

Behold  
the  
Lamb of  
God, which  
taketh away  
the sin of the  
world.

John 1: 29



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**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

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Mission Statement

*"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."*

Vision Statement

*"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."*

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**SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)**

- ✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m.  
(Also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
  - 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School
  - 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

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## ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

- *Welcome* **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** *Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.*
- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- **Church Offering Envelopes for 2023** are ready to be picked up in the Parish Hall.
- **Looking for VOLUNTEERS:** we need people who are willing to be at the West door to assist people into the building and across the ice and snow on Sunday mornings starting at 8:30am. Please see sign up sheet on bulletin board by elevator if you are able to help.
- **Women's Bible Study** will meet January we plan to meet Wednesday from 9:30 – 10:45 -- **January 18.**
- **Anyone**, whether you purchased one or not, and are wishing to take a **SMALL Poinsette** home to enjoy their beauty, please feel free to do so.
- In honor of **Sanctity of Life** in January, we are gathering items for Rachel's Hope, a pregnancy Center in Austin. Items needed are listed on a poster on the bulletin board. All congregation members may place donations in the boxes by the elevator.
- **TODAY -- January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2pm** there will be a **SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** to determine a call for our next Pastor.
- **January 29<sup>th</sup>:** Following the Quarterly Voter's meeting, the Cotta Guild will be hosting a luncheon: Hot beef sandwiches, Macaroni salad and dessert. We hope to see you all there.

### UP COMING CHURCH MEETINGS

**January 15<sup>th</sup>:** Special Voter's Meeting @ 2pm

**January 20<sup>th</sup>:** Mission Trip Team Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru 5p-7p

**January 28<sup>th</sup>:** Live Nativity Potluck @6pm

**January 29<sup>th</sup>:** Quarterly Voter's Meeting @ 10:15 am

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

A Most Important Question

January 15, 2023

## AS WE GATHER

When Jesus asked His two potential disciples what they were seeking, it was a most important question. People look for power and importance for themselves, relief from certain circumstances, and a host of other agenda items. But our Lord came with one overarching goal: He was needed as light for this dark world (as Isaiah wrote) and the only one who could take away the sin of the world (as John the Baptist announced). After seeking Christ's help in our sinful condition, we hear that other great question, "Who do you say that I am?"—and when each of us answers it, then, as Paul told the Church in Corinth, we have all the spiritual gifts we need to ask the people around us, "What are you seeking?"

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN:** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

[LSB 411]

## INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 40:1, 3a; Isaiah 49:6*

**Pastor:** I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

**People:** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**Pastor:** It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob.

**People:** I will make You as a light for the nations.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** We have been called into the fellowship of His Son and been given the gift of faith. Let us confess our sins, confident of God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

**People:** 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

### ✠ WORD ✠

#### KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Christ, have mercy on us.

People: **Christ, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your peace.

People: **Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

#### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 49:1–7* (God’s Servant is to be light.)

**49** Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” <sup>4</sup> But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” <sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup> he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**Lector:** Listen to Me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called Me from the womb, from the body of My mother He named My name. He made My mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He hid Me; He made Me a polished arrow; in His quiver He hid Me away. And He said to me,

**People:** “You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

**Lector:** But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” And now the LORD says, He who formed Me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob back to Him; and that Israel might be gathered to Him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and My God has become My strength—He says:

**People:** “It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make You as a light for the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Lector: Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and His Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers:

**People:** “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen You.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**People:** **Extol Him, all peoples!**

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**People:** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**People:** **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 1:1–9* (God is faithful; He called you into fellowship.)

**1** Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *John 1:29b*

Pastor: Alleluia. Behold, the Lamb of God,

**People: who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 1:29–42* (Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

[LSB 405]

## **SERMON**

**CREED APOSTLES’ CREED** [Please rise]

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 again 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**

**Pastor:** Confident that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake .... let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** ....commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He is Your own Lamb, the sacrifice for our sins and answer to our deepest longings for forgiveness and peace. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS**

**People:** **Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for by calling us to faith in Your only-begotten Son, who takes away the sin of the world, You have met our deepest needs in time and eternity. Grant that we



receive His body and blood in true faith in this Sacrament, a foretaste of the feast to come, when our faith will turn to sight and we shall join the eternal praises in heaven. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ...

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13 [Please rise]*

**People: 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.**

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

Pastor: John the Baptist said,

**People: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"  
Lamb of God, have mercy and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- “Seek Ye First” [LSB 712]  
“What A Friend We Have In Jesus” [LSB 770]  
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” [LSB 702]

## POST-COMMUNION VERSE *Luke 2:29–32*

Pastor: Simeon blessed God and said,

**People: “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, You sent Your Son to answer our deepest need—release from our sins,

**People: we thank You that for His sake You have given us gracious forgiveness and peace in this Sacrament. Today and always, rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled to serve You and lead the people around us to the Savior of us all;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be upon you today and always.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”** [LSB 922]

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

- **Called Home:**
  - **Hospitalized:** Loy Spies (Son of Lois Spies)
  - **Medical Procedure:** Karen Thompson (Kathy Flagstad's Sister) waiting for available kidney.
  - **Illness:** Cindy Kuschel, Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown
  - **Up Coming Surgeries:**
  - **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Anita Risto's, Judy Graper, Tony Jelinek (son in law to Vivian Bohmbach), Margret Schwarz, Debbie Roemhildt
  - **Treatment:** Loy Spies, Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger), Dixie Flitter (sister of Shirley Bluhm)
  - **For those with Covid-19**
  - **Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**
  - **All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
  - **Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)
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**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

- **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist in a time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.
- **Facebook Live-stream and Radio Broadcasts:** Our worship service is live-streamed on Facebook each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (in Facebook search for: @stpaulwaseca to locate our Facebook page.) Our worship service is also Radio Broadcast each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Radio 1170 AM or 106.3 FM, and [www.newstalk1170.com](http://www.newstalk1170.com)
- **Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer chain, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School:** please join us for Sunday School at 10:15-11:15, for ages 3 through grade 8.

**The Lord's Supper**

- ✠ We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- ✠ The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, (For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. **1 Corinthians 11:26-30**)
- ✠ The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. (Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers)
- ✠ Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service. Thank You.

## **THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 15<sup>th</sup> - January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

### **Sunday (15<sup>th</sup>):**

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (also Facebook Live)

10:15 am Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

**2:00 PM SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING**

### **Monday (16<sup>th</sup>):**

10 am Prayer Team

6pm NSC Board Meeting

### **Tuesday (17<sup>th</sup>):**

1:00 pm Quilters

3:30 – 4:30 pm Adult Confirmation

\*\*\* NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE\*\*\*\*

### **Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup>):**

9:30– 10:15 am Women's Bible Study

3:30 – 4:30 pm Confirmation 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

### **Thursday (19<sup>th</sup>):**

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean

### **Friday(20<sup>th</sup>):**

5p-7p Youth Mission Trip Team Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru

### **Saturday (21<sup>st</sup>):**

### **Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup>):**

9:00 am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

## **SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:**

### **THIS WEEK: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Troy Ryan

**ELDER/DEACON:** Andrew Gilmore/ Jim Wyffels

**RADIO MONITOR:** Kathy Flogstad

**FACEBOOK:** Cindy Gilmore

**READER:** Bill Kuschel

### **NEXT WEEK: January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Wyatt Arndt

**ELDER/DEACON:** Andrew Gilmore/ Jim Wyffels

**RADIO MONITOR:** Cindy Gilmore

**FACEBOOK:** Kathy Flogstad

**READER:** Doug Draeger

## **LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:**

**Worship Attendance on Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>: 87 Bible Study: 25 Sunday School: 6**

**General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$4805.00**

**Improvement Fund: \$150.00**

**Radio Broadcast: \$25.00**

**Other: \$100.00**

**Decorating Fund: \$107.26**

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1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain*

In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
  
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.
  
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.
  
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound  
Came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is My Son," was His decree,  
"The one I love, who pleases Me."
  
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
To save the world and free us all.
  
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you!  
Allelu, alleluia!
  
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia!
  
- 3 Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
Allelu, alleluia!

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.



- 1 My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!
  
- 2 May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!
  
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.
  
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul!

1 Go, My children, with My blessing,  
Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are My own.

In My love's baptismal river  
I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing—  
You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.

Here My Spirit's power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you  
And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace:

I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you  
And give you peace.