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*Equipping God's people for a ministry of
discipleship through Christ.*



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✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE ✠

A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

We're glad you're here! Our services may look and sound different, but please bear with us! We worship the way we do for a reason. We gather to receive the gifts of salvation our Triune God comes to give through His Word and Sacrament. In these gifts we receive faith, forgiveness, and life eternal. Worship is the unwrapping of these gifts. The liturgy, hymns, and preaching proclaim His Word to us. They remind us of the promise of salvation we have in our baptism, and they prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace God comes to serve us in this Divine Service, and so our worship is centered around receiving these gifts of God through faith.

A STATEMENT ABOUT CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

As the Lord comes to us in the Divine Service, we eagerly bring our children to be blessed by Him (Lk 18:15-17; Mt 19:13-15; Mk 10:13-16). All are conceived in sin and desperately need the forgiveness He comes to give no matter the age. Therefore, we ask for your children to *remain* in worship with us, unless it becomes *necessary* to remove them for a time. There is no better way to train up our children in the fear and knowledge of the Lord than by having them watch and absorb in worship. Though noises may prove to be a distraction we trust that the Lord's Word does not return to Him void but accomplishes that for which it was sent. As our children learn from us about God and all He has done and continues to do for us, may we learn from them the child like faith.

PRAYERS FOR MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

On Entering a Church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord.

Before worship

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake.

Grace to Receive the Word

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.

Before Confession and Absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.
 His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Stand. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

1 John 1:8–9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination. From Luther's Small Catechism: Before God we should confess all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

[John 20:19–23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: vv. 2b-3

- P** Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!
- C** **For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**
- P** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!
- C** **Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**
- P** Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.
- C** **Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!**
**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.**
- P** Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!
- C** **For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- 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.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Brief silence for individual prayer for our community, congregation, friends, family, and ourselves.

P O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

657 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
 lect - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
 your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:3–7

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *89:18–29; antiphon: v. 20*

P For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

C **Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:
“I have granted help to one who is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen from the people.**

- P** I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him,
**C so that my hand shall be established with him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.**
- P** The enemy shall not outwit him;
the wicked shall not humble him.
- C I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.**
- P** My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
- C I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.**
- P** He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'
- C And I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.**
- P** My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- C I will establish his offspring forever
and his throne as the days of the heavens.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

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

Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLE'S CREED

**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.**

**Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses together.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT— ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Ash Wednesday is the day marking the beginning of Lent, forty days before Easter (not counting Sundays). Themes of penitence (sorrow), and mortality are prominent, often visually depicted by the placing of ashes on the forehead, while speaking the words drawn from Genesis 3:19 "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Lent is a time of spiritual cleansing and preparation for the paschal feast to come. As the Israelites swept their houses of leaven in preparation for the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Passover, so we turn away in repentance from the leaven of sin so that we might celebrate the paschal feast in renewed sincerity and truth. This penitential period of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' resurrection was originally developed as a time of intense instruction for those making final preparations for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. During this time we are taught what remorse, repentance, and reconciliation are really about.

HYMN OF THE DAY

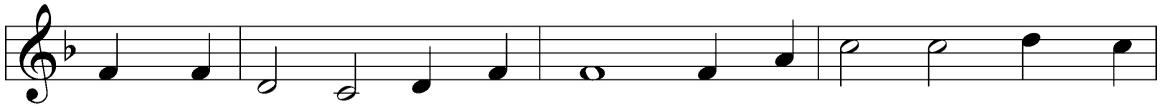
849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For great faith that cries out, like blind Bartimaeus, above the taunts and discouragements of a faithless world, to hear Christ's word of healing and pardon, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faithful pastors, including Matthew, our Synod president; Justin, our district president; Timothy, our circuit visitor; and Timothy, our pastor, that through their service God would open the eyes of those blind to His great love, so that they would follow Jesus on His way, rejoicing, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all Christians, that they may faithfully confess their Lord's name and receive His Word and blessed Sacraments; and for our Lutheran Church, especially her secretary and the men nominated to serve as president and first vice-president, that they may have wisdom and discernment for the good of the Church, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For parents, that God would bless them with all wisdom as they teach their children His ways, bestowing His riches in His Word, that all may confess Jesus as Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our nation and all its leaders and public servants, that our God would guide them into ways pleasing to Him; and that He would bless the people of our country, so that we would delight in His will and walk in His ways to the glory of His holy name, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who are in distress of body and soul, especially _____, that our loving Father would comfort them with His presence, strengthen their faith through His gracious promises, and grant them healing according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all here today who eat and drink the body and blood of Christ in His Holy Supper, that we would receive the Sacrament in repentance for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our faith, the salvation of our souls and to the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For strong hands, firm knees and fearless hearts, that we may abound in good works, pray without ceasing, trust our Lord's just judgment and expect His promised renewal of the world, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22 [Colossians 3:1]; [Ps 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en 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 who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You...with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

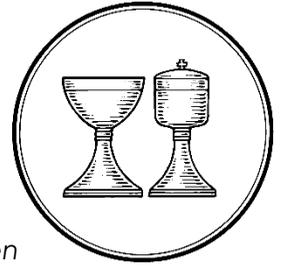


sin of the world; grant us peace.

A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

Holy Communion is for baptized Christians who have been instructed in the biblical teaching of the Christian faith and confess:

- I believe I am a sinner before God in need of divine forgiveness. (Romans 3:9–10)
- I believe the true body and blood of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was given and shed for the forgiveness of my sins and given to me in Holy Communion. (Matthew 26:26–28)
- I believe the wine is a participation in the blood of Christ shed for me, the bread is a participation in the body of Christ given for me, and we are participants in the altar at which we commune. (1 Corinthians 10:16–22)
- I believe that an altar at which the participants are not united in faith and proclamation is not pleasing to the Lord, and those who are unworthy to participate at the altar or are not united in faith with its proclamation do not receive the promised forgiveness but eats and drinks judgment upon themselves. (1 Cor 1:10–13, 11:17–34)
- I aim, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life. (Romans 8:1–8)



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PREPARATION FOR THE RIGHT RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

“O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”

For Questions and Answers to help PREPARE for the Lord's Supper, turn to page 329 in the hymnal.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNING

- Please follow the ushers' directions. If you are not communing or receiving a blessing, you are welcome to remain in your seat and sing the hymns, meditate on God's Word, or pray for the day when we will all be united as our Lord prays for us to be united.
- If you are receiving communion, please cup your hands to receive the host. If you are not receiving communion, please cross your forearms over your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.
- If you desire an individual cup, please take one from the assisting elder. If you desire the common cup, please cross your hands over the rail as the assisting elder passes by. Once the assisting elder passes, please place your hand out to receive the common cup and help guide it to your mouth.
- If you have difficulty walking, please alert the ushers. The elements will be brought to you.

THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

“Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. Amen.”

HYMNS

641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

744 Amazing Grace | 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART

861 Christ Be My Leader



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.

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PRAYERS FOR MEDITATION AFTER WORSHIP

After Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For Blessing On the Word (1)

Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

