

WHAT IS A Christian

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Seeks Spiritual Wealth

Lives as Salt and Light

Loves God Above All

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 this morning or watching online, we are happy you have joined us today.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience this morning 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.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping 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

Adult Choir will be starting up on **September 6th at 5:30pm**. If you're interested in being a part of the choir, a sign up is located on the bulletin board by Pastor's office. Reach out to **Becky Miller** if you have any questions.

Campus Ministry: Later this month, we will resume our Campus Ministry program. One area where we are requesting the congregation's help with meals for the students when we meet on Tuesday evenings. We ask members to buy or prepare a meal for about a dozen people. If you are interested in helping, please sign-up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ABAF28ABF94-meals2>. If you have any questions, please speak with Peter Moeri or Pastor Denney.

Fall Hiking Opportunities: This fall, we have hikes planned for both the women and for families - please see details below and consider joining us for fall colors and fellowship! Contact Kely Dunsmoor (218-750-0225) with any questions.

Women's Hiking Group: Sunday, September 24th at 2 PM: Jay Cooke. We will do the Carlton Trail Trip - a 5 mile loop of rugged trail and spectacular river views. Park in the main parking lots at 780 Hwy 210 Carlton. **Tuesday, October 3rd at 6 PM:** Chester Park. We will do the Chester Bowl Rim Trail. About 1 mile. Park by the playground.

Family Hikes: All are welcome! Tuesday, **September 12th** at 6 PM: Kingsbury Creek. Park in the Lake Superior Zoo parking lot by the playground. Walk up the Superior Hiking Trail and explore Kingsbury Creek. About 1 mile total. Sunday, **October 15th at 2 PM:** Piedmont Park. This will be a 2 mile wooded hike with a scenic overlook. Park at the 2226 Hutchinson Rd entrance.

Women's Book Group: Starting on **Monday, September 11th** we will begin "**On Our Knees: 40 Days of Living Boldly**" by Phil Wickham. **Amazon Link:** <https://a.co/d/7UVyVuZ> .

This book explores biblical stories from Genesis to Revelation to learn about prayer from the heroes of our faith, including Jesus, Moses, King David, and many more. "On Our Knees" brings readers into a deeper intimacy with Jesus, encouraging a habit of prayer that can last a lifetime and cultivate a closer relationship with God. It is a 40 day daily devotional that includes scripture, reflection on the reading, daily prayer, and prayer practice. Please contact Kely Dunsmoor (218-750-0225) to join the group.

Summer Bible Study Childcare: On Sunday mornings, we are looking for volunteers to watch children during the Adult Bible study time. We hope this will allow parents to attend Bible study during the summer. We are looking for 1-2 adults and teens each week to supervise and read a devotion to the kids. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849abaf28abf94-sunday2#>

Meditations Booklets: New booklets are available, both in the hallway by the mailboxes, and near the coffee maker in the common area.

INVOCATION

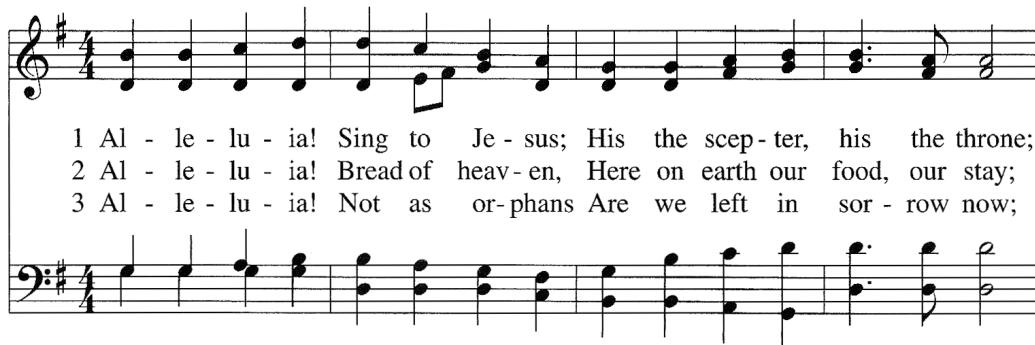
P: God's Word encourage us, "Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness come before him with joyful songs." (Psalm 100:1-2) We come together to praise our Lord and we begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

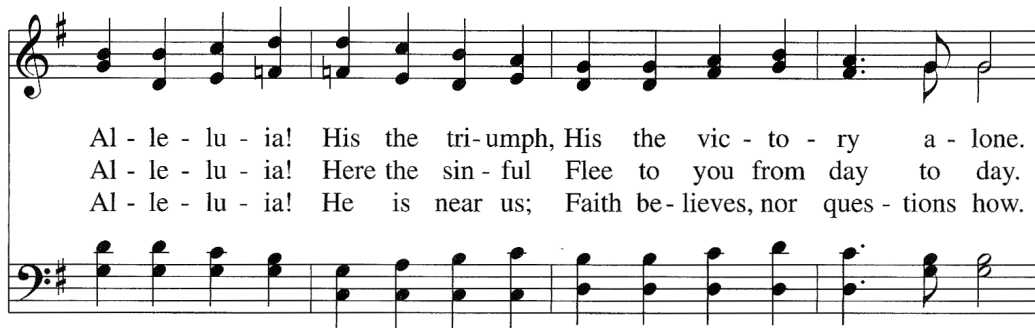
OPENING HYMN

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

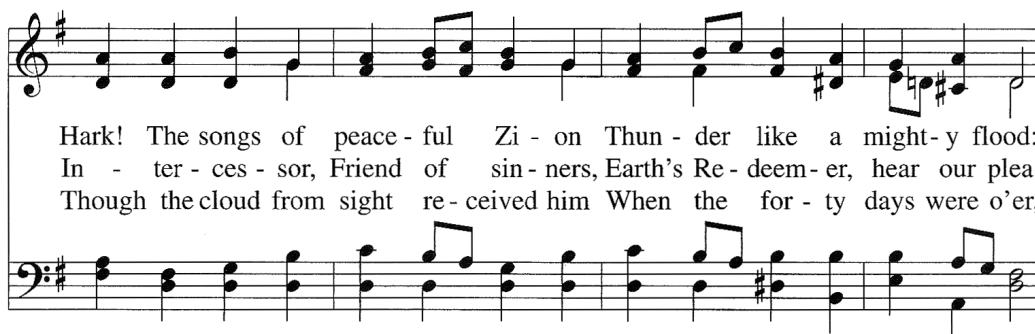
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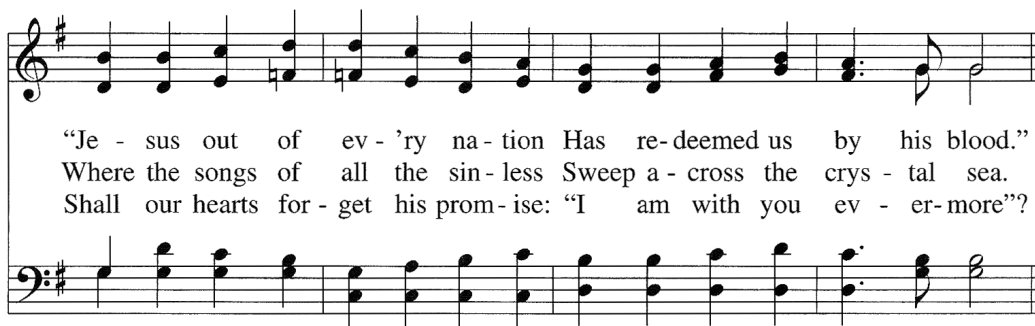
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter, his the throne;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our food, our stay;
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in sor - row now;



Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful Flee to you from day to day.
Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood:
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er,



"Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."
Where the songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
Shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?"

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Bible tells us that, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 6:23) The Bible also shows us that, "the wages of sin is death". (Romans 3:23) Sin carries serious consequences between us and God. We cannot hide our sins from a holy and almighty God. As Scripture teaches, "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:13) Therefore, let us confess our sins and plead for his mercy.
- C: **Have mercy on me, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Cleanse me. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51)**
- P: God has heard your prayer for mercy, and his Word promises you, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just; he will forgive us all of our sins." (1 John 1:9) This is because: "Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and he was raised to life for our justification." (Romans 4:25) By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your sin and guilt forever. Go, then in the peace of God's forgiveness.
- C: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant a willing spirit to sustain me.**

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

"Glory to God"
p.16 in front of Hymnal

Please sing at the beginning of the music...

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you,
We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al-mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
Are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the mediation of 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

1 Kings 3:5-15

⁵ Do At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." ⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

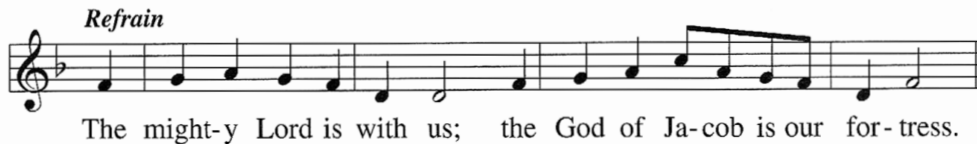
⁷ "Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both riches and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴ And if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life." ¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 62

pg. 88 in front of the Hymnal



My soul finds rest in *Ĝ*od alone;*
my salvation *ć*omes from him.

He alone is my rock and my sal*v*ation;*
he is my fortress, I will never be *ś*haken.

Find rest, O my soul, in *Ĝ*od alone;*
my hope *ć*omes from him.

Though your rich*ć*s increase,*
do not set your *ĥ*art on them.

My salvation and my honor d*ć*pend on God;*
he is my mighty rock, my *r*efuge.

Trust in him at all times, O *p*eople;*
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our *r*efuge.

Refrain

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy *Ś*pirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. *Ā*men.**

Refrain

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P: Alleluia. "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Alleluia.
(Hebrews 11:1)
- C: **These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and that by believing we may have life in his name.**

GOSPEL READING

1 Timothy 6:6-10,17-19

- ⁶ When But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.
- ¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

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**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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, To his im - age
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus. His death from the
 4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; Since he's ris - en

am - ple pure, Flee the world which would de - ceive us And to
 e'er con - form; Heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us, Sun - shine
 sec - ond death, From our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us, Quick - ens
 from the dead, Death and grave must soon re - lease us. Je - sus,

sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his foot - steps tread - ing,
 fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in tears of sor - row,
 us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti - fy, while liv - ing,
 thou art now our head. We are tru - ly thine own mem - bers;

Bod - y here, yet soul a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap in heav'n - ly joy, And the fears that
 Flesh and blood and die to sin, And the grave that
 Where thou liv - est, there live we. Take and own us

hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 now an - noy Shall be laugh - ter on the mor - row. Christ, I
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Faith - ful Friend, as thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus,

Lord, a - bide with me. Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.
 suf - fer here with thee; There, oh, share thy joy with me.
 here I die to thee; There to live e - ter - nal - ly.
 here I live to thee, Al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

† THE MESSAGE †

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

“Seeks Spiritual Wealth”

Matthew 13:44-46

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

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, visit our website: www.duluth Lutheran.org and click on the “Give” tab.

† PRAYERS †

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayer and petitions offered on behalf of the Church

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.

† SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER †

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

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 till 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:

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C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

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 Denney after the service.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

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1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day — Who can a
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -

are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -
ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for
on the o - cean shore, You have for all a

these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
sin - ners plead, For me — e'en for my soul — was shed.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then this shall be all my plea:
Jesus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“ Song of Simeon”

After a brief introduction. please sing...



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

“Yours Forever, God of Love”

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CLOSING HYMN

“Yours Forever, God of Love”

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1 Yours for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from your throne a - bove;
2 Yours for - ev - er, oh, how blest They who find in you their rest!
3 Yours for - ev - er, Lord of life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
4 Yours for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep All your weak and trem-bling sheep



Yours for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
Sav - ior, Guard-ian, heav'n-ly Friend, Oh, de - fend us to the end.
You, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
Safe - ly in your ten - der care; Let us all your good-ness share.



5 Yours forever! You our guide,
All our needs by you supplied,
All our sins by you forgiv'n,
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.