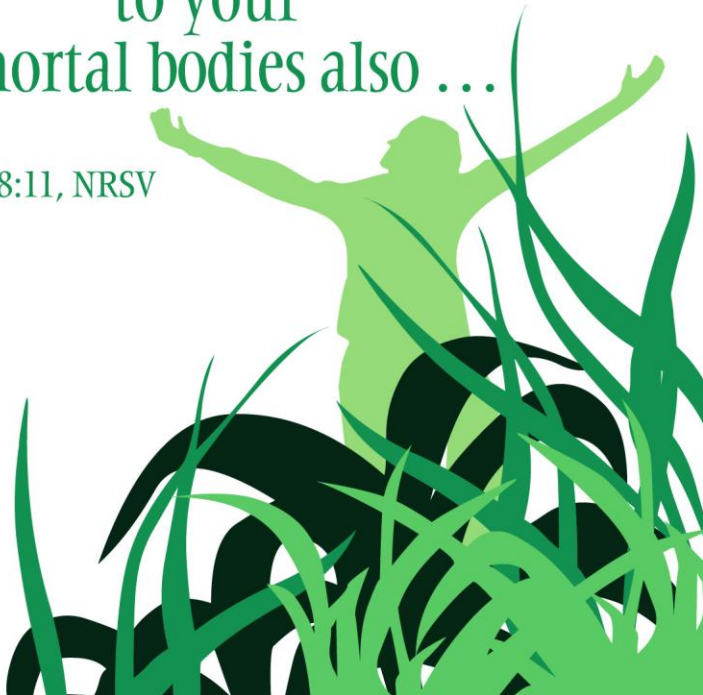


If the **Spirit** of him
who raised **Jesus**
from the dead dwells in you,
he ... will give **life**
to your
mortal bodies also ...

Romans 8:11, NRSV

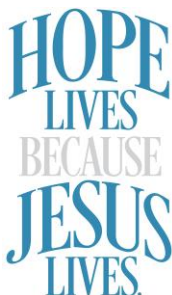


EASTER FOUR

Luther Memorial Church May 3, 2026

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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EASTER FOUR

May 3, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

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PRAYERS: 5 (Pg. 118); **6** (Pg. 118).

HYMNS: 757 187 206:1-7 206:8-10

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 757 - *“Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning”*

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Setting 2, 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." **C: Amen.**

OT LESSON

ISAIAH 42:10-16

¹⁰ Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. ¹¹ Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the habitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the top of the mountains. ¹² Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare his praise in the coastlands. ¹³ The Lord goes out like a mighty man, like a man of war he stirs up his zeal; he cries out, he shouts aloud, he shows himself mighty against his foes.

¹⁴ For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶ And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

2 TIMOTHY 2:8-13

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

- If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
- ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
- ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 6:60-69

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” *

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:

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead;

I 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. Amen.

HYMN: 187 - *“Christ is Arisen”*

SERMON:

ROMANS 8:9-11

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰ And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. **

WHO HAD A HAND IN THE RESURRECTION?

The Holy Spirit

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.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 207:2,4)

♪ Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life! Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife. Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened Paradise! None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

♪ Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

PRAYER(S) /THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 206:1-7 - *"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"*

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. On this glorious day we praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is the very Passover Lamb offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world; He has by His death destroyed death and by His rising to life has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always!

LAMB OF GOD

♪ O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



Why doesn't our church pass the Sacrament out in the pews, as some churches do? Well, because we understand Communion very differently than others do. We understand the Lord's Supper to have just as great a potential for harm as it has for good. For that reason, we do not give it out until we have determined that it will work for your good and the good of the church. In fact, we do not even commune our own children until they have been properly instructed. For this reason, we trust that those of other faiths will understand our practice of asking all who wish to commune to prepare with the pastor first. **The Lord's Supper will be received standing or seated in the pews. You are asked to dispose of the empties in one of the disposals near the front of the sanctuary.**

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

♪ O Lord, now let your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

♪ All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING

♪ My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

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

CLOSING HYMN: 206:8-10 - "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 3, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Ladies of Luther Memorial, 6pm

Wednesday: Living Hope Confirmation 4:00pm

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

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2026 General Budget has been set by the Voters in our Annual Meeting at: \$120,120.00. We have thus far received: \$47,791.07 toward that budget.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

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. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. Thus far we have received \$ 22,720.00 toward that pledge.

LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE

The Lawn Mowing Schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HOUR 2026

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to host a Family Fellowship Hour during 2026. Please take a look and sign up when you can host!

BUSINESS CARDS

On your way out you may notice some 'business cards' on the stand with the Guestbook. Feel free to take a few and share them with any unchurched friends. There is information about Jesus and Luther Memorial on the back of each card.

FUNERAL OBITUARY

After having written more than 50 Funeral Obituaries, I have had a number of people ask me to write theirs in advance. If you would like the pastor to work on that for you, feel free to ask him.

PASTORAL SHORTAGE IN THE CLC

Please continue to pray that the Lord Jesus provide workers for our CLC Pulpits. In the last 6 months, Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, Pastor Ted Barthels and Pastor Del Maas have announced their intention to retire from the Public Ministry in 2026. We have 65 congregations being served by 45 men. We also have 21 Pastors and Professors over 60 years old, 19 that are over 65 and 9 that are over 70 years of age.

We have 10 churches without or about to be without a full-time pastor to serve them, including: 1) Trinity in Spokane WA; 2) Holy Cross in Phoenix AZ; 3) Our Redeemer's in Red Wing MN; 4) St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD; 5) Messiah in Eau Claire, WI; 6) Living Hope of Appleton, WI; 7) St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran in Austin, MN; 8) Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI; 9) Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND; 10) St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN.

This is further complicated by the fact that we anticipate 1 graduate from Seminary in the next 3 years. There are 14 men in the Pre-Theology Program at ILC, but it will take at least 7 years to graduate them...if they all continue.

We may have a shortage for at least the next decade. This isn't only an issue facing only the CLC. In the CLC, 11% of our congregations have vacancies. In the WELS they are also at 11%. The LCMS is at 20% and the ELCA seems to be much higher. What is the point of all this? Be thankful that you have a pastor and pray that God moves other men to serve.

CLC CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor David Pfeiffer who currently serves Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix AZ has called Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld who currently serves Redeemer Lutheran Church of Sister Lakes, MI. • Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) has called Pastor Ben Libby who currently serves Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, WY. • The Call Committee for Graduates has extended the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY, to ILC Graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel. • Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church in Morris, MN has received and accepted the vacancy call of St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN. • Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND has been called and has accepted the call to serve as Vacancy Pastor of Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025-26

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 4/26/26 | Amount Remaining | Approximate per Sunday (11) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| \$22,000 | \$22,720.00 | \$0 | \$0 |

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 4/26/26

Attendance: 4/26 -.

| General Fund (Budgetary) | General Missions (CBP) | MDF (Missions) | Kinship (Missions) | Local Missions (Missions) | General School (School) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$5,650.00* | \$355.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$10.00 | \$11.00 |

Total Offerings: \$6,126.00

** \$2,675.00 of this Amount Given in Memory of Larry Stubbs.*

Luther Memorial General Budget 2026

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the General Fund Budget at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 2026. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

| General Budget | Received as of 4/26/26 | Amount Remaining | Remaining Amount (36 Sundays) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| \$120,120.00 | \$47,791.07 | \$72,328.93 | \$2,009.00 |

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR MAY 4-9, 2026

Monday - John 16:5-15 - Even before going to the cross, Jesus promises to send the Counselor. He, the Spirit of truth, will show the truth about the world's sin and will glorify the world's Savior (v14).

Tuesday - James 1:16-21 - All good things come from God above, especially our faith in Jesus, which became ours through the word of truth. May we always humbly receive that word, which is able to save our souls.

Wednesday - Isaiah 12:1-6 - The prophet Isaiah looks forward to the day of the Lord's deliverance of His people and sings God's praises in advance! Surely God is the source of their salvation, His praise the theme of their song!

Thursday - Psalm 126 - If Israel can rejoice in deliverance from captivity, surely God's people are filled even more with laughter and shouts of joy over deliverance by Christ from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

Friday - Psalm 82 - God remains the God of representatives who wield His power on the earth (gods). He is the Judge of the judges whose function is to rescue the weak and the needy (v4), as He did in the resurrection!

Saturday - 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 - The message of Easter is new life, for in Christ we are all a new creation. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. Let us then be reconciled to Him and live for Him!



These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis.

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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 98

¹ Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ² The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! ⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together ⁹ before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Lord God, you do not desire the death of the sinner, but would have him turn from his evil way and live. I come to you confessing that I have sinned and deserve only Your anger and punishment. But I cling to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave himself for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may always believe this and never doubt. Grant that in this faith I may go to Your altar and receive the body and blood which Your Son has given for my salvation, and praise, laud and honor Your love and mercy all the days of my life. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

I give you thanks and praise, Almighty, everlasting god, heavenly Father, for this your divine love that has again enabled me to receive the body and blood of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. I humbly ask that you would fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit that through this Sacrament which I have received with both mouth and by faith that I may always retain and possess the treasures of Your grace, even the forgiveness of sins and unity with Christ and eternal life.

Let this enable me to walk in the footsteps of my Lord Jesus, doubting nothing and trusting that you will give to me and all who trust in Him the crown of everlasting life. Hear me, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. Amen.

HYMN

CHRIST TRIUMPHANT, EVER REIGNING

1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Savior, Master, King! Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth! Power and majesty concealing by Your humble birth: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified! Death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

4. Priestly king, enthroned forever high in heaven above! Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

5. So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long, Ceaselessly upon You gazing, this shall be our song: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

HYMN

CHRIST IS ARISEN

Christ is arisen From the grave's dark prison We now rejoice with gladness; Christ will end all sadness Lord, have mercy.

All our hopes were ended Had Jesus not ascended From the grave triumphantly, For this, Lord Christ, we worship thee. Lord have mercy.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We now rejoice with gladness. Christ will end all sadness. Lord, have mercy.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 207:2,4)

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♪ Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

HYMN

JESUS CHRIST, MY SURE DEFENSE

1. Jesus Christ, my sure Defense And my Savior, ever liveth;
Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope it giveth
Though the night of death be fraught Still with many an anxious
thought.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; I, too, unto life shall waken. Endless
joy my Savior gives; Shall my courage, then, be shaken? Shall I
fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His members dead?

3. Nay, too closely am I bound Unto Him by hope forever; Faith's
strong hand the Rock hath found, Grasped it, and will leave it
never; Even death now cannot part From its Lord the trusting
heart.

4. I am flesh and must return Unto dust, whence I am taken; But
by faith I now discern That from death I shall awaken With my
Savior to abide In His glory, at His side.

5. Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded; In
this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded; In this
flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.

6. Then these eyes my Lord shall know, My Redeemer and my
Brother; In His love my soul shall glow,-- I myself, and not another!
Then the weakness I feel here Shall forever disappear.

7. They who sorrow here and moan There in gladness shall be
reigning; Earthly here the seed is sown, There immortal life
attaining. Here our sinful bodies die, Glorified to dwell on high.

HYMN

JESUS CHRIST, MY SURE DEFENSE

8. Then take comfort and rejoice, For His members Christ will
cherish. Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dying, they shall never
perish; For the very grave is stirred When the trumpet's blast is
heard.

9. Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave And at death no longer
tremble; He, the Lord, who came to save Will at last His own
assemble. They will go their Lord to meet, Treading death beneath
their feet.

10. Oh, then, draw away your hearts Now from pleasures base
and hollow. There to share what He imparts, Here His footsteps
ye must follow. Fix your hearts beyond the skies, Whether ye
yourselves would rise. Amen.