

Saint Paul Lutheran High School 2011-2012 Hymn of the Year

BEFORE THE ONE TRUE GOD

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Introduction: *All for One*

1. Before the one true God whose name
We hold and hail with glad acclaim,
We offer this poor sacrifice:
Our bodies purchased by the price
Of Jesus' suff'ring, blood, and death,
Our hearts and minds, our lives and breath.

August: *One Body of All*

2. From lands afar and places near,
In one accord we gather here.
Though disp'rate members each may be,
One body in You, Christ, are we;
And to each other we belong
As varied notes in one great song.

September: *One Gift in All*

3. As You have given, so we give
To those around us, that they live
And learn and grow in one accord
Within Your grace and mercy, Lord.
Through teaching, leading, learning we
Use all Your gifts right cheerfully.

October: *One Confession with All*

4. Grant us a love that's genuine;
Lead us, dear Lord, away from sin,
To heartily confess Your name
And turn our backs on vice and shame.
Give us the strength to firmly hold
Fast to the good with hearts made bold.

November: *One Love for All*

5. O Christ, who makes us brothers dear,
Grant us Your grace and cast out fear:
Let each of us affection know
And from us each full honor flow
To all the body's members, who
Are one with us and one with You.

December: *One Zeal by All*

6. As when the shepherds angels heard,
So may it be that at Your Word
Our hearts are stirred to faithful zeal,
Our mouths to voice Your love's appeal,
Our hearts to serve in one accord
Your body and its Head, O Lord.

January: *One Hope for All*

7. O God, we know that all things good
You grant us, Jesus' brotherhood.
Yet also tribulation's wrath
Oft falls on those who trace Christ's path.
Oh, hear our prayer from evil night:
Lord, give us hope that shines forth light.

February: *One Generosity to All*

8. For us, the doors of heaven stand
Full open to the Promised Land.
So thus may we, with arms flung wide,
Give aid to those who ills betide
And welcome to each stranger who,
Into our lives, is sent by You.

March: *One Blessing for All*

9. Though mankind was Your enemy
You sent Your Son to set us free:
And through His blood and righteousness
All people You did choose to bless.
May we who once stood as your foe
Bless those who, to Your Church, mean woe.

April: *One Compassion for All*

10. O Christ, our sin-wrought pains You know
From suff'ring in this world below.
Grant us like hearts that we might feel
The hurts of others, nor conceal
The joy that comes from You above,
But freely share Your boundless love.

May: *One Harmony among All*

11. Concordia!—one heart—have we,
One peace, one love, one harmony.
Throw off our sinful pride of heart,
That love of others be our art
And love of self be cast away,
While serving others day by day.

Close of School: *One Purpose Throughout All*

12. Into the world You bid us go,
Our faith let it not overthrow
But, by Your Word and Spirit kind,
Transform each person's heart and mind,
So, guided by Your holy light,
We think and say and do what's right.

Doxology: *One Praise from All*

13. One God You are, yet Persons Three—You dwell in perfect unity.
May we, though many, with one voice In You forevermore rejoice:
We praise You, Father, with the Son and Holy Spirit, Three-in-One.