



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN HYMNARY

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN HYMNARY

From the Greek *euangelion*, pertaining to the teaching of the gospel, the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection to save sinners

CHRIST-CENTERED LITURGIES

Traditional elements dating back to the early church and Old Testament worship

Rite 1: The "**Bugenhagen Order**" developed for Scandinavians by Johannes Bugenhagen (Martin Luther's pastor)

Rite 2: The "**Common Service**" based on liturgical revisions by Luther; used widely among Lutherans in America

Rite 3: **Modern English text** with music composed by former Bethany Lutheran College professor Alfred Fremder

CHRIST-CENTERED HYMNS

Rich collection from the ancient church to modern times

HOME DEVOTIONAL USE

Brief services, daily prayers, and hymns for morning and evening

FAMILIAR PSALMS

Gospel-rich selections from the Psalms, "the first hymnbook," paired with simple musical tones

From the last name of Martin Luther, of or relating to religious teaching (such as justification by faith alone) expounded by Luther and his colleagues

AUGSBURG CONFESSION OF 1530

Classic Christian **confession printed in full** following the tradition of other confessional Lutheran hymnbooks

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

Greatest tool for Bible instruction of the last 500 years; Luther's Catechism hymns also included

MOST HYMNS BY LUTHERAN AUTHORS

Half the hymns are of German and Scandinavian **Lutheran origin**; many more written in English **by Lutherans**

LARGE NUMBER OF CORE LUTHERAN HYMNS

Among modern hymnbooks, **the most hymns** from the **1545 Babst hymnbook** – the last one endorsed by Luther

From the Medieval Latin word *hymnarium*, a hymnbook containing a collection of hymns

CONSERVATIVE APPROACH

Retains **half** the hymn texts of the 1913 *Lutheran Hymnary* and nearly **two-thirds** from the 1941 *Lutheran Hymnal*

MORE VERSES FROM CLASSIC HYMNS

Allows for **more singing options**, gives **clearer context**, and is **richer for devotional use**

(Compare verse amounts in modern hymnbooks: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth," "Like the Golden Sun Ascending," "One Thing Needful," "Salvation unto Us Is Come," "By Grace I'm Saved")

CLASSIC COMPOSERS

Eighteen compositions and settings by **J. S. Bach**; others by G. F. Händel, E. H. Grieg, and F. Mendelssohn

SINGING ENCOURAGED

Four-part harmony given in liturgies and hymns for congregational or choral use

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