Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Good Morning and welcome! We invite you to worship with us often, and ask if you need any assistance! If you are visiting us today, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex, please include your address and phone number. Please place your offering envelope in the plate in the Narthex. Thank You!

Remember in your prayers:
Lynn Wolfgang, Oscar & Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Betty Moore, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Becky Yescavage, Kathy Sell, Donna Day, Elaine Dotterer, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, Linda Bewley, Marcia Auge, Vicki Mest, Nadine Lydic, Clair Burkhart, Carole Mest, Bob McElwee, LaRue Sheetz, Ruth Weiser, Waynette Shafer and Reanna Johnson.

Friends & Family:
Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Catherine Muth, Matt Weller, Geroge Baver, Ruth Sassaman, Peggy & Wendell Wahlstedt, Corbin Riegner, MaryJane Lachmuth and Barbara Nuss.

Families Of:
Scott Thomas, Heidi Clark and Cindy Haas.

Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:
Christopher Heffner, Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic and Seth Kurtz.

Our sister congregation, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.
(Website: Kirche-bornaer-land.de)

Please note, names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, these names will then appear in the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will normally be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year if needed. If you wish for names to remain longer, please speak to Pastor Gene, Linda Ritter or contact the church office. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list current!

This morning Diane McElwee will be the Liturgist and Jenn McCarron will be presenting the gospel by heart and will offer the message.

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The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God by The Mutter Family, in Memory of their Brother Randy and in Honor of All Veterans and also by Donald & Patti Miller, in Honor of their Granddaughter Savannah's 8th Birthday.
The Extra Bouquet of Flowers are presented to the Glory of God in Honor of Our Country's Veterans.
The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God in Honor of Trinity's Choirs.
The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by LaRue Sheetz, in Memory of her Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Frymoyer.

Today's Worship Assistants:
Ushers: Karen Irey* & Janice Sheetz
Lector: Eileen Heffner
Acolyte: Diane McElwee

- (those who are able may stand)

Prelude "A Prayer For the Nation"
W. Hutson

Announcements and Concerns

- **Processional Hymn** LBW# 293
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

- **Greeting**

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

- **Kyrie**


A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. C A - men

- **Hymn of Praise**



- **Prayer of the Day**



- L Let us Pray ...

C O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

PSALM: **Psalm 70**

[1] Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.



L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter



Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

L The Gospel of the Lord.



Senior Choir Anthem "Thank You, Soldiers"
Michael & Angela Souders

Message by Jennifer McCarron

- **Hymn of the Day** LBW# 320
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

- **Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

- **The Prayer of the Church**

L Let us pray for the whole people of God, in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

After each portion of prayers:

L Lord, in your mercy.

C hear our prayer

The prayers conclude:

L Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

- **The 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.

- **Our Mission Statement**

L People of Trinity, what is our mission?

C We shall, as individuals and as a congregation, strive through word, worship, and witness to further the kingdom of God by knowing and sharing Christ's Love in our hearts, in our homes, in His church, in the community, and in the world.

- **Benediction**

L The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen, Amen, Amen.

- **Recessional Hymn** WOV# 742
"Come, We That Love the Lord"

Postlude "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"
E. Boughton

Reprinted from Sundays & Seasons 2026

A Special Thank You to Diane McElwee as our Liturgist and Jennifer McCarron for presenting the gospel by heart and offering the message this morning.

A big thank you from youth ministry for all who donated items or time, helpers, and all who attended Pizza and Pumpkins. From the traditional Monster Mash sing along, to the games, crafts and food, it was a great success because everyone had FUN! Sorry for whistles parents, but the kids loved them!

The 2027 General Fund Envelopes are on the table in the Parish Hall. Please take your envelopes.

Pastor Gene is currently on vacation, will return to the office on Tuesday, November 10th, in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Greg Frey at 484-432-4809.

Hoagie Fundraiser" for the General Fund. 8" hoagies from Maurizio's Pizza (formerly Pappa Bernards) cost $8.00. The hoagies will be ham, Italian and turkey (onion, no onion). There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. **Orders are due by Sunday, November 8th and pick up on Friday, November 13th — 11:00AM-11:30AM. Please make checks payable to Dennis Schaeffer. Thank You for your support. Thank you also to Dennis Schaeffer for organizing this fundraiser.**

Once again orders will be taken for Shoo Fly Pies, Sticky Buns, Funny Cakes & Pumpkin Roll. Orders will be accepted until Sunday, November 8th. The prices are:
8" Shoofly Pies—$8.50
8" Funny Cakes -$8.50
Plain Sticky Buns—$8.50
Sticky Buns w/nuts -$9.00
Pumpkin Roll -$8.50
Orders will be taken until Sunday, November 8th and pick up at church on Sunday, November 15th. If you wish to place an order, please see Linda Brunner. A Special Thank You to Linda, for organizing this fundraiser.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Boyertown will be hosting a "Salute to Our Veterans" TODAY at 3PM. Featuring the Boyertown East & West Middle School Choir & Keynote Speaker: Commander John Greason, U.S. Coast Guard (Retired), Bronze Star Recipient.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR Operation Christmas Child: We are collecting "filled shoe boxes" for children, as a Christmas Project. Gift suggestions: School supplies, small toys, hygiene items, other items (t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, etc.) Please include the "How to Pack A Shoebox" Insert along with a check or cash for $10.00, filled boxes must be returned to church by **Sunday, November 8th.** Thank you for your support! Any questions, please see Kathy Kuser.

PJ Project: In conjunction with the Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Trinity will once again create "Elf Bags" for needy families for Christmas Eve and are looking for our help to fill these bags. The items needed besides new Children's Larger size pajamas (10/12 & 14/16), Adult Size pajamas for older children (Small-XL), Children's Christmas Books, Family games for older children (Card Games, Sorry, Monopoly, etc.), Monetary donations to purchase items needed, hot chocolate packets and microwave popcorn packets. **Please bring your donation to the box in the Narthex by November 15th.** Any questions, please see Kathy Kuser. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Trinity is also participating with the Lutheran Home at Topton to help spread the Christmas Cheer with their residents. A list of items needed is in the November Newsletter and a listing is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. **New, unwrapped items can only be accepted. Please do not place gift in gift bags, gift bags can be left with item. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, November 15th.**

The deadline for the December Newsletter is Sunday, November 15th, please submit your information to Karen in the Church Office.

Prayer Listing: If you wish to make changes to the Prayer Listing, please see Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene or contact the church office, in order for the change to be made in the December Newsletter.

Trinity will be hosting The Community Thanksgiving Service this year on **Tuesday, November 24th at 7PM.** Joint choirs from area congregations will sing. A monetary offering will benefit the needy in our community. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Multi -Service's community food bank. Refreshments will be served following the service. Please come on out and give thanks with our brothers and sisters in Christ from other congregations.

Youth Advent Activity "It Takes A Village" Sunday, November 29th 4PM-6PM. Our goal is to create a winter gingerbread village. Items Needed: Used Cereal boxes, Small Dairy or OJ cartons, graham crackers and lots of stale Halloween candy (i.e. licorice, skittles, gummies, etc.). Also donations of stale candies, tubes of white frosting, grahams (outdated is ok...but whole crackers is a must.) Tiny candy canes or gumdrops would be nice too! Also a donation of a train set for the evening would be super too! There will be a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Pizza, drinks and fruit will be on hand.

1) Altar Flower arrangement for November 29th is still available, if you would like to sponsor the flowers for that date, please see Mary Snyder or contact the church office.

Christmas Cantata "Hope Has Dawned, Noel" by Mary McDonald is Sunday, December 13th—10:30AM and the Snow Date and Encore Presentation will be Sunday, January 3rd at 3PM.

Trinity will again be participating with the Boyertown Area Multi-Service Angel Tree. More details to come….

Coffee Hour will continue on non-communion Sundays, please volunteer to host Coffee Hour in order for this time of fellowship to continue. There is a Sign Up Sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

You may sponsor Altar Flowers, <u>the cost of the flowers has increased for (1) vase $34.00 and (2) vases $68.00</u>, please contact Mary Snyder. **If you wish to sponsor flowers and that date is not available, you can always sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for $40.00. When sponsoring flowers,** please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope "Flowers". If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder 610-473-8885 or the church office know. **If you wish to sponsor the bulletins, the cost is $15.00 to offset the cost of printing.**

Trinity's Gift Card Program - Orders will be taken before and after the church service the first Sunday of the month and will be distributed at church the second Sunday of the month. Order forms for Redners, Giant, and Raise Right will be available at church and the Raise Right order form is also found on Trinity's website. **Please note**: Weis Markets cards ($25, $100) can be ordered through Raise Right for those who physically shop at the store. **Weis cards cannot be used for online orders. KOHL'S GIFT CARDS CANNOT BE USED TO PAY YOUR KOHL'S CHARGE. We apologize for any inconvenience.** Payment must be submitted with your order; checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. **Be sure to include your phone number on your order form.**

HOSPITAL INPATIENT STAY: Please contact Pastor Gene if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, due to privacy laws, the hospital no longer contacts the church.

Need a ride? We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can't find a ride. Please contact Pastor Gene 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.

Bibles are available in the rack in the Narthex for you to reference during worship. You may also take home to reference, please return when you are finished.

Devotionals are available in the rack in the Narthex. If you enjoy the devotionals, please make a donation to help offset the cost. Thank You.

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

November 15 – Elf Bags (Multi-Service)

December – No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!

Trinity's events for the upcoming week:

Sunday, November 8th-**Hoagie Orders Due**
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
Tuesday, November 10th- 6:30 Youth Ministry Mtg.
7:00 Church Council Mtg.
Wednesday, November 11th-6:30 TLC Stitchers
7:00 Bible Study
Thursday, November 12th- 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice
7:30 Cantata Practice
Friday, November 13th- 11:00 Hoagie Pick Up
Sunday, November 15th- 8:00 Cont. Worship Serv.
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
w/Communion

Next Week's Worship Assistants:
Sunday, November 15th:

Assisting Minister: Erika Zaiser
Server: Sheila Eddinger
Ushers: Linda Brunner* & Uta Hahn
Lector: Sheila Eddinger
Acolyte: Vicki Mest

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 11/01/2026

Attendance	Offerings		
Worship/S.S.	General	Hunger	Scrip
51/14	$2,212.00	$10.00	$16,150.00

Benevolence	Bldg. Maint.
$50.00	$153.00

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance	Offerings	
Worship	General	Benevolence
23	$1,965.00	0

Build. Maint.
0

Total Attendance	**Total Offering**
74	$4,172.00

Simply Giving for September 2026 - 4 Sundays

	Total	**Weekly Avg**
General Fund	$4130	$1032.50
Building	$ 155	$ 38.75
World Hunger	$ 40	$ 10.00
Benevolence	$ 245	$ 61.25
Organ	$ 15	$ 3.75

Grand Total for September 2026: $4,585

Grand Total January-September 2026: $41,845.00



Earn up to 15% on Christmas presents, hostess gifts, and holiday entertaining

Give the gift that gives back

If you need a Christmas present, hostess gift, or groceries for holiday entertaining, gift cards are always a great choice - whether you shop using gift cards or give them as gifts. It's even more thoughtful because you're giving back to Trinity.

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SEPHORA TEXAS ROADHOUSE Wawa VISA

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The Community Clothing Rack
Schedule

1st Wednesday
Donations Accepted

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays
Shoppers Welcome

2nd Thursday
Shoppers Welcome
6:00PM-8:00PM

5th Wednesday
CLOSED

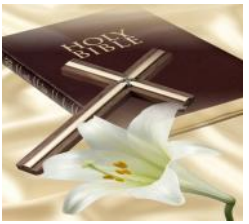
Hours
1:00PM-4:00PM

Summer Hours Only
June-August
9:00AM-12:00PM

Closed on all major holidays.
In the case of inclement weather,
Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.
CCR is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church
Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing
necessary clothing to the underserved.

www.StLukeGilbertsville.org

Readings for Personal Devotion



M	1 Samuel 2:27-36
T	Ezekiel 13:1-16
W	Matthew 23:13-28
Th	Malachi 1:6--2:9
F	1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Sa	Psalm 5

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The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Zaiser, DMin., Pastor
Mrs. Jennifer McCarron, Director of Music
Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Catherine M. Yoder, Sexton
The Members of this Congregation are its Ministers

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(Or by Appointment)

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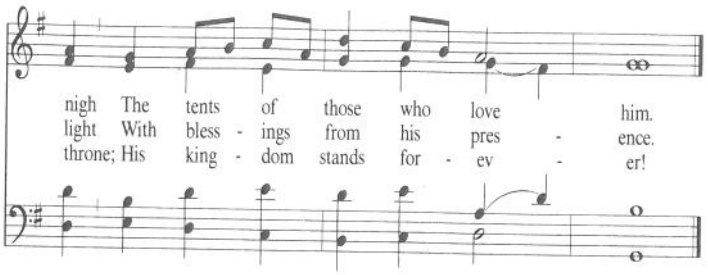
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293 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

THE SOLID ROCK
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© Text: Julius Krohn, 1835-1888, tr. composite, alt.
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O God, Our Help in Ages Past 320



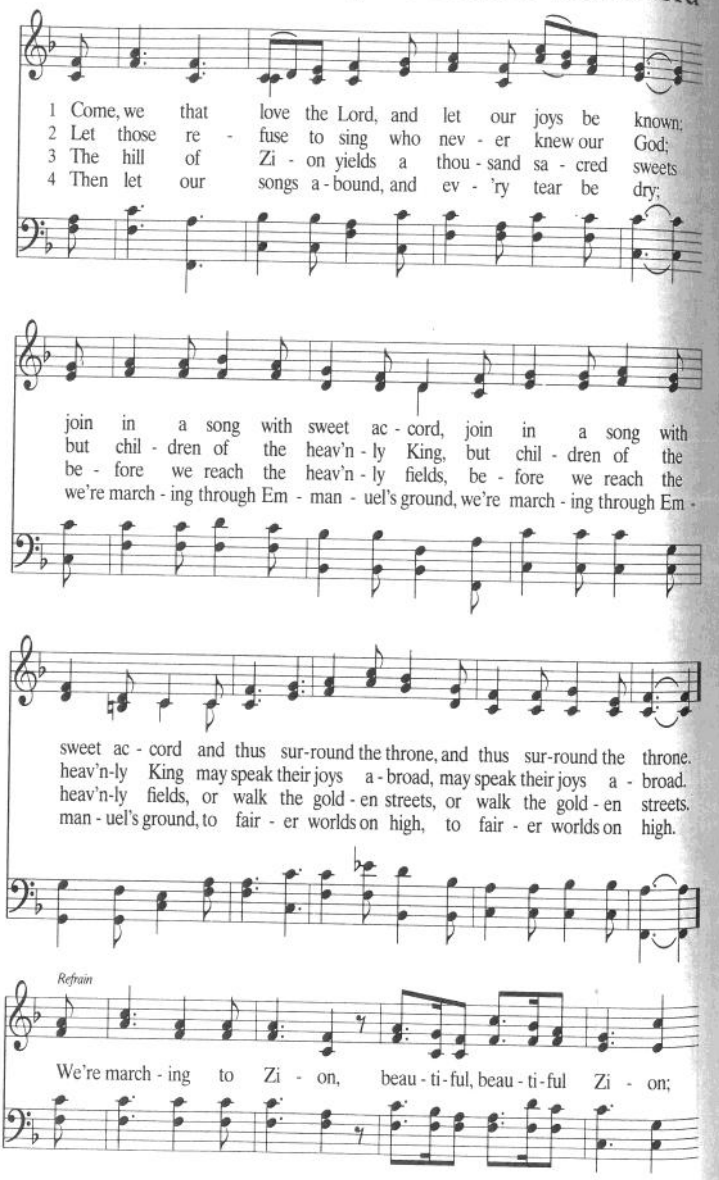
5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Tune: William Croft, 1678-1727

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Come, We That Love the Lord





Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

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Stay with Us

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Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: Walter L. Pelz, b. 1926
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