

# **9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

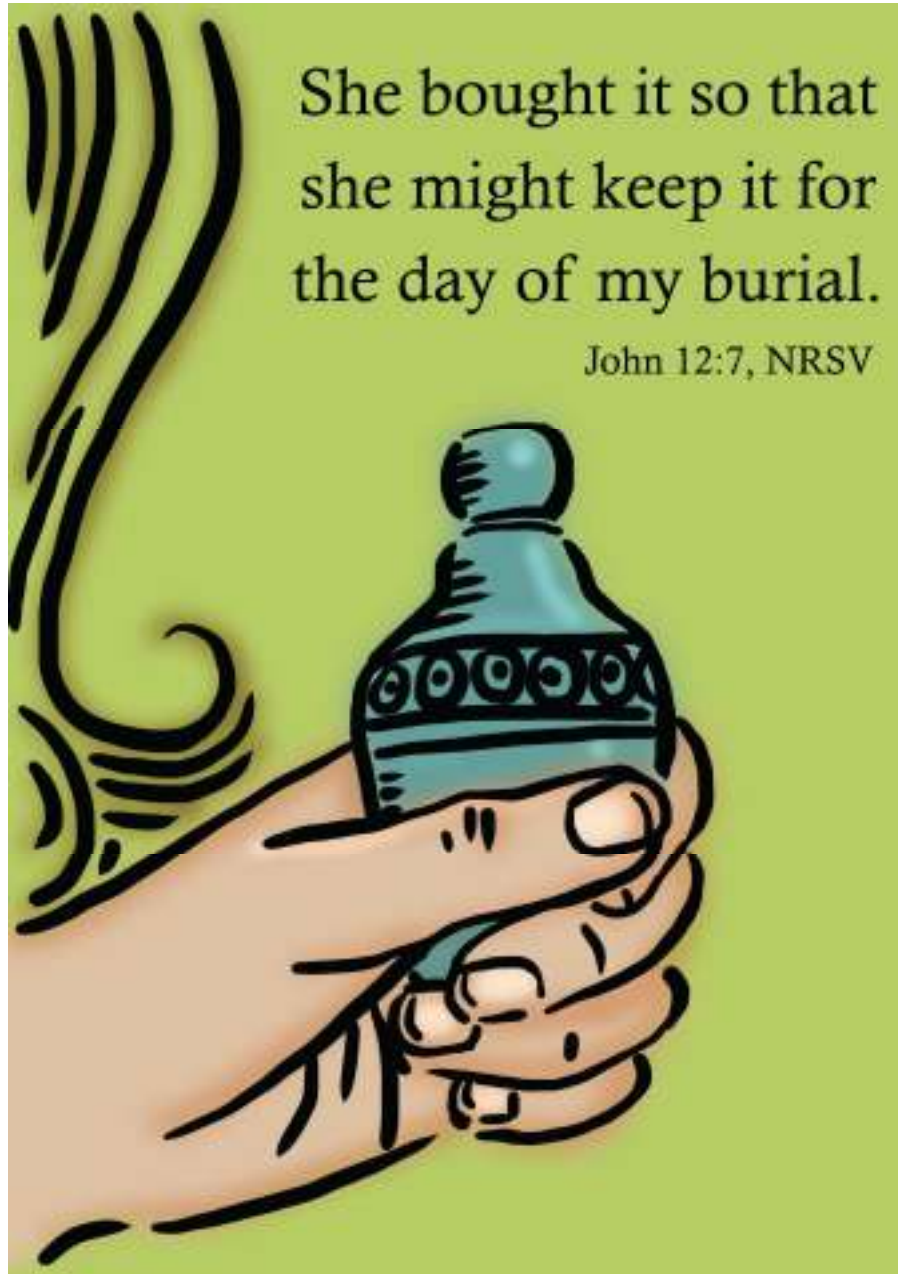
## **SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA*

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## **APRIL 6, 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

## All Are Welcome!

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

All are invited and welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion by kneeling or standing at the altar rail. For your safety and convenience, you will have a choice of coming to the altar or taking communion in your pew in an individually sealed container. If, for any reason, you are not comfortable receiving communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms, indicating you wish to receive a blessing. The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services offers grape juice (lighter color), as well as wine (darker color), for intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. One chalice will hold both wine and grape juice. Communion is continuous with standing. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered as well.

If you have an offering for the church, the offering plates are located at the entrance of the church.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you or if you would like Pastor Jeff to contact you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet. The office phone number and Pastor Jeff's cell phone number are on the cover of the bulletin.

## Ministries for Today

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Altar Assistants: Lynne Gervais, Penny Morken  
& Mary Winsor

Lector: Don Johnson

Altar Guild: Barb Modjeska

Ushers: 9:30 a.m. Lynne Gervais, Penny Morken,  
& David & Christine Willits

AV Technicians: Kelli Ungs  
Abraham Ungs

# SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers*

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*April 6, 2025, 9:30 A.M. Worship*

+ Indicates Please Stand

**Bold** Indicates Congregation Joins In

## PRELUDE

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

## BLESSING OF THE FOOD!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### + CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

A Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

A Compassionate One,

C **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C **Amen.**

### + OPENING HYMN      "As We Gather at Your Table"      ELW 522

A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

# Kyrie

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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 mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men, a - men.

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Let us pray.

C **Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 43: 16-21**

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm: 126** (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup> **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**  
<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.  
<sup>4</sup> **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**  
<sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.  
<sup>6</sup> **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## SECOND READING Philippians 3: 4b-14

Paul writes: <sup>4b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### + LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL according to: **John 12: 1-8**

**C    Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

**P    The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C    Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

Pastor Jeff Ungs

**+    HYMN OF THE DAY    "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"    ELW 596**

**A    Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives with the words of the Apostles' Creed.**

**+    APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW 105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

+ **THE PRAYERS**

P Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

A The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises.

C God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

A The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground.

C God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

A The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

P The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need. Today we pray for: Jackson Drum, Donna Accetta, Adam Cowels, Kari, Eric Nolle, Patty Musielak, Anthony Garafalo, Desiree Lintini, Rob L., David Einink, Sue Popivach, Manuela Schultz, Kimberly Lasher, Bob, Mary Gehr, Cornelia Setzkorn, Theresa Chiorazzi, Vicki Dunlop, Kalem, Gail Fesnak, Alison Heck, Jim Shaw, Barbara Gega, Vernon Rasmussen, Ron Blasig, Sandy Lofthouse, Ryan Smith, Rod Barikmo, Nick & Anita Lehr, Micah Smith, and others we name in our hearts or out loud. May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

A The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of mercy, you are our resurrection. We give you thanks, oh God, for the celebration of birthdays within our faith community. Today we pray for Jackie Masterson, Shari Pressentin, and Marilyn Barikmo as they celebrate their birthdays. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**



A The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,  
C **receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.  
C **Amen.**

+ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

A The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

+ **OFFERTORY**

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ELW 107

A Let us pray.  
C **Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

+ **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune  
Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### + THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

**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.

### + DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### + COMMUNION BLESSING

**A** Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.



+ **THE BLESSING**

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,  
+ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

+ **SENDING HYMN** “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” ELW 802

+ **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The flowers on the chancel this morning were given by Heidi & Mike Dziubla in loving memory of Lina Soldner and Matthew Dziubla.

**HOSPITALIZATIONS**

Local hospitals are no longer calling church offices to advise of the hospitalizations of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, or know of someone that is hospitalized, please let the church office know so that we may keep you/them in our prayers and provide pastoral support.

**LOCAL MISSION PROJECT**

On Palm Sunday, (April 13th) we will be filling the Blessing bags and the Back Packs after worship service. We would appreciate your help with these projects. “Many hands make for light work”.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - April 17, 2025, service begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service** - April 18, 2025, Service begins at 7:00 p.m.

We will have three (3) worship services this Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.

The Sunrise worship service will be at 7:00 a.m. in the courtyard. The 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services will be held in the sanctuary.

## **BEAUTIFICATION OF THE CHURCH**

Easter lily order forms are available in the Narthex. This is a wonderful way to remember a loved one while beautifying the Church on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$20.00 per plant, and the deadline for ordering is Monday, April 7, 2025.

## **A RESURRECTION EGG HUNT**

This event will be held in the courtyard on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 following the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Candy donations for this event would be appreciated and may be left in the marked basket in the narthex. Anyone wishing to volunteer, please see/contact Lori Bernabei. Please call the church office for Lori's contact information.

## **THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:**

The office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Pastor Jeff is available in the office by appointment.

**Monday, April 7th & Wednesday, April 9th,** Bone Builders meet from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 8th,** Sew-Sew's 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!

**Tuesday, April 8th,** Church Council meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 9th ,** Pastor Jeff's Bible study class begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, April 9th ,** Lenten Service beginning at 5:30 p.m. with soup supper to follow.

**Thursday, April 10th,** Grief Group meeting from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 12th,** Pastor Jeff's adult Bible study on "Revelation" beginning at 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 13, 2025,** Palm/Passion Sunday- 9:30 a.m., public worship with Pastor Jeff Unga. Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details -[www.sotgweb.org](http://www.sotgweb.org).

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Pastor Emeritus

Rev. H. Peter Lyberg

## As We Gather at Your Table



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

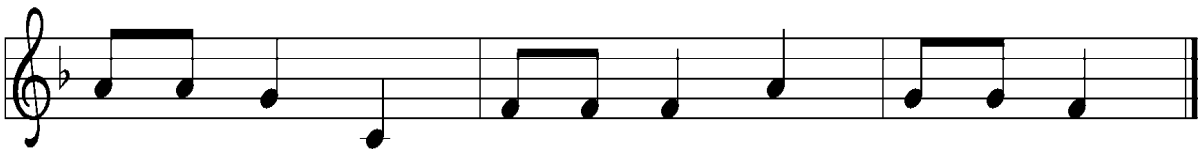


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

## *Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

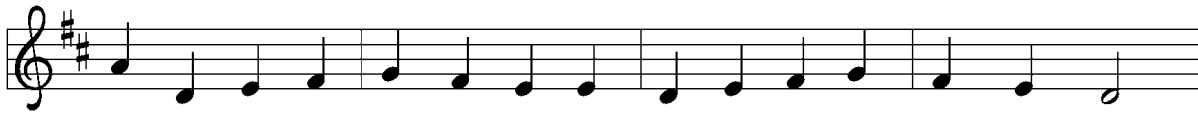


sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.

Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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