

**“STAY DRESSED
FOR ACTION AND
KEEP YOUR
LAMPS BURNING.”**

LUKE 12:35. ESV

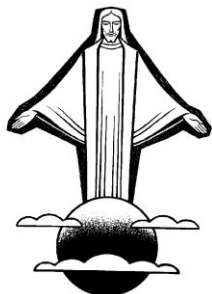


TRINITY TWENTY-TWO

Luther Memorial Church November 16, 2025

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession
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Bible Study/Sunday School. 9am

Worship. 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 119:169-176 (TLH Pg. 152);

PRAYERS: 74 (Pg. 109); **73** (Pg. 109).

HYMNS: 744 532 606 784

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 744 -*"How Great Thou Art"*

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement Pg. 22)

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Congregation: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We stand forgiven. With boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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.

OT LESSON:

MALACHI 4:1-6

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

⁴ “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”*

EPISTLE:

2 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10

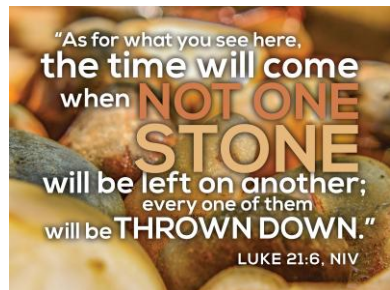
⁵ This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— ⁶ since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰ when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. *

GOSPEL:

LUKE 21:5-19

⁵ And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷ And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹ And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED

HYMN: 532 - *"Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord"*

THE SERMON:

LUKE 21:34-36

³⁴ "But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." *

STAY AWAKE !!

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

(LSB 655)

♪ Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

♪ O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

PRAYER(S) /THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 606 - *"O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking"*

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

CLOSING HYMN: **784** - *"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"*

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

November 16, 2025

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Mission Committee 6pm

Wednesday: LH Confirmation Class 4:30pm

Sunday: Sunday School/Bible Study 9am; Worship 10am
LH Thanksgiving 2pm; LH Bible Study 3pm

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$ 114,187.25 toward that budget.

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 2025-26. Thus far we have received \$ 7,680.00 toward that pledge.

SOUTHEAST WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Southeast Women's Retreat will be February 13-15, 2026 at Camp Dogwood on Lake Norman in Sherrills Ford in North Carolina. Theme is Ephesians 4:3 - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

2026 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

The CLC Mission Helper Program is making preparations for another Mission Trip to Africa for the summer of 2026. The main focus of this trip will be presenting the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations. Possible areas of evangelism include the CLC-Tanzania, CLC-Kenya, CLC-Zambia, and CLC-Uganda. CLC members are welcome and encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply, visit www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Faith Lutheran will be hosting Advent by Candlelight for all women in the congregation, family, and friends, on Sunday, December 7th starting at 3pm at Faith Lutheran in Markesan. Please join us for this wonderful afternoon of Word, music, and fellowship. Please RSVP at the link below. Any questions, please reach out to Jessica Krueger at cottej88@gmail.com or 920-369-8113.

<https://markesanlutheran.com/events/candlelight/>

USED SMARTPHONES FOR AFRICA

Missionary Bruce Naumann is requesting donations of a certain kind of Android smartphone, for use by pastors and pastoral students in East Africa. If you have a used phone that was once on a Verizon plan and would like to donate it, please bring it to the church office. Verizon is preferred because it will work with African cell carriers, but most others will not. These phones are much appreciated by students and pastors in our sister African churches - thank you!

Note: *The phones don't need a sim card, since the user there has to purchase one. It's best if the phone is also factory-reset (wiped of user information). Please don't buy a new phone to donate, the folks overseas might be tempted to simply re-sell it.*

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT:

The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com

AURACAST BLUETOOTH – HEARING AID

Luther Memorial has recently implemented an advanced assisted listening system that enables Auracast Bluetooth hearing aids to connect directly to the audio broadcast during the service. If your hearing aid supports Auracast, you can connect and listen to the service directly through your hearing aids, eliminating the need for a headset.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE LADIES

Thank You, Holly! The ladies extend our heartfelt thanks to Holly Youngerberg for sharing her time and talent in teaching the ladies' group the beautiful art of rosemaling. Your patience, creativity, and passion blessed us with both fellowship and the joy of learning a treasured tradition. We are grateful for your ministry among us and for helping us use our gifts to glorify God.

SPECIAL SERVICES UPCOMING

The Holiday Season is on the horizon whether we like it or not. Our Thanksgiving Eve Worship is scheduled to take place in just over 2 weeks on Wednesday November 26th at 6pm. Midweek Advent Services will follow, as will our annual Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services and New Year's Eve Worship.

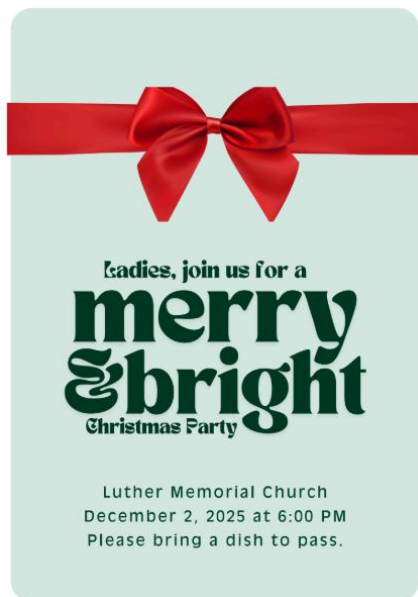
- † **Wednesday November 26th** -- Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 3rd** -- Midweek Advent Worship #1, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 10th** -- Midweek Advent Worship #2, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 17th** -- Midweek Advent Worship #3, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 24th** -- Christmas Eve Children's Service, 6pm
- † **Thursday December 25th** -- Christmas Day Worship 10am
- † **Wednesday December 31st** -- New Year's Eve Worship, 6pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLING/BOWLING OUTING

Our Annual Christmas Caroling is scheduled for Monday December 22nd and our Bowling Outing is scheduled for Friday January 9th at 6:30pm at Ledgeview Lanes here in Fond du Lac.

FREE FRIDGE

The fridge in the teacherage has been replaced with a newer model. If you would like to have and take away the old fridge, please speak with Chairman Bernthal ASAP. If there are no takers, the fridge will be disposed of.



CLC World Mission Prayer List

November 2025

India (South Asia) – The last week of October, Cyclone Montha hit the east coast of India in an area where 363 CLC-India congregations and 4300 members are located. 2,000 of these members are from the impoverished and marginalized Dalit tribal colonies. Government aid was announced, but it is distributed by the Hindu nationalist party (BJP) leaders in districts where the BJP is in the majority. Christians are routinely turned away when requesting aid, and in some cases, they are physically beaten. Local police ignore the situation and, at times, actually join in the abuse. You can see pictures of the devastation here: photos.app.goo.gl/pNzVTK3zCed8tMEp8. The heavy rains also led to a dam break in the BELC's Sri Kalahasti district. Several families suffered loss and damage to their homes and farmland. You can see pictures here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/CkesC6ah8ESon6Ny6>. Please pray that the Lord will protect, provide, strengthen, and give hope to His children in India who are suffering.

India (South Asia) – A joint pastoral conference of the CLCI and BELC was held in October. CLC Board of Missions Chairman and Missionary Ohlmann had planned to attend, but they were denied entry into India upon arrival at the Chennai airport. Pray that no negative consequences will result for the CLCI and BELC from their denied entry. Thank the Lord that the pastors and leaders of the BELC and CLCI were able to meet together for mutual encouragement and fellowship based upon the firm foundation of God's saving Word.

Nepal (South Asia) – Fourteen men graduated from the Himalayan Bible Institute on October 9th. Despite unexpected late monsoons that hampered travel, Missionary Ohlmann was able to attend the graduation and conduct a one-day Bible training seminar with students, pastors, and church leaders who came to attend the HBI graduation. The HBI plans to welcome a new cohort of 15 students in January. Thank the Lord for safe travels for everyone who attended the HBI training seminar and graduation. Ask the Lord to bless these next couple of months of preparation for the new students and teachers at the HBI. Pray that the Lord will provide for a new, stable, and good government that will be a blessing to the citizens of Nepal and for the Gospel ministry of the HCLCN.

Liberia (West Africa) – A regular schedule of Bible training seminars continues with pastors in several different areas of Liberia. Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to visit Liberia Nov. 12-26.

He and Pastor Kwiwalazu will travel to several areas of Liberia and conduct a Pastor Training Seminar with 18 pastors and church leaders in Bopolu. Thank the Lord and ask for His continued blessings for the ongoing Biblical training and outreach. Ask the Lord to bless the training seminar and conference in Bopolu.

Nigeria (West Africa) – With an MDF grant and local offerings, the Nigeria-CLC (NCLC) is close to completing their long-awaited building project. The building will feature new classrooms, a library/computer room, and an office for faculty. Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to visit the NCLC in November for the dedication and a pastoral conference in the new building. Ask the Lord to continue to bless this project and thank Him for providing the funding through the NCLC and MDF offerings. Thank the Lord for the privilege of working together in this effort to train faithful workers in His Nigerian harvest of souls! Ask the Lord to provide safe travel for everyone attending the conference and building dedication.

Togo (West Africa) – Graduation for the three students at Mount Horeb Lutheran is scheduled for December 6. Missionary Evensen and Missionary Ohlmann will be in attendance. Pray for all the guests who will hear the Gospel at this event and for the ongoing outreach work to establish preaching stations and congregations for these new graduates to pastor. Head Pastor Kossi Blewu will soon resume his Gospel outreach radio program in Assahoun, a town about 30 minutes from the seminary. One of the graduates will be called to start a congregation there, since people have been calling to attend our services after hearing Pastor Blewu.

Bangladesh (South Asia) – Construction work on the multipurpose building is going well. This building will serve God's Kingdom as a Bible Institute for training faithful church workers, a place for worship, and housing for teachers and students. Fourteen men are ready to begin pastoral training once the building is completed. Please continue to pray for the success of this building project and that the Lord would move the hearts of His people to give generously for this important work, so the project can stay on schedule.



to be continued...

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Michael Gurath has accepted the call of Peace Through Christ in Middleton (Madison) WI. He will be installed on Sunday December 21st during their 10am morning worship. • Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA has called Pastor Tom Schuetze, who currently serves St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church in Lakewood, CO. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton has called Pastor Johnathan Schnose who currently serves Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN. • Pastor Matt Ude has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin • Pastor Emeritus Norman Greve has returned a part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN. • Mrs. Dawn Mayhew has asked for a peaceful release from her call as teacher at Redeemer Ev. Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY, effective the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2026

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, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Amount Pledged 2025	Received as of 11/9/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (35)
\$22,000	\$7,680.00	\$14,320.00	\$409.14

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – 11/9/2025

Attendance: 11/9 -65

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)
\$2,139.00	\$295.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Total Offerings: \$2,534.00			

Luther Memorial General Budget 2025

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

General Budget	Received as of 11/9/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (7 Sundays)
\$130,000.00	\$114,187.25	\$15,812.75	\$2,259.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS NOVEMBER 17-22, 2025

Monday – Mark 4:26-28 God's ruling hand does not depend on our effort or understanding. He causes the farmer's seed to grow and bear fruit. He also brings the greater spiritual blessings of His rule to His people.

Tuesday – Acts 11:1-18 Peter carefully explains how God brought him to see that "repentance that results in life" (v18) is intended for both Jews and Gentiles. When they heard him out, the others praised God with him.

Wednesday - 2 Samuel 23:1-4 The last words of David, speaking by the Spirit of God, hold before his people the shining righteousness of the Rock of Israel (v3). Like sunshine after rain, the LORD brings life to His own.

Thursday - 2 Samuel 23:5-7 Although David confesses his own unworthiness, he rejoices in the everlasting covenant with God that brings salvation and life to those who deserve to be thrown away.

Friday – Proverbs 3:1-8 What better gift can a father give to his son than long days, peace, prosperity, mercy, and truth? All these are gifts from God to the children who learn to fear and trust in Him above everything.

Saturday – Proverbs 3:9-16 Wealth is not the goal in life; it is a gift of God. But the gifts of wisdom and understanding are even greater than silver and gold, and teach us to honor the LORD with our wealth (v9).



These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis. Graphics in the bulletin are taken from Church Art Online via a regular legal subscription.

HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 119:169-176

¹⁶⁹ Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word! ¹⁷⁰ Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word. ¹⁷¹ My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes. ¹⁷² My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right. ¹⁷³ Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. ¹⁷⁴ I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight. ¹⁷⁵ Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me. ¹⁷⁶ I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.*

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR PEACE

O God, you are the author of peace. Defend us, your humble servants, against every assault of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in Your defense, may not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE BLESSEDNESS OF HEAVEN

Almighty, Everlasting God, who gave Your only Son to be a High Priest of good things to come, hereafter grant to us, Your unworthy servants, to have our share in the company of the blessed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN:

HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to Thee, 'How great Thou art! How great Thou art!' Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, 'How great Thou art! How great Thou art!'

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to Thee, 'How great Thou art! How great Thou art!' Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, 'How great Thou art! How great Thou art!'

3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in, That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin. Then sings my soul, my
Savior-God, to Thee, 'How great Thou art! How great Thou art!'
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, 'How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!'

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble
adoration And there proclaim: 'My God, how great Thou art!'
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to Thee, 'How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!' Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
'How great Thou art! How great Thou art!'

HYMN

THY WAY, NOT MINE, O LORD

1. Thy way, not mine, O Lord, However dark it be. Lead me by
Thine own hand; Choose Thou the path for me. I dare not choose
my lot; I would not if I might. Choose Thou for me, my God; So
shall I walk aright.

2. Choose Thou for me my friends, My sickness or my health;
Choose Thou my cares for me, My poverty or wealth. Not mine,
not mine, the choice, In things or great or small; Be Thou my
Guide, my Strength, My Wisdom, and my All.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(LSB 655)

♪ Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit
or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to
naught all He has done.

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of
lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your
praise eternally.

♪ O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

HYMN

O'ER THE DISTANT MOUNTAINS BREAKING

1. O'er the distant mountains breaking Comes the redd'ning dawn
of day, Rise, my soul, from sleep awaking; Rise and sing and watch
and pray. 'Tis thy Savior, 'Tis thy Savior, On His bright returning
way.

2. O Thou Long-expected, weary Waits my anxious soul for Thee;
Life is dark, and earth is dreary, Where Thy light I do not see. O
my Savior, O my Savior, When wilt Thou return to me?

3. Nearer is my soul's salvation; Spent the night, the day at hand.
Keep me in my lowly station, Watching for Thee till I stand, O my
Savior, O my Savior, In Thy bright, Thy promised land.

4. With my lamp well trimmed and burning, Swift to hear and slow
to roam, Watching for Thy glad returning To restore me to my
home. Come, my Savior, Come, my Savior, O my Savior, quickly
come.

HYMN

LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way; Direct,
protect, and feed me From day to day. Without Your grace and
favor I go astray; So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear; For You, the
Rock of Ages, Are always near. Close by Your side abiding, I fear
no foe, For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come, I know
that You will strengthen My steps toward home, And nothing can
impede me, O blessed Friend! So take my hand and lead me Unto
the end. Amen.