

The Christian Dichotomy



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WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here today or watching online, we are happy you have joined us.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation. If you prefer to use a physical hymnal or wish to see the songs in four-part harmony, there are hymnals available in the pew stands.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshipping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers: Today's bouquet is given to the glory of God by Renee Graen in loving memory of her husband Kirk.

Call Update: Last Sunday we extended a call to Pastor Andrew Westra, who currently serves at Christ Our Refuge Lutheran Church in Waco, TX. Please keep Pastor Westra in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve.

Women's Bible Study: Please join us as we complete our study on the Book of Acts on **Tuesday, August 26 at 6 pm** at the church! We hope you can make it for fellowship and spending time together in God's Word.

Camp Croix Potluck: Everyone is invited to beautiful Camp Croix for a lunch potluck on **Saturday, August 23 at noon!** Several families from SOTH will be staying the weekend and would love for anyone who would like to join us for the day on Saturday to come enjoy all the fun that camp has to offer! The main meal will be provided, but feel free to bring a side/dessert to share. Additionally, 2 cabins are available if anyone would like to come for the weekend - please reach out to Kiersten Nash.

Housing Need: One of our returning Campus Ministry students is still looking for accommodations for this school year. If you know of an apartment for rent or anyone looking for a roommate, please speak with Peter Moeri.

Adult Choir Opportunity We are looking for singers to help sing in the SOTH Adult Choir. Practices will be at **1:00 pm on Sundays starting September 7th**, up in the balcony. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board closest to the Fellowship Hall to help give us an idea of the interest. Please contact Laura Metcalf or Becky Miller with any questions.

Setting 3 Practice: If you would like to learn the liturgy for Setting 3 to help lead the congregation in singing, we will be meeting at **1:15 pm on Sundays** over the next several weeks. No sign up needed. Direct questions to Laura Metcalf or Becky Miller.

For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at www.dulutheran.org/events or sign up for our weekly email at www.dulutheran.org/subscribe. You can also view the church calendar at www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar.



1 From God can noth - ing move me; he will not step a - side
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed as trust - wor - thy and sure
 3 Each day at his good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.
 4 Yet e - ven though I suf - fer the world's un - pleas - ant - ness,
 5 For thus the Fa - ther willed it, who fash - ioned us from clay;



but gent - ly will re - prove me and be my con - stant guide.
 have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.
 He sent his great - est trea - sure in Je - sus Christ, his Son.
 and though the days grow rough - er and bring me great dis - tress,
 and his own Son ful - filled it and brought e - ter - nal day.



He stretch - es out his hand in eve - ning and in morn - ing,
 He res - cues me from sin and breaks the chains that bind me.
 He ev - 'ry gift im - parts; the bread of earth and heav - en
 that day of bliss di - vine, which knows no end or mea - sure,
 The Spir - it now has come, to us true faith has giv - en;



my life with grace a - dorn - ing wher - ev - er I may stand.
 I leave death's fear be - hind me; his peace I have with - in.
 are by his kind - ness giv - en. Praise him with thank - ful hearts!
 and Christ, who is my plea - sure, for - ev - er shall be mine.
 he leads us home to heav - en. O praise the Three in One!

Stand

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

CW 172

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

CW 172

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
 heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
 glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:23–29

²³Am I a God who is only nearby, declares the LORD,
and not a God far away?

²⁴Can anyone hide in secret places
so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD.

Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

²⁵I have heard what the prophets who prophesy lies in my name have said. They say, "I have had a dream! I have had a dream!" ²⁶How long will this be in the hearts of these lying prophets? These prophets proclaim the fantasies of their own hearts. ²⁷They think they can make my people forget my name with the dreams each one tells his neighbor, the way their fathers forgot my name because of Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream. But let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully.

What has chaff to do with grain? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like a fire? declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1–13

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. ²Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. ³Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood in your fight against sin. ⁵Have you also forgotten the encouragement that addresses you as sons?

My son, do not regard the Lord's discipline lightly, and do not become weary of his correction.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one whom he loves, and he corrects every son he accepts.

⁷Endure suffering as discipline. God is dealing with you as sons. Is there a son whose father does not discipline him? ⁸If you are not disciplined (and all of us have received it), then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹In addition, we have earthly fathers who disciplined us, and we respected them. Should we not submit even more to the Father of the spirits and live? ¹⁰They disciplined us for a little while, according to what seemed best to them, but God disciplines us for our good, so that we may have a share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant when it is happening, but painful, yet later it yields a peaceful harvest of righteousness for those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore strengthen your weak hands and feeble knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but rather healed.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Corinthians 15:58

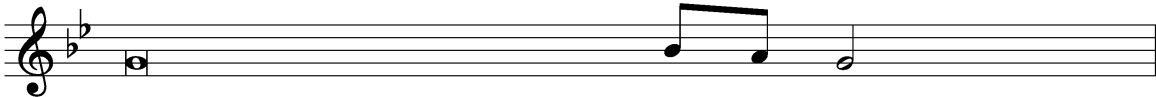


Refrain

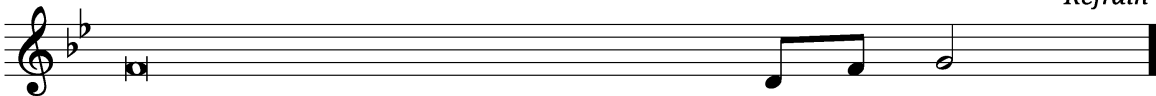


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,



Refrain

because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49–53

⁴⁹“I came to throw fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already ignited. ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is finished! ⁵¹Do you think that I came to bring peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²Yes, from now on there will be five divided in one household: three against two, and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided: father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

- P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children in attendance today may come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Warskow. This service segment is intended to engage the children to help them understand today’s message. They will return to their seats afterward.

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Holy Spirit, Enter In
Printed on the next page.

CW 590



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in and in our hearts
 2 Give to your Word im - pres - sive pow'r that in our hearts
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your dear Word,

your work be - gin, your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour as fire it may be glow - ing,
 in doubt and strife, in us be strong - ly burn - ing

Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, a - round and in
 that in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty we faith - ful wit -
 that we be faith - ful un - to death and live in love

us bright - ly shine, to joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
 and ho - ly faith, from you true wis - dom learn - ing.

that we may be tru - ly liv - ing, to you giv - ing
 Hear us, cheer us by your teach - ing; let our preach - ing
 Your grace and peace on us show - er; by your pow - er

prayer un - ceas - ing and in love be still in - creas - ing.
 and our la - bor praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
 Christ con - fess - ing, let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

The Christian Dichotomy

Luke 12:49-53

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for
our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and
became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the
dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS



Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, scan the QR code here or visit our website: www.duluthlutheran.org and click on the "GIVE" tab.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

C: **Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**

P: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

C: **Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

P: Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

C: **Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

P: Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

C: **Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

P: Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

C: **Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

P: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

C: **Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

C: **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

Stand

PREFACE

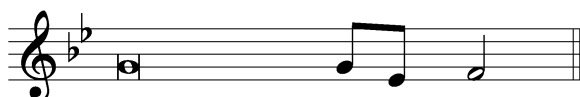
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P: The Lord be with you.



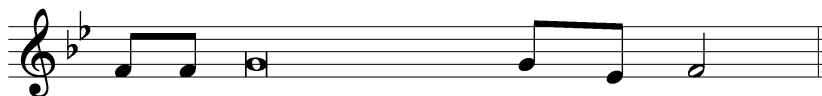
And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

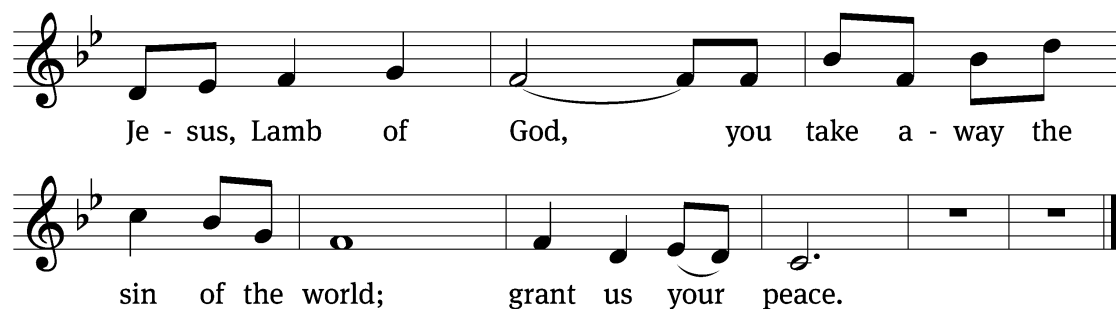
The musical score for 'Jesus, Lamb of God' is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second and fourth staves contain the lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The third and fifth staves contain the lyrics 'sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final whole note on the fifth staff.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



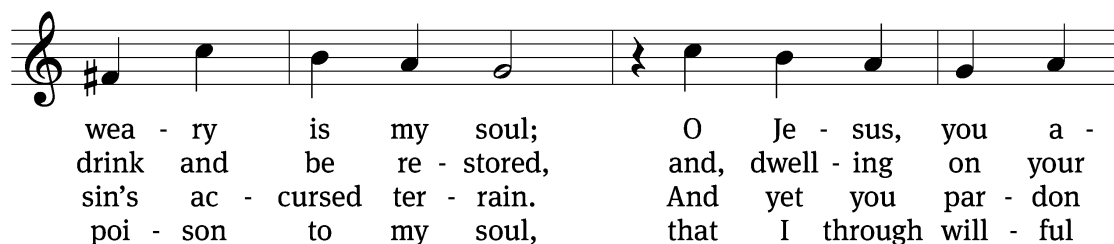
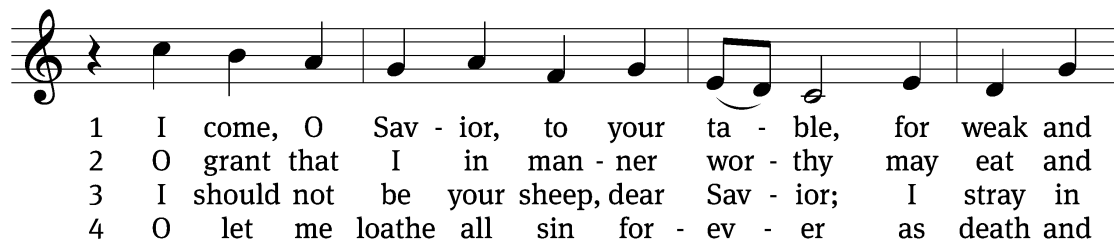
Be seated

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift in which we receive Christ's true body and blood for our forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith. It is our practice that only those who are members of Shepherd of the Hills or members of another WELS congregation come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you are a visitor from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper this morning. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak to Pastor Warskow after the service.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

CW 670



Additional stanzas on the next page.

- 5 Your holy heart has one obsession,
one blessed thing it burns to do—
to cleanse the sinner from transgression;
so I, a sinner, come to you. (Refrain)
- 6 My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me,
by all this weight of sin oppressed!
Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me
and feed me as your grateful guest. (Refrain)
- 7 Within me, Lord, your vision traces
a heart of deep humility
that mourns its sin and yet embraces
the merit you have earned for me. (Refrain)
- 8 By faith I call your holy table
the testament of your deep love,
for by your gift I now am able
to know the heart of God above. (Refrain)
- 9 This meal with blessing is abounding:
to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r,
to angels joy, to hell confounding,
and life for me in death's dark hour. (Refrain)
- 10 My heart has now become your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling,
shall live in joy eternally. (Refrain)

Stand

THANKSGIVING

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.


C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C: Amen.

HYMN: Fight the Good Fight

CW 876



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; his bound-less
4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chang - es

strength and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes and seek his face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Lean, and the trust - ing
not, and you are dear. On - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
you will see that Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

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