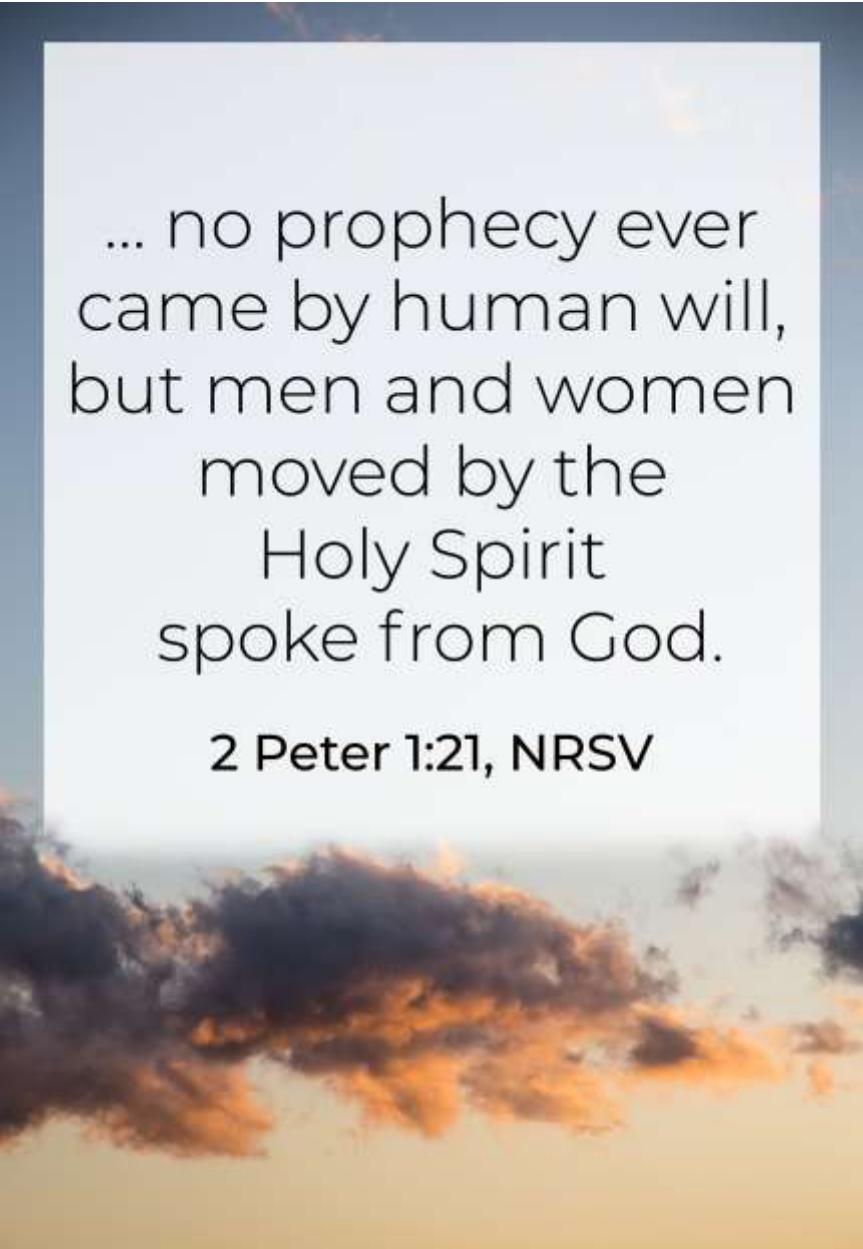




... no prophecy ever
came by human will,
but men and women
moved by the
Holy Spirit
spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:21, NRSV

TRINITY SIXTEEN

Luther Memorial Church. . . . September 20, 2026

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TRINITY SIXTEEN

September 20, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 34 (TLH Pg. 131);

PRAYERS: 59 (Pg. 108); **55** (Pg. 107).

HYMNS: 373:1-5 285 290

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 373:1-5 - "By Grace I'm Saved."

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:

JOB 5:17-26

¹⁷“Behold, blessed is the one whom God reproves; therefore despise not the discipline of the Almighty. ¹⁸For he wounds, but he binds up; he shatters, but his hands heal. ¹⁹He will deliver you from six troubles; in seven no evil shall touch you. ²⁰In famine he will redeem you from death, and in war from the power of the sword. ²¹You shall be hidden from the lash of the tongue, and shall not fear destruction when it comes. ²²At destruction and famine you shall laugh, and shall not fear the beasts of the earth. ²³For you shall be in league with the stones of the field, and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you. ²⁴You shall know that your tent is at peace, and you shall inspect your fold and miss nothing. ²⁵You shall know also that your offspring shall be many, and your descendants as the grass of the earth. ²⁶You shall come to your grave in ripe old age, like a sheaf gathered up in its season. *

EPISTLE:

HEBREWS 12:18-24

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. *

GOSPEL:

MATTHEW 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

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: 285 - *"How Precious is the Book Divine"*

THE SERMON:

2 PETER 1:19-21

¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit. **

THE LIES OF SATAN

#2 – "That's just your interpretation."

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR SCRIPTURE

It is verified by what the Apostles saw and heard.

It is a light that shines in this dark world.

It is interpreted by its author...God.

It is inspired by its author...God.

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

(TLH 244:1-3)

♪ Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

♪ Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain; Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

♪ Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King, Glory to the King of nations; Heaven and earth, your praises bring! Glory, glory, To the King of Glory sing!

PRAYER(S)/THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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

CLOSING HYMN: 290 - "*We have a Sure Prophetic Word*"

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. 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

September 20, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Elders Meeting 6pm

Sunday: LM BC/SS 9am; LM Worship 10am;

LH Worship 12:30pm; LH BC/SS 1:45pm

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: \$ 97,337.53 toward that budget.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

We have pledged to send \$25,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2026-27. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027. Thus far we have received \$ 4,540.00 toward that pledge.

WORSHIP CREW

We are always in need of help in carrying out our worship service without an organist. If you've been thinking that you could help with the slides or the streaming service and would like to learn how to do it, please speak with Mr. Rodney Kern.

NEED TO STEP OUT?

If you need to step out to tend to one of your children you can continue watching the service on your phone. Hang in there. You are doing a great job! Simply scan this QR Code to watch the service on your smartphone.



FONDUE FEST

Thanks to all those who helped out with Fondue Fest last weekend. Thanks for those who took time to speak with people at our Luther Memorial Booth. Thanks to those who spent time preparing a boat to decorate our booth as well as coloring sheets and games.

GREAT LAKES PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The 2026 Great Lakes Pastoral Conference is scheduled to take place September 29-October 1st and is hosted by Morning Star Lutheran Church in Fairchild, Wisconsin. Pastor Schaller is the Chaplain, Paul Agenten is the Speaker. The following topics will be discussed by paper and discussion: Romans 8:18ff, Artificial Intelligence, Dealing with Rumor and Gossip, Carnal Christianity.

MAN UP WEEKEND

2026 is the 10th Anniversary of the ManUp! Weekend, to be held September 24-27 at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The facility is set up for 108 men, and currently 105 have registered. Typically, there are a couple of cancellations, and there are some attendees that said they will be staying off site. That means there is still room for around 5-8 more men - like YOU and/or that friend you have been meaning to ask. The plan is to slightly over-book the weekend, like an airline. Then you can be "on call" on a waiting list if you choose. If you register after we reach 108, you will be contacted by someone on the Planning Committee to see if you would like to be on a waiting list. Register here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Join us for encouragement, fellowship, worship, team building, and more! The \$150 registration fee covers all meals, lodging, and activities. Sign up today!

CLC WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER LIST – AUGUST 2026

Missionary Todd Ohlmann – In mid-August, Missionary Ohlmann will be visiting CLC members located in the south-central Ohio and north-central Kentucky area on behalf of the CLC Board of Missions to explore preaching station opportunities. He is also scheduled to preach for a couple of Mission Festivals this Fall along with visits to our sister congregation in Juarez, Mexico. Following Board of Missions meetings and the South-East Pastoral Conference (SEPC) in September he has visits scheduled to Bangladesh, Liberia, and Namibia. In early October he and his wife Beth plan to visit Valentine, NE to meet and celebrate the birth and baptism of their fifth grandchild! He continues to instruct individuals through Online Theological Studies correspondence courses with men in Papua New Guinea, Namibia, Indonesia, Zambia, the Philippines, and Bangladesh. ... Pray for his safe and uneventful travels, for an abundance of wisdom, love, compassion, and patience while he works with pastors and church leaders around the world. ... Pray for the safe and healthy delivery of Noah and Erica's first child. ... Continue to pray for his wife, Beth, as she continues to care for her elderly father, who is bed-ridden and longing for his heavenly home. <> You can read reports and see pictures here: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com.

Please continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, who, by God's grace, are dedicated to proclaiming the truths of God's saving Word for the salvation of souls as they trust the promise of our Savior that His Word will not return to Him void but will accomplish that for which He sends it.

CLC Financial Report - August 2026

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2026	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2026
General Fund	0	254,598	225,262	232,320	(20,664)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	360,474	258,051	301,186	102,423
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IF)	44,576	4,802	0		49,178
ILC Building Projects	2,605,801	405,515	25,863		2,985,453
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	214,363	39,817	32,938		221,242
Kinship	167,226	34,270	35,559		155,937
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,483,069	101,075	8,512		2,585,632
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	113,134	35,065	40,226		97,963
EduK8 Fund	111,312	5,068	55,565		60,815
Reserve Fund	143,581	690	0		144,281
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,893,072	\$606,082	\$198,653		\$6,300,511

General Fund – After two months the balance in the fund is about \$20,000 in the hole. This is very similar to where we were at on August 31 each of the last two years.

ILC Operations – The balance is positive but about \$10,000 behind the balance one year ago.

ILC Building Projects – A little more than \$25,000 was paid to the architect for additional work on building plans for the new gymnasium.

EduK8 Fund – A total of just over \$55,000 was sent in the last two months to assist two different existing schools who have been blessed by the Lord with growth in their classrooms.

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees



LIES OF SATAN

JESUS said of the Devil (John 8:44b):

"He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

Therefore, if we are to be on guard against the enemy (cf. 1 Peter 5:8–11), then we must recognize the lies that he uses with great success, and cling instead to the Truth of Scripture.



DATE

THE LIE

9/27

"SCIENCE HAS PROVED EVOLUTION IS TRUE."

10/4

"GOD WANTS YOU TO BE HAPPY...SO..."

10/11

"WE CAN'T REALLY KNOW THE TRUTH."

10/18

"WE NEED TIME AWAY FROM CHURCH."

10/25

"THERE IS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO HEAVEN."

11/1

"JUDGE NOT..."

11/8

"IF YOU ARE A GOOD PERSON, YOU'LL GET TO HEAVEN."

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran in Dallas, TX has been called by Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton (Fargo), ND and St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN. • Mr. Nick Naumann has returned the call of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD. • Pastor Thomas Schuetze has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI. • Pastor Joe Naumann has returned the call of Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has called Pastor Zachary Sippert who currently serves Grace Ev. Lutheran Church in Sleepy Eye, MN • St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Austin, MN, has called Pastor Aaron Ude, who currently serves Good Shepherd, Rapid City, SD. • Pastor Glenn Oster has returned the call of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2026-27

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, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

Amount Pledged 2026	Received as of 9/13/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (41)
\$25,000	\$4,540.00	\$20,460.00	\$499.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 9/13/26

Attendance: 9/13 – 62 (Online 18) 80

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	LM Building Fund (Non-Budgetary)		
\$1,333.00	\$220.00	\$20.00		
Total Offerings: \$1,573.00				

Luther Memorial General Budget 2026

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the General Fund Budget at the Annual Meeting January 18, 2026. The fiscal year is from January 1 – December 31, 2026.

General Budget	Received as of 9/13/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (16 Sundays)
\$120,120.00	\$97,337.53	\$22,782.47	\$1,424.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS SEPTEMBER 21-26, 2026

Monday – Luke 7:11-17 A large funeral procession meets Jesus and another large crowd at the city gate. Jesus has compassion on a widow and calls her son back to life. The funeral is called off and God is praised by all!

Tuesday - Ephesians 3:13-21 Paul asks his Gentile readers not to lose heart over his sufferings, and prays that God may mightily strengthen them by His Spirit, granting them ever stronger faith and love in Christ Jesus.

Wednesday – Deuteronomy 32:39-40 Toward the close of the song of Moses, he points to the always living God as the only source of life. He alone is the difference between life and death, between living and dying.

Thursday - Psalm 36 David compares the rebellion of the wicked (v1-4) to the mercy and faithfulness of the Lord (v5-9). Then he prays for the protection of the Lord against the evil of the wicked (v10-12).

Friday - 1 Corinthians 15:21-28 Just as death came into the world through Adam, so also Life came into the world through Jesus, who always carries out His Father's will. He rescued us for the kingdom of God forever.

Saturday – Psalm 119:121-128 The servant of God (v125) prays for help against oppressors (v122). As he watches for God's merciful salvation and righteousness, he wants to learn from all of the Lord's words.



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 34

¹ I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ² My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

³ Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. ⁶ This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! ⁹ Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! ¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹² What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. ¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. ²⁰ He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. ²¹ Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. ²² The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.*

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that on the Last Day, when He will come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN:

BY GRACE I'M SAVED

1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not. Why stagger at this word of promise? Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught? Nay; then this word must true remain; By grace thou, too, shalt heav'n obtain.

2. By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth. God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth; His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.

3. By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise When thou art by thy sins opprest, When Satan plagues thy troubled conscience, And when thy heart is seeking rest. What reason cannot comprehend God by His grace to thee doth send.

4. By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it because of thine own merit That Jesus died thy soul to win? Nay, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heavenly throne.

5. By grace! This ground of faith is certain; So long as God is true, it stands. What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands, What our whole faith must rest upon, Is Grace alone, grace in His Son.

HYMN

HOW PRECIOUS IS THE BOOK DIVINE

1. How precious is the Book Divine, By inspiration given! Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine To guide our souls to heaven.

2. It's light, descending from above Our gloomy world to cheer, Displays a Savior's boundless love And brings his glories near.

3. It shows to man his wandering ways And where his feet have trod, And brings to view the matchless grace Of a forgiving God.

4. O'er all the straight and narrow way Its radiant beams are cast; A light whose never weary ray Grows brightest at the last.

5. It sweetly cheers our drooping hearts In this dark vale of tears,
Life, light, and joy it still imparts And quells our rising fears.

6. This lamp through all the tedious night Of life shall guide our
way Till we behold the clearer light Of an eternal day.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 244:1-3)

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stain; Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to
reign! Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

♪ Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King, Glory to
the King of nations; Heaven and earth, your praises bring! Glory,
glory, To the King of Glory sing!

HYMN

WE HAVE A SURE PROPHETIC WORD

1. We have a sure prophetic Word By inspiration of the Lord; And
though assailed on every hand, Jehovah's Word shall ever stand.

2. By powers of empire banned and burned, By pagan pride
rejected, spurned, The Word still stands the Christian's trust
While haughty empires lie in dust.

3. Lo, what the Word in times of old Of future days and deeds
foretold Is all fulfilled while ages roll, As traced on the prophetic
scroll.

4. Abiding, steadfast, firm, and sure, The teachings of the Word
endure. Blest he who trusts this steadfast Word; His anchor holds
in Christ, the Lord. Amen.