

EVERYDAY WORSHIP



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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

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Marcia Stavang in loving memory of her mother, Margaret Frederick.

Women's Hiking Group: Today, 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. Speak with Kely Dunsmoor for more information. Tuesday, October 3rd at 6 PM : Chester Park. We will do the Chester Bowl Rim Trail. About 1 mile. Park by the playground.

Women's Care Center Donation Drive: The Apples of God's Eye are soon to arrive so let's help to greet them with a big surprise! We will be collecting items today through **October 8, 2023**. The Center is in need of updating their lobby toys, activities areas with new items. Also they could use educational toys, fall onesies, clothing, diapers and prayers. Please see the tree in the fellowship area and select an apple. Thank you so much for your support!

Midweek Bible Study & Worship: Midweek Bible studies will take place at **6:30 PM**. Our Bible study for the fall will be the Life of Joseph. As we look at Joseph's life from the Old Testament we see how God can use hardships and difficulties for our eternal good. Also, our Midweek Worship time is **7:30 PM**.

Altar Flowers for Service: To give glory to God and beautify our sanctuary, we will add fresh flowers to the altar area. Members are encouraged to sign-up for a Sunday to donate. Our flower volunteer, Renee Graen, will purchase and place the flowers on the altar. You can sign-up on the flower chart by the office. Please indicate if the flowers are in memory of someone or a special occasion. Please donate and contact Renee Graen at 763-607-4498 or sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board adjacent to member mailboxes.

Campus Ministry Meals: Campus Ministry has started again and one area where we are requesting the congregation's help is 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 www.duluthlutheran.org/campus-ministry. If you have any questions, please speak with Peter Moeri or Pastor Denney.

Sunday School and Youth Group: Classes are following service at **10:15 AM**.

Youth Confirmation Class: Classes are on **Sunday at 11:20 AM** in the fellowship hall.

Annual Meeting: The congregational, annual meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 22nd**, following service.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P: Jesus promises us, "Wherever two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."
C: **Be with us Lord, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**
P: O come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout to the rock of our salvation.
C: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; and praise him with music and song!**
P: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
C: **For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

OPENING HYMN

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" CW 586

1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, You dai - ly
2 Come, ver - y Sun of truth and love, Come in your
3 Teach us to work with all our pow'r To con - quer
4 Oh, joy - ful be the live - long day, Our thoughts as

bring forth light from light. O Light from Light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove, And shed the Ho - ly
in temp - ta - tion's hour. Let faith her ea - ger
pure as morn - ing ray, Our faith like noon - day's

foun - tain - spring, O Day, our days en - light - en - ing:
Spir - it's ray On all we think or do to - day.
fires re - new And hate the false and love the true.
glow - ing height, Our souls un - dimmed by shades of night.

- 5 All praise to God the Father be,
All praise to Christ eternally,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: Dear God, our perfect, heavenly Father, nothing is hidden from you. You have searched us and you know us. You perceive our thoughts from afar. You are familiar with our ways. (Psalm 139)
- C: **If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness. (Psalm 130)**
- P: Therefore, Lord, hear our prayer. Listen our cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness come to our relief. Show us the way we should go, for to you we lift up our soul. We confess our sins to you:
- C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- P: God, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you and for Jesus' sake forgives you all your sins. Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." Friends in Christ, let us stand firm in Jesus, who brings the freedom of our guilt and the peace of forgiveness. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.
- C: **If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)**
- P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

"Oh Taste and See"

P. 39 in the front of the Hymnal

After a brief introduction please sing...

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter-nal;
It stands firm in the heav-ens.
Your faith-ful-ness con-tin-ues for-ev-er.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

¹² And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴ To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵ Yet the LORD set his affection on your forefathers and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations, as it is today. ¹⁶ Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸ He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt. ²⁰ Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹ He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²² Your forefathers who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 139a

Pg. 116 in front of the Hymnal



O LORD, you have searched me and you know me;*
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;*
you are familiar with all my ways.

Refrain

Where can I go from your Spirit?*

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;*
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,*
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me,*
your right hand will hold me fast.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P: Alleluia. "Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" Alleluia. (Romans 15:4)
- 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**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-8

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

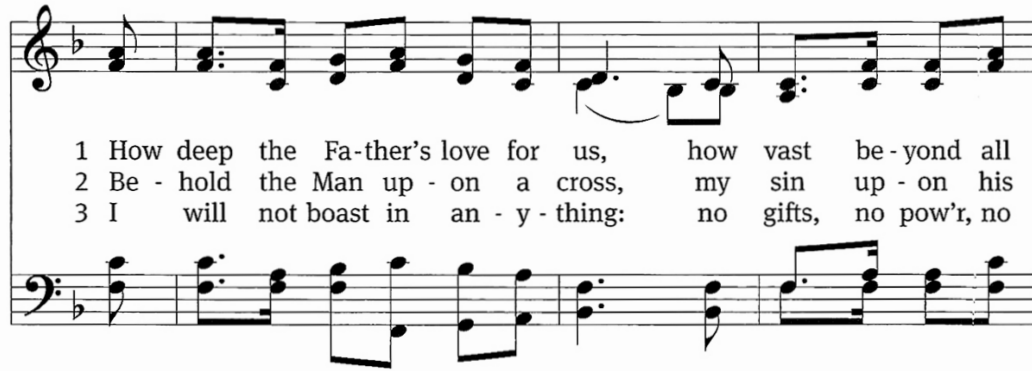
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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

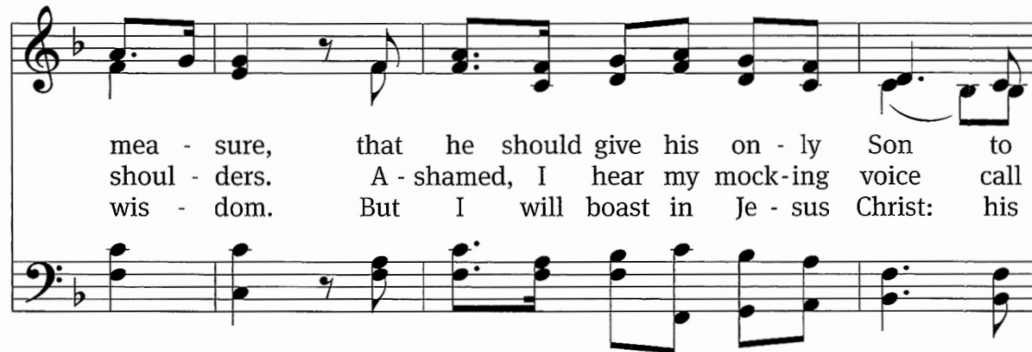
**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

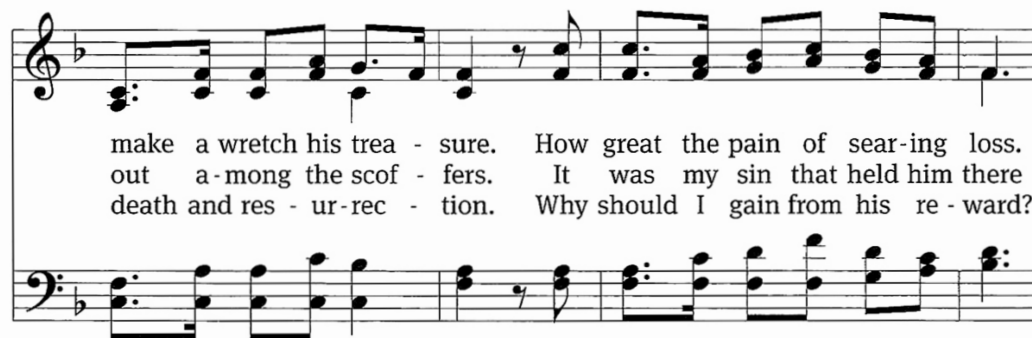
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



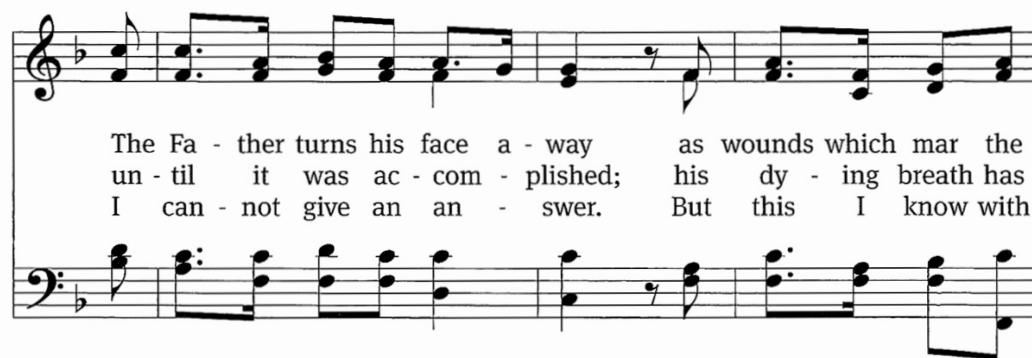
1 How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all
 2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his
 3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



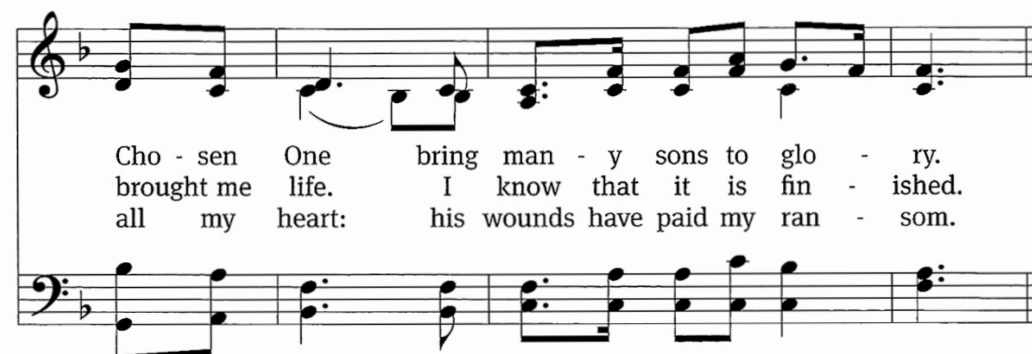
mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
 shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
 wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the
 un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has
 I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
 all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

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“With A Humble Heart”

Luke 18:9-14

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 In God’s eyes, we’re all the _____, We are _____ and yet _____.

⇒ Luke 18:9-12; James 2:10; Psalm 10:4

⇒ Because of sin, every single person is in need of God’s grace and mercy.

⇒ Even though we are sinful, God loves us and sent Jesus to give us what we could never earn.

#2 God’s mercy motivates me to be humbly _____ about my sin and my _____ for Jesus.

⇒ Luke 18:11-13; John 19:30; Psalm 38:18; Proverbs 28:13

⇒ Instead of receiving what our sins deserve, we receive God’s mercy and forgiveness.

⇒ God wants us to come before him and humbly confess our sins.

#3 Having a proper understanding of my _____ in Christ develops a heart of _____.

⇒ Luke 18:14; Philippians 2:5-8

⇒ Because of Jesus’ humility, we have a new identity and a new future.

⇒ Daily repentance and Bible reading help us imitate the attitude of Christ Jesus.

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.duluthelan.org and click on the "Give" tab.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: We thank you Lord God, heavenly Father, for the privilege we have of listening to your Word.

C: **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

P: We ask for you continued blessing upon us and for the strength to stand tall in our faith and bold in our confession of Jesus Christ as our Savior.

C: **By the power of the Holy Spirit help us to willingly obey your Word in every aspect. Help us to be witnesses of your love in every corner of the world.**

P: We ask that you bless our congregation with continued growth, both spiritually as we mature in our faith and numerically that more people would come to know you and worship you with us.

C: **We are the workers in your vineyard, O Lord. Take away the fears that we might have in being witnesses and open our lips to speak of your salvation.**

P: We ask that you take special care for our family, our friends, and members of our church who are going through trials and carrying burdens.

C: **Keep them in your care and lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

P: We know that you know all burdens of our hearts and we bring them to you this day silently.

A moment for personal prayer and reflection

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

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.



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down Your head up - on my breast."
 The liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; Stoop down and drink and live."
 Look un - to me; your morn shall rise And all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, Wea - ry and worn and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found In him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
 My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
 And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

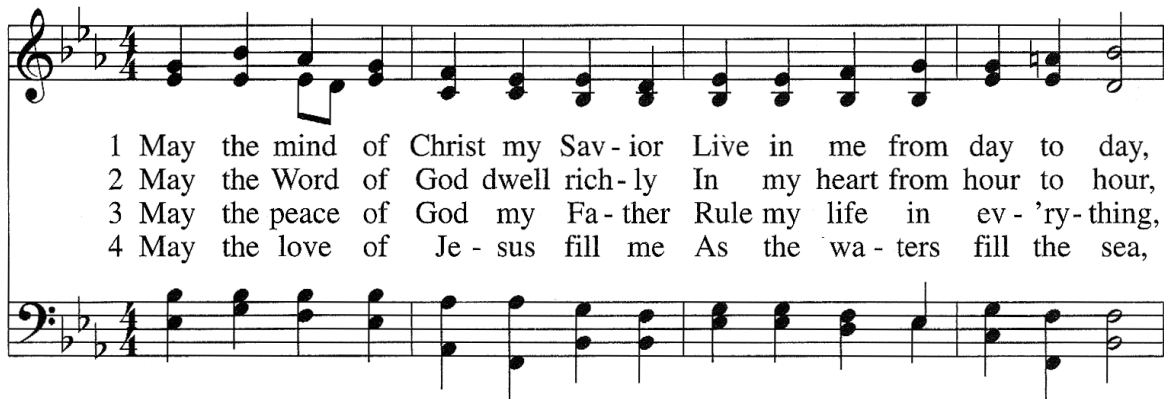
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

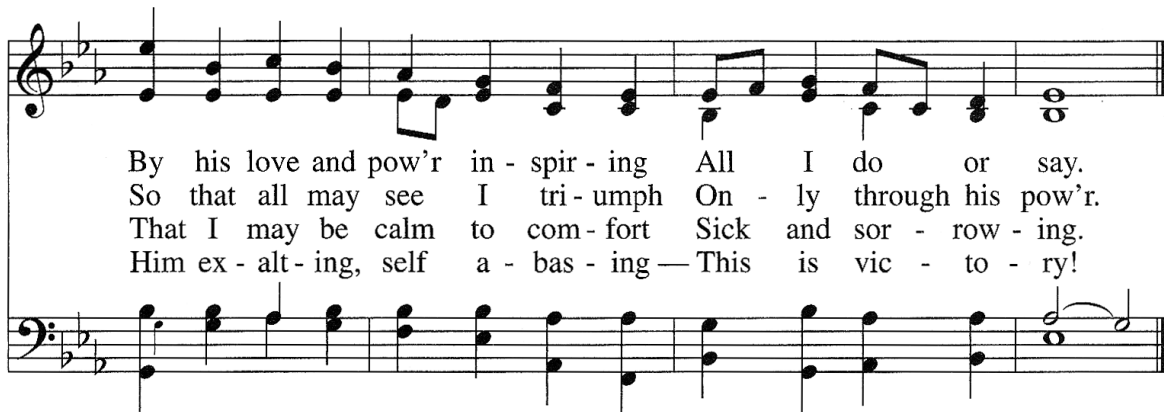
CLOSING HYMN

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

CW 467 vs.1-5



1 May the mind of Christ my Sav-ior Live in me from day to day,
2 May the Word of God dwell rich-ly In my heart from hour to hour,
3 May the peace of God my Fa-ther Rule my life in ev- 'ry-thing,
4 May the love of Je - sus fill me As the wa - ters fill the sea,



By his love and pow'r in - spir - ing All I do or say.
So that all may see I tri - umph On - ly through his pow'r.
That I may be calm to com - fort Sick and sor - row - ing.
Him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing — This is vic - to - ry!

5 May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

6 May his spirit live within me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only him.

