

# RALLY DAY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sept. 23, 2018 9:30 am



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# Divine Service

## Rally Day for Christian Education

### September 23, 2018 – 9:30 am

**WELCOME** to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*



*“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?”* Two followers of Jesus asked each other this question after He had broken bread with them on Easter evening. What a Bible study that must have been! He was teaching them about Himself! Jesus is the heart of the Bible; today we ask Him to be the heart of our teaching and learning! Teaching Christ is a privilege for each teacher in class, every parent at home, and all of us as we seek to teach others of our Lord by word and deed. Jesus is the heart of our teaching, and our prayer is that the Holy Spirit would open our hearts.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

*“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”*

**LSB 901**

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy

en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed, I  
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;

Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone. So that all I  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing

is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

*Please stand ...*

## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES I Tim. 1:5; Acts 4:12; I Jn.5:11-12

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

**P** The goal of our instruction is:  
love that issues forth from a pure heart,  
and a good conscience,  
and a sincere faith.

**C** Christianity is, above all,  
the life and salvation  
God has given  
in and through Jesus Christ.



**P** For there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

**C** God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; and whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**P** This is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

**C** Jesus said, *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Brothers and sisters, we all have a role to play as we help one another gain knowledge about our gracious God and wisdom to live out each day in faith. Adults are encouraged *“to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth,”*

**Adults:** *but at times we do not know enough about our God to answer our children’s questions, and we struggle to decide how much discretion to offer our youth.*

**P** Parents are to teach gently: *“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord,”*

**Parents:** *but we do not always instruct as the Lord would want.*

**P** John speaks for all parents when he writes, *“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth,”*

**Children:** *but sometimes we are not sure that what we have been taught is the truth.*

**P** Within the Church some are called specially to teach, as Paul writes, “*God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers,*”

**Teachers:** *but sometimes we might prefer to sit back and let others teach, and the calling feels like a demand instead of a gracious opportunity.*

**P** The heart of the Bible is our Savior. Walking with two disciples Easter evening, “*beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself,*”

**C** **but sometimes we may be content to see the Bible as ancient history and not the revelation of God’s calling us to faith today.**

**P** As we share our faith and go on to encourage one another in Christian living, the bar is set high: “*Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.*”

**C** **We confess that we all fall short daily as we teach and learn, as we lead and follow. We ask for mercy from our gracious God.**

**P** When the two disciples reflected on how Jesus taught them on Easter evening, they said to each other, “*Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?*” When our Savior is the heart of our teaching and learning, then we have the Good News to assure us of the forgiveness of sins, all sins, for His sake. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**      “*Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*”      **LSB 908**

1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your  
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the

Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -  
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or

tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.  
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

## THE COLLECT PRAYER

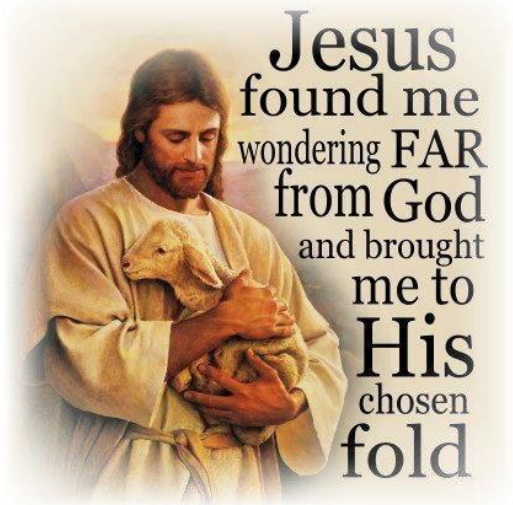
**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. By Your Holy Spirit enable us to put Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at the heart of what we proclaim and at the center of how we live; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



*Please be seated...*

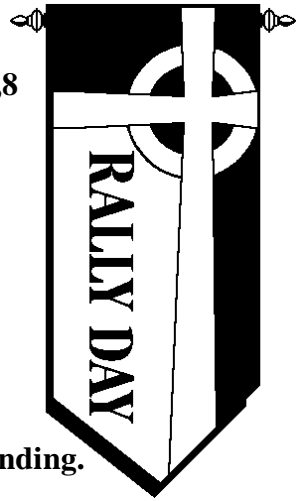
## OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 6:4–15

**L** The Old Testament Reading for our Rally Day Celebration of Christian Education is from Deuteronomy, chapter six.

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by His Name you shall swear. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you — for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God — lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## VERSES

Proverbs 9:10; 1:5,8

- L** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
- C** **and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.**
- L** Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
- C** **and the one who understands obtain guidance.**
- L** to understand a proverb and a saying,
- C** **the words of the wise and their riddles.**
- L** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
- C** **fools despise wisdom and instruction.**
- L** For the Lord gives wisdom;
- C** **from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:37–41

- L** A reading from the book of Acts, chapter two.

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “*Brothers, what shall we do?*” And Peter said to them, “*Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.*” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “*Save yourselves from this crooked generation.*” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Philippians 4:8–15

- L** Our Epistle Reading is from Philippians, chapter four.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left

Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## FIRST GOSPEL READING

**Luke 18:15–17**

**L** Our First Gospel Reading is from saint Luke, chapter eighteen.

Now they were bringing even infants to Jesus that He might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him, saying, *“Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL VERSE AND SONGS

2 Timothy 4:18, “Arky, Arky” “God’s Promises”

*Please stand...*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

**P** The goal of our instruction is love that issues forth from a pure heart, and a good conscience, and a sincere faith.

**C** Indeed, the Lord gives wisdom; and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.  
Alleluia!



## HOLY GOSPEL

**st Luke 24:13–32**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to st Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

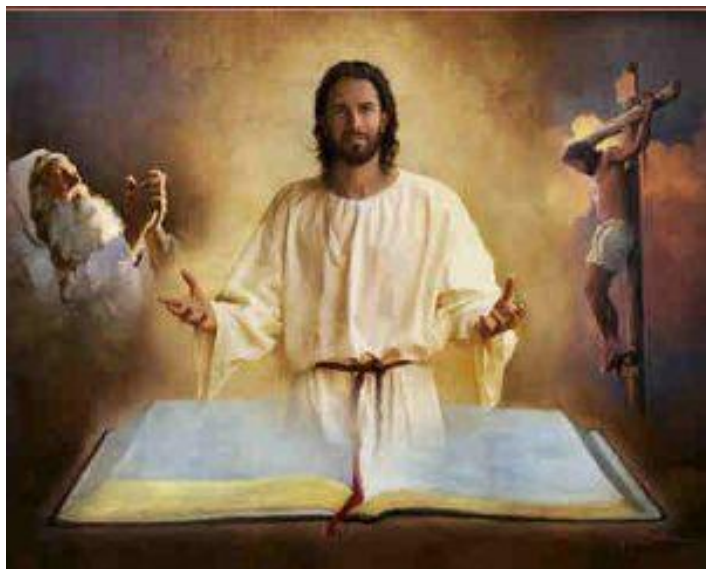
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.



While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, *“What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?”* And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, *“Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”* And He said to them, *“What things?”* And they said to Him, *“Concerning*

*Jesus of Nazareth, a Man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the One to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see.” And He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things*



*concerning Himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged Him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So He went in to stay with them. When He was at table with them, He took the*

*bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?”*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY***“Christ Be My Leader”***LSB 861**

1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



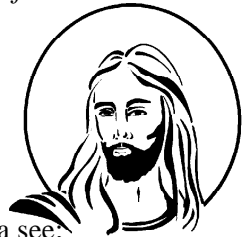
dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

**SERMON***“The Heart of Our Teaching: The Gospel of Jesus!”***SONG OF RESPONSE***“I Know Where I’m Going”*

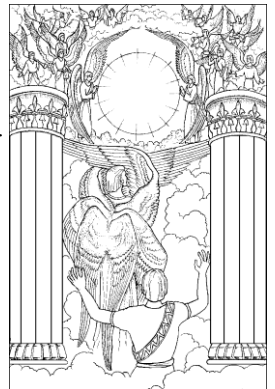
1. One day I was wond’ring: What’s it all about  
 Life is full of heartbreak, restlessness and doubt;  
 Then a gentle Stranger whispered words of love,  
 Pointed me to heaven, wrote my name above.



CHORUS: I know where I’m going and Who I’m gonna see;  
 I have a Friend named Jesus waiting there for me!  
 He has given something that only He could give,  
 He gave His life in payment so that I would live.

2. There are many mansions He’s preparing there  
 That could not be purchased by a millionaire,  
 Streets of gold that glitter, gates of pearly white,  
 In a day eternal, where there is no night. *Chorus...*

3. Friend, if you are searching for a better way,  
 I’m recommending Jesus; trust in Him today.  
 He will give life meaning like no other can,  
 Come and travel with me to the promised land.

*Chorus...*

*Please stand ...* **CREED** *The Apostles' Creed*

**P** We profess our faith together...

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

(Each petition concludes: "Lord, in Your mercy:")

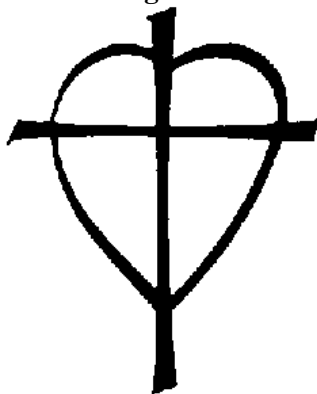
Congregational response: "**hear our prayer!**")

**SHARING THE PEACE**

(We greet one another in the Name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and unity of the Spirit.)

**OFFERING / MUSICAL OFFERING**

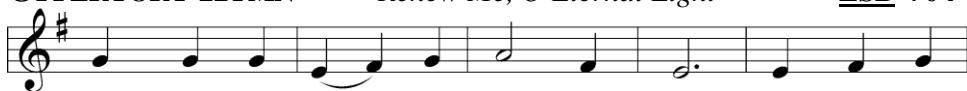
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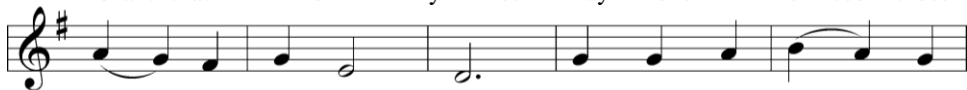
**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"*

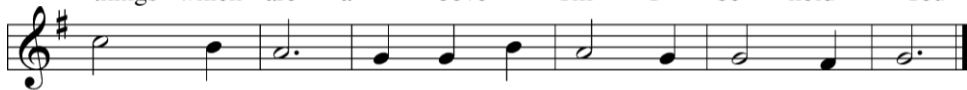
**LSB 704**



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

## DEDICATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- P** We are all to be people of faith and people of the Book, that is, of God's Word, the Bible. All you who are parents: Will you promise to raise your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord? Will you focus on Christ as the heart of your teaching? Will you set yourselves as examples of Christian living for your family and all you meet in daily living? If so, then answer: We will, by the grace of God.

**Parents:** *We will, by the grace of God.*

- P** And how about you children? Will you promise to listen to your parents, learning from them, and obey them, helping wherever you can? Will you focus on Christ as the heart of your learning? Will you set yourselves as examples of Christian living for your family and all you meet in daily living? If so, then answer: We will, by the grace of God.

**Children:** *We will, by the grace of God.*

- P** Finally, I ask all of you: Will you study the Word of God when you have opportunity, here in church and with your families or friends? Will you endeavor to share the faith in your hearts, teaching others by word and example? Will you seek to exhibit Christ as the heart of your living? If so, then answer: We will, by the grace of God.

**C** *We will, by the grace of God.*

- P** Lord, bless our Sunday School Staff and Teachers as they lead the little children into Your merciful arms of grace. And bless the members of our Parish Education Commission as they continue to foster and inspire opportunities for growth and education.

The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you all in your service that you may be good and faithful leaders and teachers in this congregation, and as teachers and learners in your daily living, to the glory of His Name and the salvation of His people. May God's Word ever be in our hearts and on our lips.

**C** **Amen.**

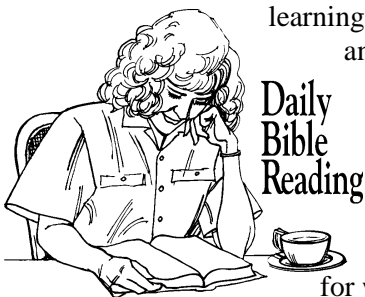
- P** Go in the Name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** **Amen.**



## COLLECT FOR THE WORD

- P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord we dedicate these Bibles and Catechisms to Your glory! Bless those who read and study them that their faith may grow stronger and more steadfast; and equip them for witness and service in Your Name. **Amen.**



## DISTRIBUTING GOD'S WORD TO CHILDREN

*Distributing Bibles to children in Second Grade:*

**Courtney Acree**

**Benjamin Hunt**

**Lexie Beauvois**

**Brooklyn Hunt**

**Bella Beyer**

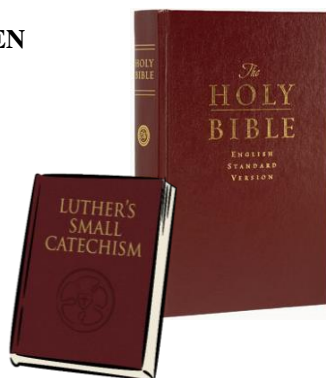
**Ava Perez**

*Distributing Catechisms to children in Fifth Grade:*

**Kaitlyn Bailey**

**Alex Wells**

**Tyler Taylor**



## *Please stand...* **LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**

## BENEDICTION

- P** The goal of our instruction is: love that issues forth from a pure heart, and a good conscience, and a sincere faith.
- C** **We are people of faith and people of God's Word. Blessed and forgiven, we go forth to continue to grow in faith and serve others with God's abundant grace and love..**
- P** Bless the Lord, O my soul;
- C** **and all that is within me, bless His holy Name!**
- P** God's Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;
- C** **To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.**



**P** Through life it guides our way,  
In death it is our stay.

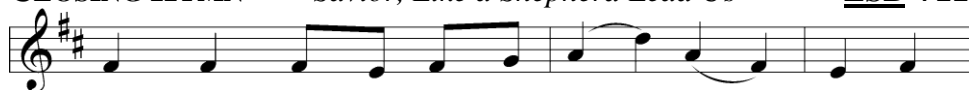
**C** Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of  
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** Amen.

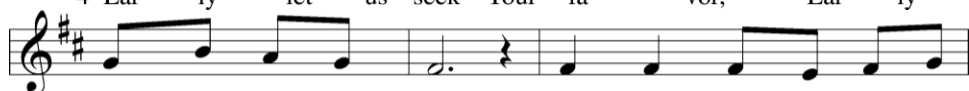


# CLOSING HYMN “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

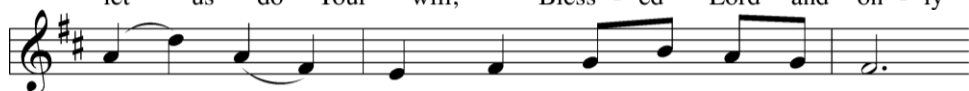
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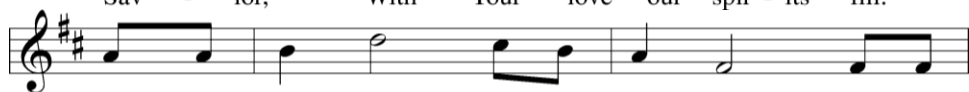
1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



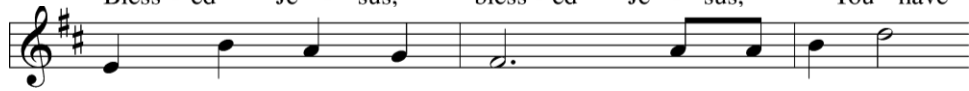
need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



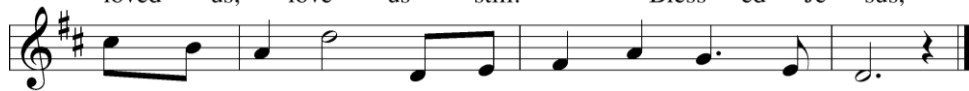
feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

## POSTLUDE

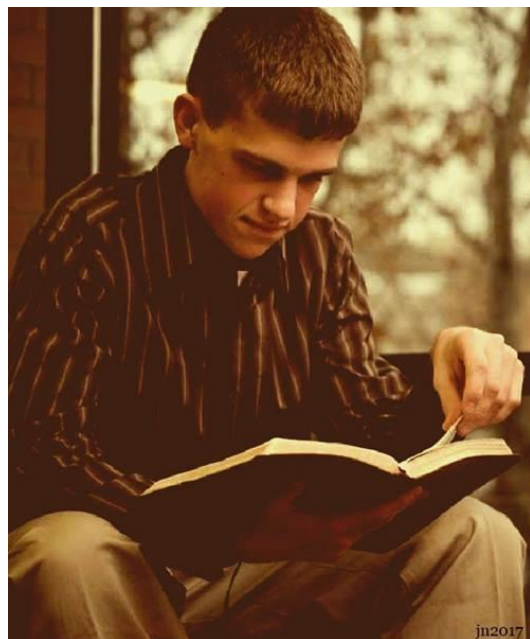
***The Service is ended and we go forth in the  
joy of the Lord to serve God and our  
neighbor with words and deeds that convey  
His grace and bring glory to His Name!***

***But please don't  
rush home!***

***Please join us now  
in our gym  
as our Rally Day  
Celebration continues  
with a picnic luncheon  
and fun activities  
for everyone!!***

***Come to the gym and  
get right in the food  
line and fill your  
plate; there are  
instructions for a  
meal prayer at each  
table!***





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**“You cannot expect to grow in grace if you do not read the Scriptures.”**

Charles Spurgeon

