HYMN OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER 2026

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD | LSB 785

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!" (Psalm 95:1–2).

Stanza 1
We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Praise and thanksgiving is the native language of the church. It was the language of Eden and is now the language of heaven. But for now, we live under the Tower of Babel, showered with the language of men and women seeking adoration and praise for themselves. This month, we sing *"We Praise You, O God"* with all the saints and angels of heaven. With adoration and devotion, we bring sacrifices of praise not to any man or woman or even to ourselves, but to our holy Lord, our Redeemer, Creator.

Stanza 2
We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

Worshiping God does not free us from trials, tempests, and perils. The apostle Paul knew this all too well. He wrote, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Rom. 8:18). *continued*

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Rom. 8:37). When trials come, remember Jesus will never forsake us. *"And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win"* — because Jesus always wins!

Stanza 3
With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

In the Divine Service, we praise God *together!* We sing songs of thanksgiving *together!* We praise our great Redeemer *together!* We sing with the people next to us, and with the people three pews in front and eight pews behind us. In "We Praise You, O God," the pronoun "I" is nowhere to be found; rather, the pronouns "we," "our," and "us" appear 24 times. Our Father unites us in the Body of Christ to sing together!

Our singing fills the sanctuary, and more. We sing with churches around the globe. We sing the song of Eden with all the saints and angels in heaven. His strong arm is guiding us to the day when we stand in His presence and sing the glorious song of heaven.

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At St. Paul's, the Hymn of the Month is sung in our worship each week. May these reflections, written by congregation member and retired LCMS pastor Rev. Tim Wilkins, enrich your worship and devotional focus. In our school, children sing the Hymn of the Month in Chapel, learn stanzas as memory work, and study the hymn in music classes.