

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS  
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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 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. **Today's order of service follows Setting One which begins on page 154 in the hymnal.**

### 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:** Today's bouquet is given to the glory of God by Robert & Shawna Doblak in memory of Justin Robertson.

**Pastor Call Meeting:** We will be having our next call meeting today after the service, during the Bible Study hour.

**Office Hours:** Pastor Warskow will not be in the office tomorrow, **Monday, May 4th.**

**Spring Cleaning:** We will be doing spring cleaning this upcoming **Saturday, May 9th, starting at 9am.** All are welcome to help!

**Sunday School Schedule Correction:** Today is *not* the last day! Youth Music Ministry, Sunday School, & Youth Group will meet at their regular times today *and* next Sunday, May 10th. They will also meet briefly after the Song Service on Sunday, May 17th.

**Youth Confirmation Class:** Today is the final day of Youth Confirmation Class for the year.

**Song Service & Picnic:** We will be having our Song Service on **Sunday, May 17th!** Following the service, we will enjoy a picnic together to help close out our Youth Music Ministry, Youth & Sunday School for the 2025-2026 year. Pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs will be provided. If you would like to contribute, please sign up via the QR code—there are also spots for set up and clean up—or speak with Miriam Hokanson or Shawna Doblak.



**Church Garden Beds:** The four raised garden beds in the back of church are available to be rented for 2026. There is no cost to rent, but it will be expected that each bed be put to good use. If you would like to be assigned one of the beds, please complete the online form, available through the QR code, by **Sunday, May 10th;** the garden beds will then be assigned via a random draw of those interested. If you have questions, reach out to Peter Moeri



**Preschool Graduation:** Please save the date for the Little Lambs Learning Center graduation on **Friday, May 29th at 6pm.**

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



1 Christ be the way in whom we walk  
 2 Christ be the truth in whom we trust  
 3 Christ be the life in whom we live,



the pil - grim path we tread; com - pan - ion, teach - er,  
 when all seems shift - ing sand; to strength - en faith and  
 in whom all jour - neys end; the way, the truth, the



guide and goal, the guard - ian of the ran - somed soul,  
 com - fort grief, to still the storms of un - be - lief,  
 life in - deed, the liv - ing Sav - ior sin - ners need,



the first-born from the dead, the first-born from the dead.  
 the rock on which we stand, the rock on which we stand.  
 and our un - fail - ing friend, and our un - fail - ing friend.

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION

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

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

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**A - men.**

# Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



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,



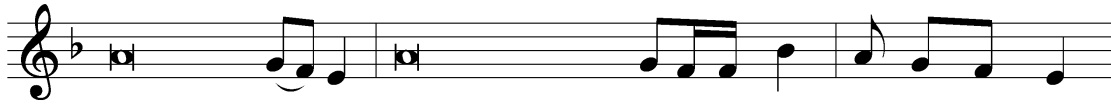
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



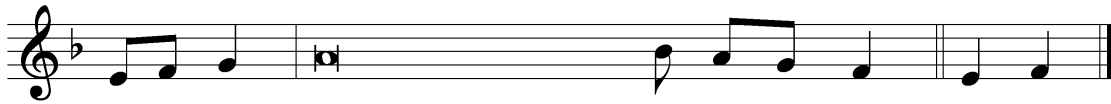
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting

joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated*

✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

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**FIRST READING**

*Acts 4:8–12*

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, <sup>9</sup>if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.

<sup>12</sup>“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

*1 Peter 2:4–10*

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, <sup>5</sup>you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it says in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,

<sup>8</sup>and,

a stone over which they stumble  
and a rock over which they fall.

Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

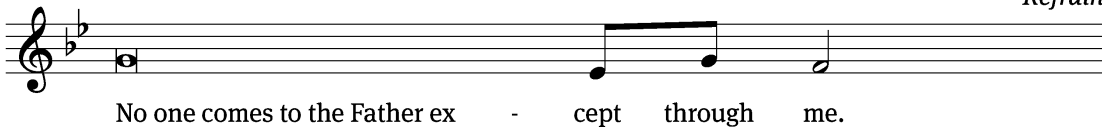
John 14:6



### Refrain



### Tone



## GOSPEL

John 14:1–11

<sup>1</sup>“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know where I am going, and you know the way.”

<sup>5</sup>“Lord, we don't know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>“Lord,” said Philip, “show us the Father, and that is enough for us.”

<sup>9</sup>“Have I been with you so long,” Jesus answered, “and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children up through 5th grade are invited to 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.*



1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;  
 2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
 3 Source of all things liv - ing, you came down to die,  
 4 Free the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"  
 God from heav'n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,  
 plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.  
 all that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!  
 of the Fa - ther's God - head you, the on - ly Son,  
 Come, then, true and faith - ful, come, ful - fill your word;  
 Show your face in bright - ness; shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.  
 man - kind to de - liv - er man - hood did put on.  
 this is your third morn - ing— rise, O bur - ied Lord.  
 as in E - den's gar - den when the world be - gan.

*Refrain*



"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Acts 4:8-12

**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.duluthern.org](http://www.duluthern.org) and click on the "GIVE" tab.*

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P:** Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

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

**P:** Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**C:** **Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

**P:** Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**C:** **Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

**P:** Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**C:** **Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

P: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

C: **Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

P: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C: **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

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

*Silent prayer*

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C: **Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

P: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C: **Amen.**

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Erin Knight

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P: Friend in Christ,

After a review and instruction in the simple teachings of the Bible and our Lutheran church, you have requested to become a member of this congregation. You have come to worship today to confess your unity with us and to take your place as a part of this faith community. I now ask you:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If so, answer: I do.

**Response: I do.**

P: Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and this congregation, as you have come to know them, are faithful to the Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

**Response: I do.**

P: Do you desire to remain faithful to the teachings of Christ, be diligent in the use of God's Word and sacraments, and lead a godly life as the Lord gives you strength? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

**Response: I do, and I ask God to help me.**

P: Is it your desire to join us in worship and mission and support this work with your prayers and gifts? If so, answer: It is, and I ask God to help me.

**Response: It is, and I ask God to help me.**

P: With sincere joy we welcome you as a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Brothers and sisters,

As we welcome this new member to our Christian family, I encourage you in the name of Jesus to keep Erin in your minds, hold her in your hearts, and pray for her again and again. Show her the face of friendship and offer

her a hand of support. Encourage her with your “works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

The peace of Christ be with us all. Amen.

## PRAYER

**P:** Gracious Father, we thank you for leading Erin to desire to become a member of our congregation and for giving her joy to confess her faith to us. Guide us with your wisdom as we worship and work together. Mold our minds and hearts in a single Christlike will so that we may be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

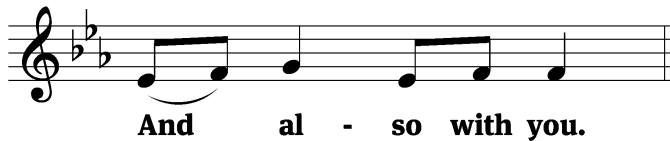
## ✠ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER ✠

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*The order of service can be found on page 165 in the hymnal.*

*Personal preparation and self-examination can be found on pages 295 and 296 in the hymnal.*

**P:** The Lord be with you.




**P:** Lift up your hearts.



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



**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 by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P:** We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

### O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

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.

*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 afternoon. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak to Pastor Warskow after the service.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word
- 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.  
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.  
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.  
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.

- 5 Abide with your protection  
among us, Lord, our strength,  
lest world and Satan fell us  
and overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
among us with your love;  
grant steadfastness and help us  
to reach our home above.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Christ the Eternal Lord

CW 521

*Printed on the next page*



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, whose prom - ise here we claim,  
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word to ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son who shares our hu - man birth,  
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light of ev - er - last - ing day,  
 5 Christ the as - cend - ed King ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured on all who name your name;  
 whose time - less teach - ings still are heard set forth on Scrip - ture's page;  
 and by his death sal - va - tion won for ev - 'ry child of earth;  
 our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way;  
 whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, whom yet un - seen we love;



with thank - ful - ness and praise we stand be - fore your throne,  
 trans - form our thought and mind, en - light - en all who read,  
 in - spire our hearts, we pray, to tell your love a - broad,  
 that light of truth you give to ser - vants as to friends,  
 when mor - tal life is past your voice from heav - en's throne



in - tent to serve you all our days and make your glo - ry known.  
 with - in your Word by faith to find the bread of life in - deed.  
 that all may hon - or Christ to - day and fol - low him as Lord.  
 your way to walk, your life to live, till earth's brief jour - ney ends.  
 shall call your chil - dren home at last to know as we are known.

*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 thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. 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.**

## BLESSING

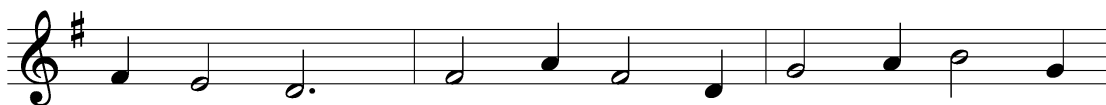
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

CW 920



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; what they gain from you for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion speak with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

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