

# REFORMATION ERA HYMNS

## FOR THE 2017 HISTORIC CHURCH YEAR

### Lutheran Reformation 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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Nov. 27	Advent 1	90	Savior of the Nations, Come	Bishop Ambrose of Milan penned this Latin hymn in the 4th century. Martin Luther prepared a German translation in 1524.
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Jan. 1	Circumcision of Jesus	148	Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men	A choirmaster and schoolteacher, Nickolaus Herman published this hymn in 1560.
Jan. 6	Epiphany	167	How Lovely Shines the Morning Star	Known as the "Queen of Chorales," Philipp Nicolai published these chalice-shaped stanzas in 1599.
Jan. 8	Epiphany 1	186	Ye Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught	Author of about 400 hymns, Ludwig Helmbold published this one in 1596, two years before his death.
Jan. 15	Epiphany 2	173	The Star Proclaims the King Is Here	Coelius Sedulius wrote this Latin hymn around 450, and it remained in use at the time of the Reformation.
Jan. 22	Epiphany 3	591	May God Bestow on Us His Grace	Based on Psalm 67, Martin Luther published this mission hymn in 1524.
Jan. 29	Epiphany 4	219	Lord, as Thou Wilt, Deal Thou with Me	Kaspar Bienemann wrote this hymn in 1574 as a plague spread across Germany.
Feb. 5	Transfiguration	224	The Only Son from Heaven	Elisabeth Cruciger, the first female Lutheran hymn writer, published this hymn in 1524.

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Feb. 12	Septuagesima	227	Salvation Unto Us Is Come	Considered “the great confessional hymn of the Reformation,” Paul Speratus published it in 1524.
Feb. 19	Sexagesima	589	Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word	Martin Luther wrote this children’s hymn about the threats of false teachers in the church and enemies outside of it.
Feb. 26	Baptism of Jesus	547	To Jordan Came Our Lord	One of Martin Luther’s Catechism hymns, this hymn on Baptism was first published in 1541 or 1542.
Mar. 1	Ash Wednesday	41	Lamb of God, Pure and Holy	A Roman Catholic monk turned Lutheran teacher, Nikolaus Decius published this version of the Agnus Dei in 1531.
Mar. 5	Lent 1	250 251	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	Based on Psalm 46, Martin Luther wrote this impactful “Battle Hymn of the Reformation” in 1529.
Mar. 12	Lent 2	257	When in the Hour of Utmost Need	Based on the words of King Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 20:12, this hymn by Paul Eber was published in 1560.
Mar. 19	Lent 3	261	Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode	Based on Psalm 73:25-26, Joachim Magdeburg published the first stanza in 1572; two more were added by 1597.
Mar. 25	Annunciation	268	On Mary, Virgin Undeiled	Hans Thomissøn published this revision of an older Danish hymn in 1569.
Mar. 26	Lent 4	25	O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace	Bartholomaüs Ringwaldt, a Lutheran pastor in Prussia, published this hymn in 1581.
Apr. 2	Lent 5	275	We Bless Thee, Jesus Christ Our Lord	This children’s Passion hymn by Christoph Vischer was published in 1597.
Apr. 9	Palm Sunday	278	O Jesus, King Most Wonderful	Written by Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153), whom Martin Luther called “the most pious monk that ever lived.”
Apr. 13	Maundy Thursday	327	O Lord, We Praise Thee	Adding to the first stanza of 15 <sup>th</sup> century origin, Martin Luther included stanzas two and three in a 1524 publication.

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Apr. 14	Good Friday	337	Our Blessed Savior Seven Times Spoke	A contemporary of Martin Luther, Johann Böschenstein published this hymn in 1515, just prior to the Reformation.
Apr. 16	Easter Sunday	343	Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands	Martin Luther published this powerful adaptation of earlier Easter song texts in 1524.
Apr. 23	Easter 2	33	We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost	Adding to the first stanza of 13 <sup>th</sup> century origin, Martin Luther added three more stanzas in a 1524 publication.
Apr. 30	Easter 3	35	All Glory Be to God on High	A Roman Catholic monk turned Lutheran teacher, Nikolaus Decius published this hymn in 1525.
May 7	Easter 4	48	In Peace and Joy I Now Depart	Based on Simeon's song in Luke 2:29-32, Martin Luther published this hymn in 1524.
May 14	Easter 5	378	Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice	This powerful testimony to the Gospel was written by Martin Luther in 1523 or 1524.
May 21	Easter 6	383	Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above	One of Martin Luther's Catechism hymns, this version of the Lord's Prayer was published in 1539.
May 25	Ascension of Jesus	45	We Sing Thy Praise, O God	Martin Luther wrote this version of the "Te Deum Laudamus" around 1529.
May 28	Easter 7	396	If God Had Not Been on Our Side	Based on Psalm 124, Martin Luther published this hymn in 1524.
June 4	Pentecost	2	Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord	Adding to the first stanza of 15 <sup>th</sup> century origin, Martin Luther included stanzas two and three in a 1524 publication.
June 11	Holy Trinity	38	We All Believe in One True God	One of Martin Luther's Catechism hymns, this version of the Nicene Creed was published in 1524.
June 18	Trinity 1	406	Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart	A student of Philipp Melancthon, Martin Schalling wrote this hymn around 1567.

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June 25	Presentation of the Augsburg Confession	549	O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word	Published in 1527, Martin Luther approved of this hymn, but it was written by a different and unknown author.
July 2	Visitation	47	My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord	Based on Mary's song in Luke 1:46-55, the author of this German version is unknown.
July 9	Trinity 4	11	Come, Holy Ghost, in Love	A Latin hymn from the 13 <sup>th</sup> century, the Lutheran Reformers quoted it in the 1530 Augsburg Confession (article XX).
July 16	Trinity 5	415	I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone	Written by Johann Schneesing and revised by Konrad Hubert, Martin Luther included this hymn in his 1545 hymnbook.
July 23	Trinity 6	430	By Adam's Fall Is All Forlorn	Lazarus Spengler, a town clerk in Nürnberg and friend of Martin Luther, published this sturdy hymn in 1524.
July 30	Trinity 7	386	Lord God, Who Art My Father Dear	Attributed to Johann Mathesius (1504-1565), who worked with Nikolaus Herman in Joachimsthal, Bohemia.
Aug. 6	Trinity 8	440	O Lord, Look Down from Heaven	Based on Psalm 12, Martin Luther wrote this hymn in 1523 and published it the following year.
Aug. 13	Trinity 9	78	The Radiant Sun Shines in the Skies	A version of Martin Luther's Morning Prayer, Nikolaus Herman wrote this hymn for his students. (see also #562)
Aug. 20	Trinity 10	490	These Are the Holy Ten Commands	One of Martin Luther's Catechism hymns, this version of the Ten Commandments was published in 1524. (see also #488)
Aug. 27	Trinity 11	452	Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee	Based on Psalm 130, Martin Luther wrote this hymn in 1523 and often sang it with friends in troubling times.
Sept. 3	Trinity 12	456	My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker	Won over to the Reformation after hearing Luther debate, Johann Gramann wrote this hymn on Psalm 103 in 1525.
Sept. 10	Trinity 13	26	O Holy Ghost, Thou Gift Divine	Bartholomaüs Ringwaldt, a Lutheran pastor in Prussia, published this hymn in 1581.

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Sept. 24	Trinity 15	477	The Will of God Is Always Best	This hymn is attributed to Duke Albrecht of Brandenburg, one of the government officials who supported the Reformation.
Sept. 29	St. Michael, All Angels	545	Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise	Philipp Melanchthon, Martin Luther's close friend and associate, published this angelic hymn in 1543.
Oct. 1	Trinity 19	417	"So Truly As I Live," God Saith	A choirmaster and schoolteacher, Nickolaus Herman published this hymn on absolution in 1560.
Oct. 8	Trinity 20	511	Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide	Nickolaus Selnecker published seven stanzas of this hymn in 1578, and two more were added in a later publication.
Oct. 15	Trinity 21	18	God the Father, Be Our Stay	Published in 1524, this hymn is Martin Luther's revision of a medieval litany from the 15 <sup>th</sup> century.
Oct. 22	Trinity 22	522	O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee	Nickolaus Selnecker published this hymn in 1572, five years before the Formula of Concord which he co-authored.
Oct. 29	Trinity 23	524	In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust	Based on Psalm 31:1-5, Adam Reusner published this hymn in 1533, and Martin Luther included it in his hymnbook of 1545.
Oct. 31	Reformation Day	551	Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain	Author of about 400 hymns, Ludwig Helmbold published this hymn about the Small Catechism in 1594.
Nov. 1	All Saints Day	556	Flung to the Heedless Winds	Martin Luther published these stanzas (part of a much longer poem) in 1523 after the martyrdom of two Lutherans.
Nov. 5	Trinity 24	530	I Fall Asleep in Jesus' Wounds	This comforting hymn is attributed to Paul Eber (1511-1569), an associate of Martin Luther and Philipp Melanchthon.
Nov. 12	3 <sup>rd</sup> to Last Sunday	573	O Lord, My God, I Cry to Thee	Nickolaus Selnecker published this hymn in 1572, making reference in stanza one to Martin Luther's Evening Prayer.

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Nov. 26	Last Sunday	544	Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying	Known as the “King of Chorales,” Philipp Nicolai wrote these chalice-shaped stanzas around 1597.
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