

Concordia Lutheran Church 4210 Johnson Ave NW Cedar Rapids, IA 52405 Third Sunday after Epiphany January 26, 2025

Announcements for January 26, 2025

Sunday (26)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:30 pm Youth Group
Monday (27)	4:30 pm Irish Class
Tuesday (28)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga
Wednesday (29)	5:30-6:30 pm STEPP Up & Confirmation 6:00 pm Bells
Sunday (2)	8:30 am Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:30 pm Youth Group

Welcome Concordia members & guests – please be sure to fill out the attendance/communion cards located in each pew. Thank you!

Last week at Concordia: Attendance: 31 Planned Returning: \$4,214 Actual Returning: \$8,018 YTD: \$660

Youth Group Can & Bottle Drive – please save your recyclable cans & bottles to help raise money for the Youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer. You may drop off your cans & bottles on Saturday, February 8th from 9-10 am.

YOUTH Fundraiser - If you would like to buy a Pizza Roll for the big game please sign up in the narthex. Cost is \$13 for cheese and \$15 for pepperoni or sausage. Pick up will be after church on February 9th. All proceeds will support the youth going to the National Youth Gathering this summer.

Reminder – you may begin using your 2025 Offering Envelopes now.

Save the Date! Saturday, February 22nd – Youth Trivia Night & Soup Cook Off from 6-9pm. Come for fun & fellowship. Get your groups together & sign up in the Narthex on the whiteboard. Invite your co-workers, friends, family, & neighbors. Entry to Trivia includes food (soup, rolls, cookies, & fruit) Cost is \$10 per person. Any questions, please email Wes at <u>wesaquice@gmail.com</u>.

Mark your Calendars! Please join us for breakfast on Sunday, February 16th. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon. Breakfast will be hosted by the Elders.

Journeys is a social group that meets at 2:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at The Legacy Center at Murdoch-Linwood. Monthly programs vary from crafts to loss-centered self-care tips, seminars, workshops, and presentations by community experts. Journeys was created in order to provide support to those in our community who have experienced the loss of someone they love, with the understanding that grieving hearts need care and connection. The programs are FREE to all in the community, whether Murdoch Funeral Home had the privilege of serving your family, or whether your loved one was cared for by another funeral service provider. No matter if the loss you experienced was recent or years ago. Whether you choose to attend meetings regularly or only stop by every once-in-awhile, know that you will be accepted and welcomed just as you are. No two grief journeys are alike, to be sure, but no one should have to journey alone Please contact Amy Hart with questions or more information. 319-364-1549.

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398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

- Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free, To take away transgression And rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.
- He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.
 Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
 And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;
 All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.
 To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
 His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.
- 5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest. The tide of time shall never His covenant remove; His name shall stand forever— That name to us is Love.
 Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt. Text: Organization

Confession and Absolution

Stand

 \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

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C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
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Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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C Amen.
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Service of the Word

Introit

You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,

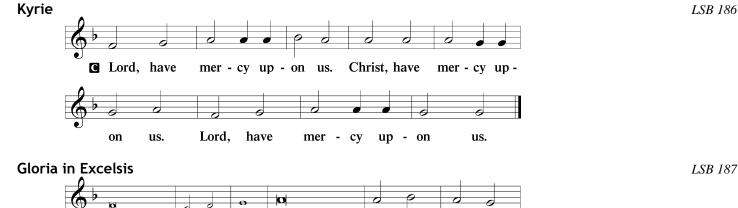
that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise,

when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

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.

You will arise and have pity on Zion;

it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.



■ Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

O O We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, men. Ο O we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. 10 0 0 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. Ο 10 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je sus Christ; O O 6 O O Lord God, Lamb of God, of Son the Father, ο O O that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. A O Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. O 0 O Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -0 6 For Thou only art holy; Thou art the Lord. on us. on - ly ο O O Thou only, O Christ, with the Но ly Ghost, -0 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

¹ All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month.

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law....

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground....

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Praise the LORD, all nations! **Extol him, all peoples**!

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel

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

Luke 4:16-30

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ.

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

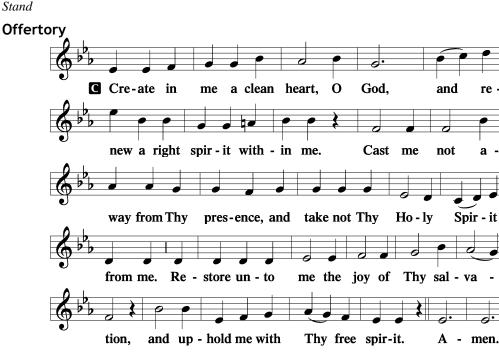
839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night; Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace The souls now lost in error's maze; Enlighten those whose inmost minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3 O gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way! Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand'rers to Your fold. Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore And endless praise to You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.



C

Amen.

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Sit

845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.

- With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
 Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess, And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease;
 Be God's the glory that we seek; Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son; As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name; His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.
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Offering

Stand

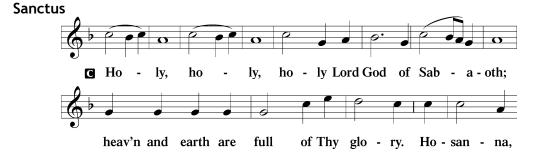
Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

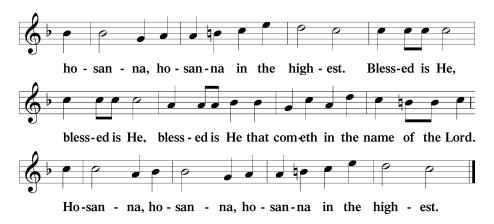
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- **C** It is meet and right so to do.
- It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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Lord's Prayer

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

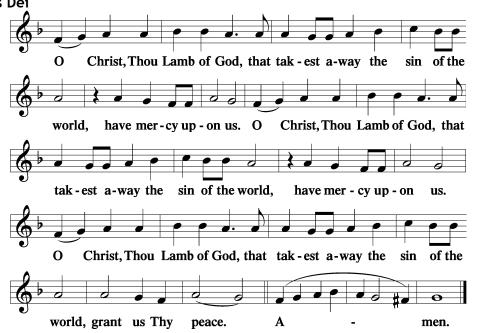
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen.





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Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- Amen. С

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

- Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior, 1 Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain
- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me. No sorrow fills my soul, delighted It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain
- Who can condemn me now? For surely 3 The Lord is nigh, who justifies. No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer; For He who is of death the master With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling. O blessèd, holy Trinity. With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr. Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001801

706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

- Love in Christ is strong and living, 1 Binding faithful hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giving. May His will in us be done.
- Love is patient and forbearing, 2 Clothed in Christ's humility, Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring, Reaching out in charity.
- 3 Love in Christ abides forever, Fainting not when ills attend; Love, forgiving and forgiven, Shall endure until life's end. Text: Dorothy R. Schultz, 1934

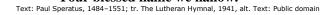
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555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

- Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor; Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
 Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone; He is our one Redeemer.
- 2 What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender. Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires, And lost is our condition.
- 3 It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven. The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light That lurks within our nature.
- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing; The task was useless and in vain, Our guilt was e'er increasing. None can remove sin's poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart— So deep is our corruption.
- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing, Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing. He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
 Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken; Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.
 Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.

- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken; But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken. Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give, No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
 And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
 For faith alone can justify;
 Works serve our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.
- ▲ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
 O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love; Your blessèd name we hallow.







Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray.

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.
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

- **P** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- 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, amen, amen.

658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior

- Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day,
 And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray.
 O keep our faith from failing; Keep hope's bright star aglow.
 Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.
- 2 Preserve, O Lord, Your honor, The bold blasphemer smite; Convince, convert, enlighten The souls in error's night. Reveal Your will, dear Savior, To all who dwell below, Great light of all the living, That all Your name may know.
- 3 Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion, Bought dearly with Your blood; Protect what You have chosen Against the hellish flood.
 Be always our defender When dangers gather round; When all the earth is crumbling, Safe may Your Church be found.

- 4 Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole, The mirror of Your glory, The pow'r that saves the soul. Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav'nly grace, Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.
- 5 Preserve in wave and tempest Your storm-tossed little flock; Assailed by wind and weather, May it endure each shock.
 Stand at the helm, our pilot, And set the course aright; Then we will reach the harbor In Your eternal light.

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