony stated that the Wednesday night worship services are going well with about 50 in attendance. He also mentioned that Stephanie has been given notice of possibly deploying in the next year. Pastor has notified the Synod of this.

Reports were gone over – Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary reports. Bob made a motion to approve the reports and Jean seconded it. Motion carried.

Parish Council Report – Night meetings were discussed. If/when Stephanie is deployed, Pastor is asking if all council meetings could be on the same night and also held every other month. Starting in January the parish council will meet every other month on the odd months. The other councils will follow the same schedule.

Christmas Eve schedule will be a little different this year since Christmas Eve day is on Sunday. The Parish Council has decided to have a Wednesday night service on December 20th at 6:00 which will be the 4th week of Advent. There will be a confirmation pizza party on December 20th before the church service. There will be no Sunday morning service on December 24th but there will be a 5:00 evening service at Trinity and a 7:00 evening service at St. Peter.

A discrepancy with the fee for funerals was discovered by the funeral home. The parish made the funeral fee \$100 to match the wedding fee.

In the prayer concerns each Sunday we will begin praying for everyone in the Parish. Two or three families will be mentioned by name each Sunday in the prayers as we should pray for everyone.

The budget numbers for the coming year for the assessment for Trinity is \$13,172 with the credit on the assessment figured in. Trinity's percentage went to 36% this year.

October 15 will be the anniversary service for the 5th anniversary of the Circle of Faith Parish. There will be joint Sunday School at 9:15 with a coffee time during this hour. There will be a joint service beginning at 10:30 with communion and a potluck dinner to follow. Dessert and beverages will be furnished by Trinity.

NEW BUSINESS

Custodian position was discussed. There have been 4 applications submitted to date. Jean and Velma will

do interviews. Cheryl has agreed to stay on through the end of October so the position will have a November 1 starting date.

Cemetery By-Laws were discussed and need to be updated. The last ones found were from December of 1937. Jean and John will get some options together for the cost of the lots and care. The lot sizes are 12 x 24 for a full lot and 12 x 12 for a half lot. On December 1, 2003 there was a note in the by-laws that up to 4 cremations could be in a plot with an urn burial for each person. To change the by-laws for cost of lots and care it will take a 2/3 majority vote and there needs to be 30 days notice prior to the vote. There are 8 to 10 empty lots in amongst the others and then there are several empty lots to the south.

There was discussion on some trees that need to be taken out at the cemetery. There is a quote to remove the trees and stumps and clean up afterwards for about \$3,000.

Becky made a motion to pay the lawn mowers an extra ½ month for September due to the long season. Jean seconded. Motion carried.

There are several council positions that will need to be filled this year – President, Financial Secretary, two for the Caring Committee, Property Committee and four for the Faith Formation Committee. There was no Faith Formation Committee this last year for lack of volunteers to take the positions. It would also be appreciated if someone would volunteer to be the Sexton for the cemetery.

The next meeting will be December 12, 2017 at 6:30.

Bob made a motion, seconded by Velma to adjourn. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Lonnie Moffitt

St. Peter Council No October meeting

Waverly Council No October meeting

Ushers & Worship Assistants

St Peter

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
NOVEMBER		
5	Bernice Lehmann	Jeannine Rasmussen & Bernice Lehmann
12	Jordan Petshcke	Shirley Schmidt / Kathy Bremer
19	Jeff Petshcke	James and Aubrey Plumhoff
26	Jeannine Rasmussen	Dale and Jeanne Leiding
DECEMBER 3	Muriel Klenz	Jeremy and Chelsie WInk

Trinity

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION
NOVEMBER 1 (Wed.)		Bob Swanson Audrey Swanson		Jon Saxen John Frerichs
5	MaryAnn Frerichs	Joel and Becky Detert	Kylee Jagodzinske Logan Huges	Brian Burmeister Velma Schaal
12	Megan Gerhardt	Bob Swanson Carlene Hand	MiKenna Harder Brianna Morrow	
19	Liz Stahl	Jean Schock Starr Spiegeler	Brice Oeschle Kylee Jagodzinske	
26	MaryAnn Frerichs	Lonnie and Bob Moffitt	Logan Hughes Kiaya Schweiss	Henry Borchardt Tony Truesdell
Dec. 3	Megan Gerhardt	Todd Williams Larry Puhrman	Brianna Morrow Brice Oeschle	John Garbers John Frerichs

Waverly

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
November 5	Mary Lou Sherman	Kendra Helvig	Youth	Tom Peterson
12	Lynette Shaw	Tim Peterson	Youth	Tom Peterson
19	Nate	Worship Team	Nathan/Kelley	Kiley
23	Thanksgiving Eve	Service	7 pm	
26	Rosemary Atzenhoefer	Pastor	Youth	Tom Peterson
Dec. 3	Deanne Gaalswyk	Tom Peterson	Youth	Laurie Sherman

November Ushers: John Sherman, Tim Peterson, Cliff Armbrust, Brad Sherman, Jeff Armbrust

December Ushers: Steve Williamson, Troy Schmidtke, Todd Rathman, Will Hecht



St. Peter Ripples



Sunday School—Sunday, November ? 9:30—11 am



Next meeting: November 1st @ 1:30 pm

Hostesses: Jeannine and Darcia

Bible Study: Session 3 of the Apostles Creed: We believe in the Holy Spirit — the Holy Spirit breathes chaos into order, bringing the whole of creation into line with

God's plan.

Janice and I attended the Fall Gathering at Our Savior's in New Ulm on October 7th. There were 8 churches represented with an attendance of 38 women. 1/2 of the offering goes to the Synod and 1/2 to Lutheran Disaster Relief. The Liberian Phabe Hospital solar project is going well and they plan a formal ribbon cutting on November 16th. Owe-in-kind offering for 2018 will be personal care kits - one light weight bath size towel, 2 or 3 bath size bars of soap, 1 adult size toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb and 1 metal mail clippers.

The Salvation Army food drive donation box will be in the narthex. The need is always great.

Muriel reports a treasury balance of \$1,674.00. We gave \$50. to the Conference meeting.

I will be working on the 2018 yearbook soon. There will be a few changes made on the service group list. **Please** let me know if you no longer wish to be contacted to help with funerals or July breakfasts, etc. With only 2 service groups, it is very important that we get as much help as possible. If I do not get a phone call or note (I have no email) by Dec. 1st I will assume you are willing to still be contacted. "Thank You" for helping me out with this. My cell phone: 712-330-3857 or landline answering machine: 712-865-3650 or address: 5075 130th St, Dolliver, IA 50531. This is only for service groups - you still remain on the prayer chain etc. Thanks again !

We wish to thank Bob Nelson for sharing his garden produce with us. We especially enjoyed all the beautiful gladiolus. Thanks Bob!!!

Next work duty: Group 1. November Altar care: Bernice Lehmann

Honorary November birthday: Ann Yackle - Nov. 21.

Holy Breath, Holy Hope, Holy Spirit, breathe on us and bring holy order to our hearts, our minds and our world. Amen

Love, Jeannine



*I'm thankful for God above and
for His precious gifts of warmth and love.
I'm thankful for my home and for my family too,
And for the blessings I receive the whole year through.*





Trinity Ripples



Sounds of the Season

Music for the Soul !
Minnesota Style

Grand Ole Opera Christmas Music
JCC Performing Arts Center
1128 N Highway, Jackson, MN



Saturday, December 2nd. 7:30 pm \$19.00 each

Contact Carolyn Strausser by Monday, November 20th. 507-848-5761



Meet @ Trinity, Welcome to car pool, leaving @ 6:45 pm.
Need ride (no problem) just let me know.



Waverly Ripples



Thank you, dear friends at Waverly!

It was the sixth time that about 60 people happily met in the Gloria Dei parking lot on a chilly early autumn Sunday morning. It was before 7am, when other families are barely out of bed. The group that gathered included children of all ages, from under 2 years through middle school, especially 15 excited third graders, parents, and grandparents. They made the 2 ½ hour bus ride to Waverly Lutheran in Trimont, MN, where the congregation was gathered outside the church waiting for our arrival, holding signs with the names of each third grader high in the air.

Third grade families met their buddies for the day and warmed up with coffee and donuts while they got acquainted. The church bell ushered everyone into worship, where all three Bible texts for the day, all texts on stewardship, were acted out by Waverly members of all ages. And to our surprise, we found we were not the only guests for the day! A group of people from South Africa, a sister church of Waverly, had traveled much further and delighted everyone with their inspirational songs. We gathered first around the Lord's Table together and then in the warm sunshine around Waverly tables with grilled pork chops, a host of salads, and desserts.

Then the activities of the day began – jumping from tall hay bales, diving into a corn bin, bobbing for apples, pony rides, climbing on a dozen tractors and other farm equipment, tractor hay rides, miniature train rides, and best of all, time with the baby chicks, sheep, pigs, and rabbit. The beautiful autumn sunshine graced our day together, full of warmth, outside and inside. We were once again warmed by the generous outpouring of love from our Waverly friends.

The final surprise of the day was a visit to a not-quite-complete new pig barn – with the first delivery of 1200 baby pigs arriving in days. The barn offered the most modern technology to make a pig's life comfortable, healthy, and pleasant! We learned so much!

The ride back home was hushed as everyone contemplated what we had experienced. Waverly calls it "Homecoming", and for Gloria Dei people that is exactly what it has become! Thank you, dear friends at Waverly!



November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Harper Armbrust John Schmidtke Jason Bakke	2 Melanie Koehler Tami Rasmussen	3 Don & Marilyn Schlager '60	4 Stephanie Sherman
5 Kristie Pomeranke	6 Daniel Helvig Kathy Anderson	7 Russell Rosenberg Larry & Barb Schmidt Dick & Marlys Traetow '25	8 Delano Bergemann Phil Bettin Carmyne Hecht Gracie Mulso	9 	10 Sandra Ehlert Wyatt Harder James & Aubrey Plumhoff '10	11 Joan Ellis Robert Olson Cory Cheever Marilyn Oelke
12 Carl Hughes Carl Rabbe Dale & Jeanne Leiding '40	13 Pauline Gibson	14 Jocelyn Schmidtke Marlys Traetow Ruthe Young Steve & Eileen Morrow	15 Elaine Johnson Kelsey Binner Kyle Binner	16 Carol Thiesse Travis Winter	17 Nancy Nordstrom Nathan Nordstrom Camryn Clow	18 Lynette Shaw Gary Roberts
19 Lon Oelke	20 MiKayla Casius John Borchardt David Jensen	21 Sibyl Anderson Annette Yackle Gene Yackle	22 Gavin Hand	23 Cheryl Schwieger Tim & Liz Stahl	24 Harold Juhl Troy & Lacey Schmidtke '5	25
26 Aldor & De Elda Rose '70	27 Jill Schwanz James Armbrust Bruce & Kathy Johnson	28 Mariah Rasmussen	29 James Sherman Jeff & Chelsey Armbrust	30 Kathy Bremer John & Rita Garbers		



November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 am Comm—TSL 1:30 pm WELCA - StP 1:30 pm Dorcas - TSL 4-6 pm Family Conf. 6 pm Wednesday Evening Worship @ TLC	2	3 Parish Office Closed	4 <small>Daylight-saving time ends</small> <small>Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.</small> <small>It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors!</small> 
5 Communion—ALL 8:30 am Worship StP TLC & WLC 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship 	6	7 9:30 am Worship @ THCC 7 pm Mary Circle @	8 2 pm Goldfinch Comm. 4 pm Confirmation 7 pm Youth Group	9 7 pm WLC Council mtg	10 Parish Office Closed	11 
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19 8:30 am Worship StP TLC & WLC 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship WLC Communion	20 Articles due for December Ripples 7 pm StP Council mtg	21	22 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service @ WLC	23  thanksgiving gather thankful family blessed grateful together blessings november	24 Parish Office Closed	25
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For the Beauty of the Earth

As we come into the fall of the year (which for many of us is the most beautiful time of the year). One of the most beautiful spots in England is the town of Bath, on the banks of the Avon River.

It is surrounded by hills and has warm, healing springs. For centuries it has been a destination of the wealthy and the ailing. Folliot Pierpont was born in Bath, then left to go to Cambridge to study. Returning when he was 29, happy to be back where it was so beautiful, his heart was inspired to write this hymn. Each verse thanks God for a different sort of beauty: Vs. 1 - the glory of the skies, the love surrounding us. Vs. 2 - day and night, tree and flower, sun, moon and stars. Vs. 3 - ear and eye, sight and sound. Vs. 4 - love of brother, sister, friends. Vs. 5 - the church lifting its hands in sacrifice. Vs. 6 - the great Love of God, peace on earth, joy in heaven. Closing each verse with "Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise." When this hymn 'crossed the pond' we quickly included it in our Thanksgiving celebrations. It includes so much that we must all be thankful for.

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

5. For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.