

## **Luther on the *Communicatio Idiomatum***

### SUGGESTED READINGS

Sermon on Two Kinds of Righteousness

The Freedom of a Christian

The Large Catechism  
(especially the sections on the Creed, baptism, and communion)

Confession Concerning Christ's Supper

On Translating: An Open Letter

Preface to Romans

*Most of these can be found in older translation online for free.  
Otherwise look at Luther's Works and the Book of Concord.*

An excellent secondary study:

Johann Anselm Steiger, "The *communicatio idiomatum* as the Axle and Motor of Luther's Theology," *Lutheran Quarterly* 14 (2000): 125–158.

## Let All Together Praise Our God

1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore his glo - rious  
 2 The Fa - ther sends him from his throne To be an in - fant  
 3 With - in an earth - born form he hides His all - cre - at - ing  
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our hu - man

throne; To - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
 small; And lie here poor - ly man - gered now In  
 light; To serve us all he hum - bly cloaks The  
 frame, And in re - turn gives us his realm, His

give us his own Son, To give us cold, his own Son.  
 this cold, dis - mal stall, In this cold, dis - mal stall.  
 splen - dor of his might, The splen - dor of his might.  
 glo - ry, and his name, His glo - ry, and his name.

5 He is a servant, I a lord:  
 How great a mystery!  
 How strong the tender Christchild's love!  
 No truer friend than he,  
 No truer friend than he.

6 He is the key, and he the door  
 To blessed Paradise;  
 The angel bars the way no more  
 To God our praises rise.  
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7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
 Lord Jesus, we adore,  
 And praise to God the Father yield  
 And Spirit evermore;  
 We praise you evermore.