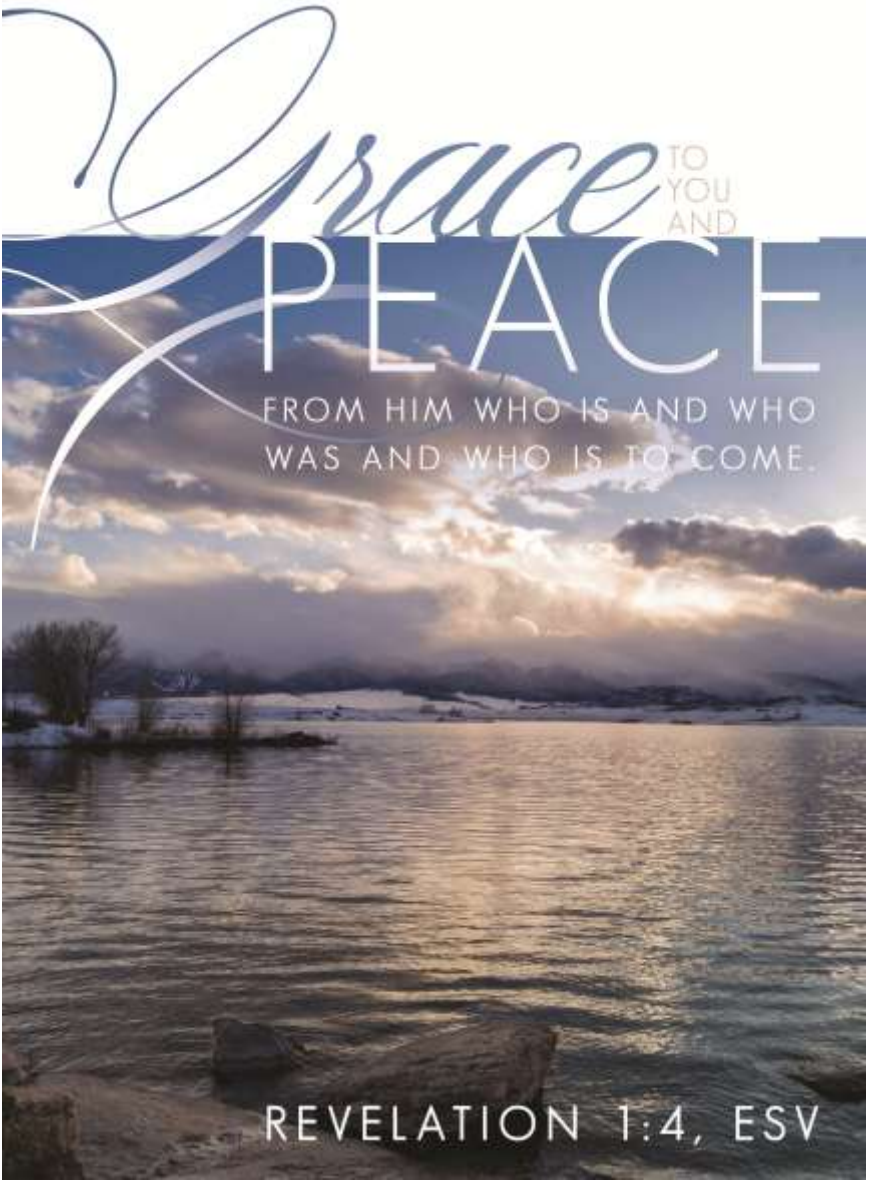


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Luther Memorial Church. . . . . November 22, 2026

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 95 (TLH Pg. 143);
PRAYERS: 18 (Pg. 103); **19** (Pg. 103).
HYMNS: 767 541 606

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 767 - *"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"*

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dear Friends in Christ. Let us come to God with an honest heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him to forgive our sins because of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD,

Congregation: and you forgive the guilt of my sin."

P: Almighty God, you are our maker and our redeemer. We fallen sinners confess that we are sinful by birth and have sinned against you in thought, word and action. We come to you for deliverance and in view of your mercy, we seek and humbly ask your undeserved love because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Merciful God, you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for Jesus' sake grant us the forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit, help us to grow in faith and love and in true obedience to Your Word, so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us. It is for Jesus' sake that the Father forgives us all our sins. He also promises that those who believe on Jesus' name are the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. It is written: He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." Lord, grant this faith to all of us.

C: "Amen."

OT LESSON: ISAIAH 35:3-10

3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. **4** Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; **6** then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; **7** the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

8 And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. **9** No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. **10** And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. *

EPISTLE LESSON: **REVELATION 7:9-17**

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"

14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." *

GOSPEL LESSON: **LUKE 12:35-43**

35 "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants!

39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?" 42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? 43 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. *

♫ Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day, And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray. O keep our faith from failing; keep hope's bright star aglow. Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.

♫ Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole, The mirror of Your glory, The pow'r that saves the soul. Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav'nly grace, Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE 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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH/RECEPTION TO MEMBERSHIP:

Matthew and Holly Stubbs

HYMN: 541 - *"O Blessed Holy Trinity"*

SERMON: REVELATION 2:1-7

To the messenger of the church in Ephesus write: The one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven gold lampstands, says this:

[2]I know your works, your labor, and your patient endurance, and that you are not able to tolerate evil people. You have tested those who say they are apostles, but are not, and have found them to be liars. [3]Indeed, you do have patient endurance. You have endured hardships on account of my name and have not become weary.

[4]But I have this against you: You have forsaken your first love. [5]Remember, therefore, the state from which you have fallen! Repent and do the works you did at first. Otherwise I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, if you do not repent. [6]But you do have this: You hate the actions of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

[7]Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious I will give the privilege to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. **

THE LETTER TO THE BELIEVERS IN EPHESUS

I know your works…and your hearts.
Don't just go through the motions!

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 OFFERTORY

♫ Feed Thy children, God most holy, Comfort sinners poor and lowly; O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given! As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

PRAYER(S) THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF ENNO DAVID GERBITZ

Parents: Joshua and Anna Gerbitz
Birth Date: November 4, 2026
Born Again: November 22, 2026

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

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

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 22, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Confirmation Class 3pm; LM Elders 6pm
Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6pm
Sunday: LM BC/SS – 9am; Worship, Advent One – 10am;
Christmas Decorating after Worship
LH Worship – Advent One -12:30pm; 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: $ 116,541.53 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. Thus far we have received $ 7,435.00 toward that pledge.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Mission Committee is planning the following events for 2026-27:

- ✓ ***Christmas Decorating –*** *Sunday November 29th after Worship*
- ✓ ***Christmas Caroling –*** *Sunday December 20th 2:15pm*
- ✓ ***Bowling Outing*** *– Friday January 8th at 6:30pm (Ledgeview)*
- ✓ ***Hockey Night*** *– Saturday February 27th at 8pm (FDL Bears)*

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.

CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS

The church will be decorated for the Advent/Christmas season next Sunday November 29th following worship.

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

*The Mission Committee is excited to introduce **Instant Church Directory**, an easy and convenient way for our church family to stay connected. With Instant Church Directory, you'll be able to 1) View our church directory from your computer or mobile device, 2) Easily find names and contact information for fellow church members, 3) Put faces with names through member photos, 4) Keep up with directory information as it is updated, 5) Access the directory through a secure, private system available to our church family.*

This is NOT SOCIAL MEDIA. We understand the importance of protecting personal information. Instant Church Directory is a private, password-protected directory intended only for members of our church. The directory is NOT a public website and access is limited only to specific individuals verified by our church.

Interested? You will need to provide an e-mail address before you can log in. Your e-mail address helps to identify your account and provides a secure way to access the directory. If you are interested, please provide an e-mail address and you will be sent directions how to log in.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Our Thanksgiving Eve Service at Luther Memorial is scheduled for Wednesday, November 25th at 6pm. Join us on the eve of Thanksgiving Day to glorify God for all of His gifts to us.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Our Midweek Advent Services this year begin the Wednesday after Thanksgiving on December 2nd at 6pm. We prepare for the celebration of the 1st Coming of the Lord on December 2nd, 9th and 16th.

CHRISTMAS PRACTICES

Our Christmas Practices will be at 9am on the first three Sundays in December (6, 13, 20) to prepare for the Christmas Eve Service on Thursday December 24th at 6pm. Since our practice precedes worship, we ask that students be a little early, no later than 9am.

UPCOMING ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- *Wednesday November 25th 6pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship*
- *Sunday November 29, 10am – Advent One*
- *Wednesday December 2nd 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #1*
- *Sunday December 6th 10am – Advent Two*
- *Wednesday December 9th 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #2*
- *Sunday December 13th 10am – Advent Three*
- *Wednesday December 16th 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #3*
- *Sunday December 20th 10am – Advent Four*
- *Thursday December 24th 6pm – Christmas Eve Worship*
- *Friday December 25th 10am – Christmas Day Worship*
- *Sunday December 27th 10am – Sunday after Christmas*
- *Thursday December 31st – 6pm New Year's Eve Communion Service*

KINSHIP SPONSORS NEEDED - After the CLC declared fellowship with the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) in 2020, the CLC Board of Missions has been working together with the BLCM to establish a local seminary for pastoral training. There is currently one BLCM pastor serving 1,715 souls across 19 congregations and 14 preaching stations in a country that is 95% Muslim. However, this January, 14 men will begin their pastoral training as the inaugural seminary class of the BLCM. Sponsors are needed to help these men receive their training so that they may join in the abundant work in Bangladesh. The cost of a sponsorship will be $60 per month. To begin a sponsorship or for more information, please text, call, or email Dan Roehl. (Cell: 507-381-2042; Email: danroehl@hotmail.com)



POINSETTIAS

Those wishing to purchase Poinsettias should sign up on the bulletin board by no later than December 2nd.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld has returned the call of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD. ● Pastor Paul Krause has accepted the call of Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has called Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. ● Pastor Chad Seybt has accepted the call of Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran in Hidewood Township, SD. This will mean that Morning Star Lutheran in Fairchild, Peace with God Lutheran in Onalaska, St. Paul's Lutheran of Melrose and Trinity Lutheran Church in Millston, WI. will be calling after Easter 2027. • Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND and St. Paul's in Ponsford, MN.• Messiah Lutheran in EC, WI has called Mr. Peter Reim, a member of the congregation and former CLC Pastor to serve as their 3rd Pastor.

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 11/15/26***	***Amount Remaining***	***Approximate per Sunday*** *(32)*
$25,000	*$7,435.00*	*$17,565.00*	*$549.00*

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 11/15/26 ***Attendance: 11/15 – 69 (20 Online) 94***			
General Fund ***(Budgetary)***	***General Missions (CBP - Missions)***	***ILC Building Fund*** ***(Missions)***	***ILC Student Aid*** ***(Missions)***
$1,220.00	*$680.00*	*$20.00*	*$20.00*
Total Offerings: $1,940.00			

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 11/15/26***	***Amount Remaining***	***Remaining Amount*** *(6 Sundays)*
$120,120.00	*$116,541.53*	*$3,578.47*	*$596.00*

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HOME DEVOTIONS – NOVEMBER 23-28, 2026

Monday - Matthew 24:15-28 Jesus' talking about the destruction of Jerusalem's temple (v2ff), which took place in 70 A.D., also reminds us of Christ's return to judge the living and the dead at the end of the world.

Tuesday - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 The apostle assures believers that the faithful who are in the grave at the time of Christ's return will certainly not miss out on the glories of their Savior's second coming.

Wednesday - Isaiah 49:12-17 The Lord comforts His people (v13) with the promise that He will never forget them, but will show mercy to His afflicted ones, and gather them from the four corners of the earth (v12, v17).

Thursday - Psalm 18:20-24 The Messiah alone can claim His own righteousness before God, but as He has become "the Lord our righteousness" (Jer.23:6), both David and all believers can expect grace upon grace.

Friday - Psalm 18:30-36 The Lord equips His servant for triumph. And the servant recognizes that the Lord is the source of his strength and protection, his pure word and way, his shield of salvation (vv35-36).

Saturday - Psalm 116:1-6 Even in time of gravest peril, even standing before the Lord's judgment throne, He has heard our cry for mercy, He has saved our life! Truly our God is compassionate and gracious in Christ.

LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & SCHOOL K-8

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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP PSALM 95

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! [2] Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! [3] For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. [4] In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. [5] The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

[6] Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! [7] For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,[8] do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, [9] when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. [10] For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." [11] Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest." *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR THE CHURCH IN ITS CONFLICTS Almighty and everlasting God, who would have all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior that you would impart the grace and help of Your Holy Spirit to all ministers of Your Word so that they may teach it to the salvation of all people. Bring to nothing by Your power and wisdom all the plans of those who hate Your Word and who, by corrupt teaching or with violent hands, would destroy it and enlighten them with the knowledge of Your glory, that we, leading a quiet and peaceable life, may by a pure faith learn the riches of Your heavenly grace and in holiness and righteousness serve You the only true God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose property it is always to have mercy, we most earnestly pray that You would visit with Your fatherly correction all such as have erred and gone astray from the truth of Your holy Word and to bring them to a due sense of their error that they may again with hearty faith receive, and hold fast, Thine unchangeable truth; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: CHURCH OF GOD, ELECT AND GLORIOUS

1. Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race; Called as God's own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace: Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all His mighty deeds; Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.

2. God has called you out of darkness Into His most marv'lous light; Brought His truth to life within you, Turned your blindness into sight. Let your light so shine around you That God's name is glorified; And all find fresh hope and purpose In Christ Jesus crucified.

3. Once you were an alien people, Strangers to God's heart of love; But He brought you home in mercy, Citizens of heav'n above. Let His love flow out to others, Let them feel a Father's care; That they too may know His welcome And His countless blessings share.

4. Church of god, elect and holy, Be the people He intends; Strong in faith and swift to answer Each command your master sends: Royal priests, fulfil your calling Through your sacrifice and prayer; Give your lives in joyful service Sing His praise, His love declare.

LITURGICAL HYMN: PRESERVE YOUR WORD, O SAVIOR

♫ Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day, And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray. O keep our faith from failing; keep hope's bright star aglow. Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.

♫ Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole, The mirror of Your glory, The pow'r that saves the soul. Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav'nly grace, Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.

HYMN: O BLESSED HOLY TRINITY

1. O blessed Holy Trinity, Divine, eternal Unity, God Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Be Thou this day my Guide and Host.

2. My soul and body keep from harm, O'er all I have extend Thine arm, That Satan may not cause distress Nor bring me shame and wretchedness.

3. The Father's love shield me this day, The Son's pure wisdom cheer my way, The Holy Spirit's light divine Illume my heart's benighted shrine.

4. My Maker, strengthen Thou my heart, O my Redeemer, help impart, Blest Comforter, keep at my side That faith and love in me abide.

5. Lord, bless and keep Thou me as Thine; Lord, make Thy face upon me shine; Lord, lift Thy countenance on me And give me peace, sweet peace, from Thee.

THE OFFERTORY

♫ Feed Thy children, God most holy, Comfort sinners poor and lowly; O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given! As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

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. Amen.