

*My*  
**KINGDOM**  
*is not of this world.*

**JOHN 18:36**

**LENT THREE**

Luther Memorial Church . . . . . March 23, 2025

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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**Bible Study/Sunday School. . . . . 9am**

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### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 43 (TLH Pg. 133); PRAYERS: 29 (Pg. 105); 30 (Pg. 105).

HYMNS: 239 341 361 433

### OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 239 *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

### A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

(WS Pg. 12)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C: Amen.**

- C:     ♪ Lord, have mercy on us.  
          Christ, have mercy on us.  
          Lord, have mercy on us.
- C:     ♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
          Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
          We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
          Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- ♪ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
          You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
          O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
          Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- ♪ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
          At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
          Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
          With all the heav'n-ly host we glorify.

**Pastor:** Let us pray...

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

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:**

### **EXODUS 3:1-15**

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land,

a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

<sup>9</sup> And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup> He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ” <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. \*

### **EPISTLE LESSON:**

### **1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13**

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.

<sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. \*

### **GOSPEL LESSON:**

**LUKE 13:1-9**

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

<sup>2</sup> And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

<sup>6</sup> And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup> And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup> Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' " \*

### **THE ALLELUIA:**

**Pastor:** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**Congregation:**

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

**THE APOSTLES CREED**

**HYMN: 341** *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

## **THE SERMON:**

## **JOHN 18:28-38**

<sup>28</sup> Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup> They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." <sup>31</sup> Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup> This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. \*\*

## **MAPPING OUT THE EVENTS OF LENT**

Delivered to the Gentiles in the Praetorium

### **THE OFFERTORY**

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

## **THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS**

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

## **THE OFFERING HYMN**

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light, My Strength by day, my Trust by night, On earth I'm but a passing guest And sorely with my sins opprest.

♪ Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read That Thou to save me hast decreed And grant that in Thine opened side My troubled soul may ever hide.

♪ Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just. I take my homeward way in trust. The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide When here I may no more abide.

## **PRAYER(S) THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN: 361** *"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"*

**THE BENEDICTION:** (Pastor) **CONGREGATION:** "Amen."

**CLOSING HYMN: 433** *"Jesus, My Truth, My Way"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will return and join us again. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

March 23, 2025

### **THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP**

**Luther Memorial Voters:** Teacher Call Meeting, Fellowship Hall.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** Elders Meeting 6:00pm

**Wednesday:** Midweek Lenten Worship 6:30pm (Pastor David Ude)

**Sunday:** Bible Study/Sunday School 9am; Worship 10am

## **COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE**

*Please keep our Cooperative Budget Pledge needs in mind when giving thanks to the Savior for all of His gifts to you. We have pledged to send \$22,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2024-25. Thus far we have received \$13,185.00 toward that pledge.*

## **GENERAL BUDGET**

*The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$30,119.25 toward that budget.*

## **FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HOUR 2025**

*There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to host a Family Fellowship Hour during 2025. There are only a couple of months left, so please take a look and sign up when you can host!*

## **LM FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

*Our next Family Game Night is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm. Our final spring FGN will take place on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for snacks and games!*

## **EASTER LILIES**

*If someone wants to get an Easter Lily speak to the Secretary TODAY or sign up on the bulletin board TODAY.*

## **SPRING CLEANING**

*At their March 4th meeting, the ladies discussed the basement kitchen and the desire to clean it up. Deciding whether to keep, donate or dispose of its contents will be the hardest part. If you would like to help, join them on April 1st at 5:30 pm. The business meeting is planned for 6:30, so come when you can. Many hands make light work.*

## **CLC YOUTH CAMP**

*CLC Youth Camp at Pillager 2025 Camp registration opened Saturday March 15th at 10am CST. CLC Youth Camp at Pillager is for campers entering grades 6th-12th. Camp runs June 8-14th, 2025. For more information please visit our website,*

*<https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp>,*

*or contact Amber Casto and Ethan Sydow at [youthcamp.clc@gmail.com](mailto:youthcamp.clc@gmail.com).*

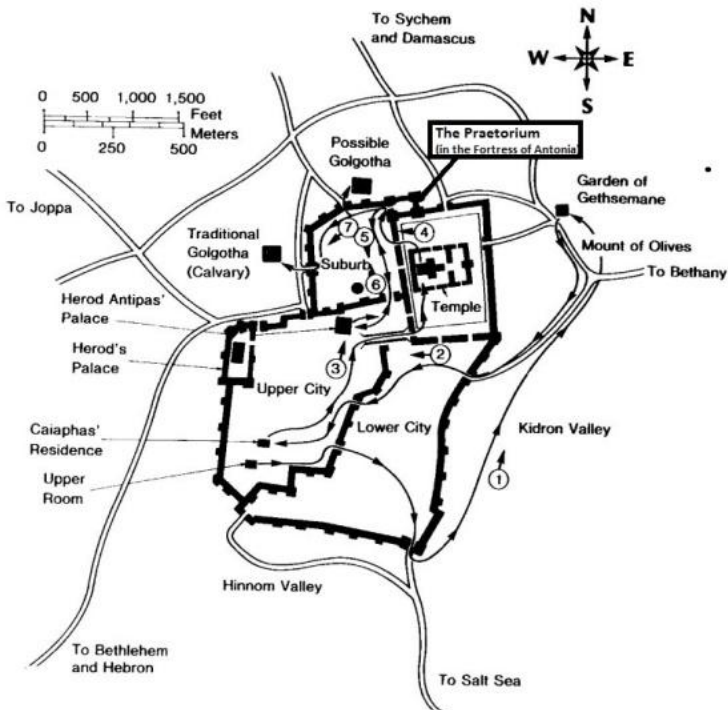


## LENTEN SERIES 2025

The Penitential Season of Lent begins on Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> with an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm. The Theme of this year's Lenten Meditations is: "The Hand of the Lord Who...1) Freely Gives; 2) Creates and Saves; 3) Casts out Demons; 4) Heals the Sick; **5) Raises the Dead**; 6) Holds all things." Pastors Schaller, Ude, Bernthal and Tiefel will be preaching at Luther Memorial for Midweek Lenten Services.

## 2025 ILHS VISITORS DAY

Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host their annual High School Visitors Day on Friday, May 2, 2025 for students grades 7 and up. A schedule of events and online registration can be found at [www.ilc.edu](http://www.ilc.edu). Please register students and chaperones by Friday, April 25. A theater performance of *The Worst High School Play in the World* will take place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. Friday night's play performance will be livestreamed on YouTube with an unlisted link that will be shared via email. The Immanuel Band will perform before the play on Friday at 7:00 pm, and student talent performances will take place Saturday at 7:00 pm. Performances are open to the public. For more information, please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud ([joel.gullerud@ilc.edu](mailto:joel.gullerud@ilc.edu) 715-544-8446).



## **CHURCH CALENDAR ARTWORK**

*Thanks to all those who submitted artwork for the Church Calendar. As more artwork is submitted it will be updated monthly on the church website: [fdllutheran.com](http://fdllutheran.com). Visit the calendar page to see those submissions that have been selected.*



***Praetorium...Herod's Palace?***



***Praetorium...the Fortress of Antonia?***

## **CLC CALL NEWS**

*St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School in Mountain View, CA has called Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran in Lakewood, CO. • Faith Lutheran in Manchester has called Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran in Watertown and Zion Lutheran in Hidewood Township, SD. • Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin has accepted the call of Grace Lutheran Church in Valentine, NE; Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD; and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in White River, SD. • Teacher Claire Abbas has returned the call of Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. • Berea Lutheran Church of Inver Grove Heights has called members Christine Starland (part-time teacher) and Deb Owens (band) to fill the vacancy created by Cathy Augustin's retirement. They have both have accepted their calls.*

### **Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025**

*The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Luther Memorial to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.*

<b>Amount Pledged 2024</b>	<b>Received as of 3/19/25</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Approximate per Sunday (14)</b>
\$22,000	\$13,185.00	\$8,815.00	\$630.00

### **The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 3/16 & 3/19/25**

*Attendance: 3/16 – 72; 3/19 -31*

<b>General Fund (Budgetary)</b>	<b>General Missions (CBP)</b>	<b>MDF (Missions)</b>	<b>Project Kinship (Missions)</b>	
\$1,645.00	\$170.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
<b>Total Offerings: \$ 1,915.00</b>				

### **Luther Memorial General Budget 2025**

*The Voters of Luther Memorial established the general budget at the Annual Meeting in January of 2024. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.*

<b>General Budget</b>	<b>Received as of 3/19/25</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Remaining Amount (41)</b>
\$130,000.00	\$30,119.25	\$99,880.75	\$2,436.00

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## HOME DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH 24-29, 2025

**Monday – Psalm 22:1-11** A psalm that was on our Savior’s mind as He hung on the cross. While enemies see Him as rejected by God (v8), He still looks to God for help in the deepest distress, and calls to Him – **My God!**

**Tuesday - John 10:23-38** The Jews gather around Jesus, asking if He is the Christ, but do not believe it when He tells them. They pick up stones to kill Him, and He answers: at least believe the Father’s works which I do.

**Wednesday – Psalm 22:12-21** Evil men surround the Savior like wild animals, and His strength is drained as they divide His garments (v18). Still He looks to the LORD, His heavenly Father, for strength and for deliverance.

**Thursday - 2 Corinthians 4:7-14** The apostle’s treasure, the knowledge of God’s glory in Christ, is his only help in the face of every distress, persecution, and death. But its power is from God (v7), and equal to the task!

**Friday - Psalm 22:22-31** Hanging on the cross, the Savior knew He would be delivered from every distress, and that the Lord’s kingship would prevail. Rich and poor would praise the LORD for His gift of righteousness.

**Saturday - Exodus 2:11-15** Moses was weaned by his own mother and raised as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, but that does not make him ruler of Israel or Egypt. His attempt ends in “exile” in Midian.



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# HYMN SHEET

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## PSALM 43

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! <sup>2</sup>For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? <sup>3</sup>Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

<sup>4</sup>Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

<sup>5</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God. \*

## PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

### IN TIME OF NATIONAL CALAMITY

Look mercifully, O Lord, we pray, on the affliction of Your people, and do not let our sin destroy us, but let Your almighty mercy save us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### IN TIME OF NATIONAL CALAMITY

Most loving and gracious Lord God, who for our sins may chastise us, we turn to Your tender fatherly compassion, asking that as a father pities His children, you would also have mercy on us miserable sinners. Turn away Your wrath and do not hand us over to eternal punishment, but deliver us that we may now and forevermore praise You. O gracious God and Father, who desires not the death of a sinner, but would rather that he turn from his wickedness and live; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## HYMN

## COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

**1. Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise! Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword, Our prayer attend; Come and Thy people bless And give Thy Word success; Stablish Thy righteousness, Savior and Friend!**

**3. Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour. Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in every heart And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of Power!**

4. To the great One in Three Eternal praises be Hence evermore!  
His sovereign majesty May we in glory see And to eternity Love  
and adore!

**HYMN:                      CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS**

1. Crown Him with many crowns The Lamb upon His throne; Hark  
how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own. Awake,  
my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee And hail Him as thy  
matchless King Through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose  
arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn; Fruit  
of the mystic rose, As of that rose the stem; The root whence  
mercy ever flows, The Babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown Him the Lord of Love. Behold His hands and side, Rich  
wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified. No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his wondering eye  
At mysteries so bright!

4. Crown Him the Lord of Life Who triumphed o'er the grave And  
rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save. His glories  
now we sing Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to  
bring And lives that death may die.

5. Crown Him the Lord of Heaven, Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the King to whom is given The wondrous name of  
Love. Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns For He is King of all.

**OFFERING                      LORD JESUS CHRIST, MY LIFE, MY LIGHT**

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light, My Strength by day, my  
Trust by night, On earth I'm but a passing guest And sorely with  
my sins opprest.

♪ Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read That Thou to save me hast  
decreed And grant that in Thine opened side My troubled soul  
may ever hide.

♪ Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just. I take my homeward  
way in trust. The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide When here I  
may no more abide.

## HYMN

## O JESUS, KING MOST WONDERFUL

1. O Jesus, King most wonderful, Thou Conqueror renowned,  
Thou Sweetness most ineffable, In whom all joys are found!
2. When once Thou visitest the heart, Then truth begins to shine,  
Then earthly vanities depart, Then kindles love divine.
3. O Jesus, Light of all below, Thou Fount of life and fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire--
4. May every heart confess Thy name And ever Thee adore And,  
seeking Thee, itself inflame To seek Thee more and more!
5. Thee may our tongues forever bless, Thee may we love alone,  
And ever in our lives express The image of Thine own!

## HYMN

## JESUS, MY TRUTH, MY WAY

1. Jesus, my Truth, my Way, My sure, unerring Light, On Thee my  
feeble soul I stay, Which Thou wilt lead aright.
2. My Wisdom and my Guide, My Counselor Thou art; Oh, let me  
never leave Thy side Nor from Thy paths depart!
3. Thou seest my feebleness; Jesus, be Thou my Power, My Help  
and Refuge in distress, My Fortress and my Tower.
4. Give me to trust in Thee; Be Thou my sure Abode; My Horn and  
Rock and Buckler be, My Savior and my God.
5. Myself I cannot save, Myself I cannot keep; But strength in Thee  
I surely have, Whose eyelids never sleep.
6. My soul to Thee alone Now, therefore, I commend. Thou, Jesus,  
having loved Thine own, Wilt love me to the end. Amen.