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Hymns We Love to Sing: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing Pastor Schuldheisz

Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

John 1:29

It has been said that art is a feast for the eyes. From a child's artwork hanging on the refrigerator to priceless paintings hanging in the Getty, this proves true time and time again. The same can also be said for music, where we receive a feast for the ears. Text and tune are mixed and plated for us in the presentation and proclamation of the Gospel in our hymns and liturgy.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing, is a musical banquet for the ears and our faith in Christ. Though we don't know who wrote the text of this ancient hymn, we do know that it was originally written in Latin sometime between the 5th-10th centuries. The tune was originally a 15th century folk tune and was later included by the Bohemian Brethren in their hymnal compiled in Prague in 1566. This is the same tune we find in *Lutheran Service Book*, giving this hymn a vibrant, rich melody that supports the biblical themes of the Exodus, Passover, Christ's death and resurrection throughout.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing is a hymn where the main course that is served in every stanza is Jesus crucified and risen for you. It is at the same time both an Easter hymn, proclaiming Christ's triumph over sin, death, and the devil, and a Lord's Supper hymn, declaring that the fruit of Jesus' passion now comes to us in the Greater Passover of Jesus' body and blood. It's no coincidence

then, that *Lutheran Service Book* places this hymn in the Lord's Supper section. The Lord's Supper truly is the Lamb's high feast. At Easter we rejoice in Christ's victory over death by his death. And we receive the gifts won for us on the cross in the feast of the Divine Service, in the Lamb's high feast at the altar.

Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God is seen feasting with his people and providing food for his people in body and soul. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Lord's Supper. In the Sacrament of the Altar, Jesus, the Lamb of God is present with us and for us. In the Eucharist, he gives us his flesh to eat and his blood to drink for our forgiveness. At the Lord's Supper, Jesus brings us the paschal feast, the fruit of his pascha (suffering) on our behalf.

What do we say to all of this? What else can we say but Amen! Alleluia! And that's exactly what we sing as we approach the Lamb's high feast. Alleluia! Praise the Lord. He has rescued us from sin forever. He has destroyed the last enemy of death. He has conquered our ancient foe the devil. And now he is the host, waiter, and meal at the greatest feast of all, the Lamb's high feast.

Next time you sing this hymn, I pray it draws your hearts and minds to the Lord's Table where he feeds you with the medicine of immortality, the bread of heaven, holy food, and the true Passover meal where you are fed in body and soul. A blessed Easter season to you all!

At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious king, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!	foe. Alleluia! Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!	You have opened paradise, And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia! Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's power, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!	Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce powers beneath you lie; You have conquered in the fight You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!	Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!
Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the	Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;	LSB 633

Bible Studies will be starting back-up in September. Be thinking about which one you might like to join!

**Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays—10am; Ladies Bible Study, Tuesdays—7pm;
Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays—7pm, Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10:45am**

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF PART-TIME PRESCHOOL AIDES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR. THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, SO WE ARE ANXIOUS TO BE FULLY STAFFED. CONTACT NATASHA SCHULDHEISZ WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

Rally Day!

Rally Day is back! We will be having a sloppy joe potluck to start off the new Sunday School year on September 12th. There is a sign-up sheet for some food items on the board by the drinking fountain.

Sunday School News & Positive Thoughts by Cathy Coleman

♥ Praise God – His grace is sufficient for you, for His power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corin12:9)! And it is free. Christ has asked us to love all people, especially our sisters and brothers in Christ. Jesus wants us to share His love with others. He wants us to speak His Word, His promises, His Grace, which is the undeserved eternal life, He readily gives to all believers. Thank you, Jesus, for what you did on the Cross. Praise God!!! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Three in One.

♥ We have started to plan for Sunday School starting this fall. Rally Day is September 12th. We need a Pre-Kindergarten through first grade teacher. Please keep in mind that team teaching is possible, or if someone has any apprehension, they could just start as an aid to gain confidence. The curriculum is from CPH and easy to follow. If you have any interest at all, please give Cathy Coleman a call @253.332.4880. The teachers are set for 2nd through 4th with Melissa Lee and 5th through high school with John Lee teaching. Thank you so much to our teachers and helpers who have committed to teaching God's word.

♥ Summer School is ongoing! We started with Exodus and the ten commandments. We are working our way through the Old Testament and finding Jesus all the way! I find it ironic that every time I study the "Old Testament" I find the present. What they needed then is what we need now, JESUS!

♥ Please continue to pray for our World Vision sponsored child, Elideth Medrano C. All missions that have



been called to share the Word and the love of Christ need our prayers. Thank you!

♥ Positive thought: In our Sunday School class we went over a very known story in 1 Samuel 17: David and Goliath. David had no sword, no helmet, no shield, no armor. However, David, a shepherd boy, had the "Armor of God." He had the belt of truth buckled around his waist, the breastplate of righteousness, the helmet of Salvation, the sword of the Spirit and so important the Shield of Faith (Eph. 6). Trust in the Lord, and there is no fear.

The children made the Shield of Faith. Pray for our children in the Lord. They have so many arrows pointed at them!

LCMS Stewardship (lcms.org)

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3). And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures; who gave her everything she had; who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil; who called her by the gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament; would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts, it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us. We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Galatians 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So, what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7)!

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, and without resources for the poor and needy.

In short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us. For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.