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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Sunday, March 8, 2026 – 8:30 AM

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Divine Service, Setting 1
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(Series A)**

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

Christ is our rock and He alone gives to us the water of life. The children of Israel journeyed from the Red Sea through the wilderness toward the land of promise. Along the way they complained to the Lord about their lack of bread and meat and water. At every juncture, the Lord revealed His mercy and provided for His people. They did not realize that all of this was but a promise of the eternal care provided in Christ. He is the rock of their salvation, the bread of heaven come down to feed them until they want for nothing more, the Lamb of God who gives Himself as food for His people, and the living water that tastes of everlasting life. Israel's doubts and fears are warnings to us lest we fail to see how Christ answers all our needs even to eternal life.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

"Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. *Exodus 17:6*

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

648 GLORIOUS THINGS OF YOU ARE SPOKEN



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing
 mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,
 fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
 that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner
 glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's
 Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the
 Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -
 All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.
 Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
 on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.
 last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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Tune: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

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Stand

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

The candidate, sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the font.

When candidate is unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19) In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” (Mark 16:16a) And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.” (1 Peter 3:21)

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, (1 John 2:2) that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?

R Emery Jolene Klein

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P Emery Jolene Klein, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✝ forehead and upon your ✝ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all (1 Peter 3:20). You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism (Ex. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:2). Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Emery Jolene Klein according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her, which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”* And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16).

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LORD’S PRAYER

P We pray the Lord’s Prayer together.

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.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C Amen.

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:

P Emery Jolene Klein, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Emery Jolene Klein, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P Emery Jolene Klein, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C Amen.

P The white garment that you wear today symbolizes that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness (Is. 61:10; Rev. 7:13, 14; 19:13; 22:14) that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4).

P The burning light(s) show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world (John 8:12). Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9) in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir (Romans 8:17) with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).

C Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Stand

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Emery Jolene Klein the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom (Romans 8:17). We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their places.

✠ Word ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

P Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

C How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

P My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

C Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

P Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

C **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 Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

KYRIE

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

P 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.

P Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.



C A - men.

During the season of Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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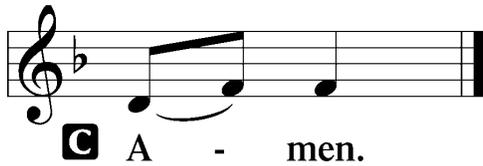
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, You revealed Your mercy in the wilderness when You stood upon the rock and caused water to flow for Your thirsty people. In these Lenten days, lead us from our grumbling to repentance, from our fear to faith, and from our thirst to the living water that is Christ our Lord. As He was struck for our salvation and now pours out grace in Word and Sacrament, refresh our weary hearts and keep us steadfast in Your presence. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Rock and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

(Moses is commanded to strike the rock from which God will bring forth water.)

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

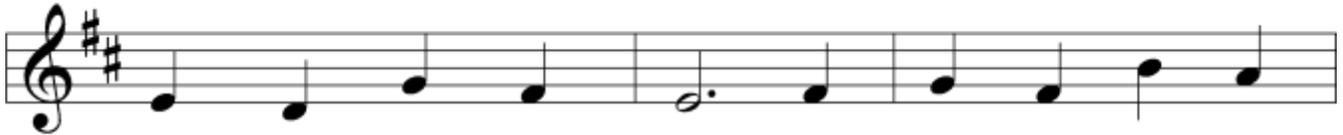
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SING TO THE LORD AND PRAISE HIS NAME



1 Sing to the Lord and praise His name And
 2 With thanks ap - proach His won - drous sight, And
 3 Let princ - es hear and an - gels know How
 4 Come and with hum - ble souls a - dore, Come



in His strength re - joice; When His sal - va - tion
 songs of hon - or sing; The Lord is filled with
 low their na - tures seem; Both gods on high and
 kneel be - fore His face; And may all crea - tures



is our theme, Ex - alt - ed is our voice.
 end - less might And o - ver all things King.
 man be - low, When once com - pared with Him.
 of His pow'r Be chil - dren of His grace.

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EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-8

(We have peace with God through Jesus Christ.)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

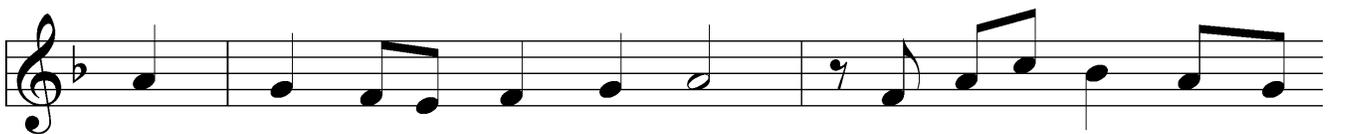
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE (LENT)

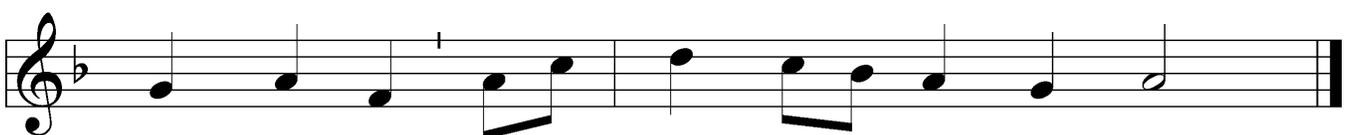
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C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Women: *“Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”*

Men: ¹³ Jesus said to her,

P *“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*

Men: ¹⁵ The woman said to him,

Women: *“Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”*

Men: ¹⁶ Jesus said to her,

P *“Go, call your husband, and come here.”*

Men: ¹⁷ The woman answered him,

Women: *“I have no husband.”*

Men: Jesus said to her,

P *“You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”*

Men: ¹⁹ The woman said to him,

Women: *“Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”*

Men: ²¹ Jesus said to her,

P *“Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

Men: ²⁵ The woman said to him,

Women: *“I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”*

Men: ²⁶ Jesus said to her,

P *“I who speak to you am he.”*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

“Water from the Rock Was Given”

*Tune: LSB 435-“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain
NAAR MIT OIE-87 87 77*

- 1** Through the wilderness they wandered,
Thirsty, weary, full of fear;
Grumbling rose in harsh complaining,
Hearts refused the Lord to hear.
“Is the Lord among us still?”
Yet He loved and bore their ill.

- 2** On the rock the Lord was standing,
Moses drew near at His word;
With the staff of judgment striking,
Flowed a stream from God the Lord.
Water for a faithless race,
Testimony to His grace.

- 3** Christ the Rock fulfilled this wonder,
On the cross the blow He bore;
From His pierced and wounded side came
Blood and water evermore.
There our thirsting hearts are healed,
There forgiveness is revealed.

- 4** Spirit, lead us to this fountain,
Where the Gospel waters flow;
In the font and holy Supper
Christ our life and peace we know.
Through the desert we are led,
Fed and watered, Spirit-fed.

SERMON

VOTUM

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

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Exodus 17:3 – “But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’” Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

Stand

OFFERTORY

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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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness by the hand of Moses. Lead Your Church today by faithful pastors who proclaim Christ crucified and who bring Your people to the living water of Your Word and Sacraments. Strengthen all church workers in their callings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, bless parents with wisdom and patience as they teach their children Your ways. Let every household confess with joy that Jesus is Lord, and let Your Word dwell richly in our homes. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all nations, preserve our land and grant wisdom to those who govern, especially our president; the Congress of the United States; our governor; and all who serve in public office. Grant peace among the nations and protection to those who serve in the armed forces. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O great Physician of body and soul, look with mercy upon all who suffer in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, especially _____. Uphold them with Your mighty hand, grant them healing according to Your will, and give them grace to bear their crosses in faith. Prepare us all to depart this life in the confidence of Christ, our living water. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You know our hearts and see our sins. Grant us boldness to confess our failings and joy to receive Your absolution, that we may walk in newness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, You revealed Your mercy in the wilderness when You stood upon the rock and caused water to flow for Your thirsty people. As once You warned Israel not to harden their hearts at Meribah, soften our hearts by Your Spirit, that we may trust Your gracious presence in every trial. Grant that we who have drunk deeply the living water given by Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, may daily drink of His forgiveness, rejoice in the love You have poured into our hearts, and worship You in spirit and truth. Keep us steadfast in faith until that day when all thirst is quenched in the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



C A - men.

BENEDICTION

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

540 CHRIST, THE WORD OF GOD INCARNATE



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailling
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.

△6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

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