

# Hymns for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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ELW 736 (Gathering Hymn)

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ELW 739 (Hymn of the Day)

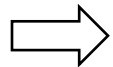
## Touch the Earth Lightly



1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,  
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,  
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,  
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



nour-ish the life of the world in our care:  
a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,  
wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,  
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,  
 we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—  
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,  
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.  
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!  
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.  
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: TENDERNESS, Colin Gibson, b. 1933

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ELW 492 (Hymn during Communion 1)

## Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!  
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.  
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth-ing; taste, and have your fill.  
Rise to tell God's great-ness for - ev - er, won-drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34  
Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young  
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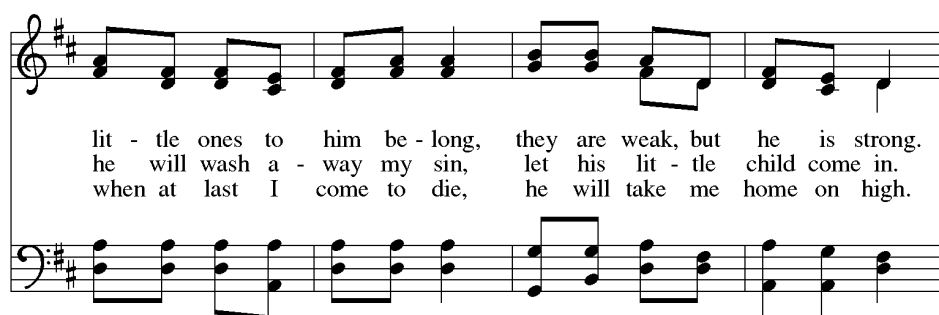
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# ELW 595 (Hymn during Communion 2)

## Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.



*Refrain*  
Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.  
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

ELW 840 (Sending Hymn)

Now Thank We All Our God



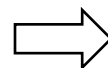
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with three parts indicated by numbers 1, 2, and 3.



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staves, continuing the three parts indicated by numbers 1, 2, and 3.



who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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