



Discipleship

A life of following Jesus

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SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here today or watching online, we are happy you have joined us.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more announcements and event information visit the church website at www.dulutheran.org/connect, or sign up for our weekly email here: <https://www.dulutheran.org/subscribe>. You can also view the church calendar at www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar.

Youth Confirmation Class: Starting this morning after Bible Study and Sunday School, students in 6th-8th grade learn the main teachings of the Bible and Luther's Catechism to prepare them for making their public confession of faith and receiving the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Denney.

Midweek Bible Study: We hope you can join us for Wednesday evening Bible Studies at **6:30 pm**. This fall we will study selected Psalms under the theme: "Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks". In this study, we will focus on nine popular psalms and discover how their message relates to our faith and present-day lives.

Director for Church Choir: Our church is looking for a volunteer to serve as the director of the Adult Choir for this fall. If you are interested in serving in this role or have any questions, please speak with Pastor Denney for more information.

Family Hike: Sunday, September 22nd at 3 pm at the Kingsbury Creek trail. Park in the Lake Superior Zoo parking lot near the playground. This will take us through a wooded dirt and rocky trail with pretty views of Kingsbury Creek. We hope you can join us as we explore God's beautiful creation and enjoy fellowship together! Please speak with Kiersten Nash with any questions.

Women's Bible study: All ladies are invited to join us for time in God's Word and fellowship together on **Tuesday, September 24th**. We will meet at the church at **6 pm** and close our study on the book of Ephesians. Whether you have attended our previous studies, or this is your first one, you are warmly welcome to come explore God's Word with us! We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please reach out to Kiersten Nash.

UMD Football Game: Join us for a fellowship event on **Saturday, September 28th** for UMD football game! Tickets are \$5 per person for general admission. Game time is **12 pm**, and there will be tailgating before the game! Please sign up by **September 18** on the bulletin board outside Pastor's office to secure your tickets!

Camp Croix Women's Retreat: The Women's Retreat will be on **October 4th-6th**, you can visit their website: campcroix.org/womens-retreat for more information. **Registration closes on September 22**. Enjoy the beautiful Northwoods for a weekend of seeking Jesus through Bible Study, nature, worship, fellowship, and the amazing teaching of Amber Albee Swenson.

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1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we
 2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall
 3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw
 4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -

build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of
 ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in
 near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your
 plore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us

heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we
 One to sing And thus pro - claim In joy - ful
 chil - dren hear, And more and more On those who
 ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the

place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
 song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.
 pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.
 blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!

INVOCATION

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. Almighty Father, your Son died and was raised up in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in him. As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:
- C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- P: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. As a called servant of Christ, I announce to you: all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, the Son \dagger and Holy Spirit.
- C: **If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come.**
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Henry Peter Moeri
Son of Peter and Alison Moeri

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"
CW 299 vs. 1

After a brief introduction please sing...

- All who be-lieve and are bap-tized
Shall see the Lord's sal-va-tion;
Bap-tized in-to the death of Christ,
They are a new cre-a-tion.
Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand
A-mong the glo-rious, heav'n-ly band
Of ev-'ry tribe and na-tion.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

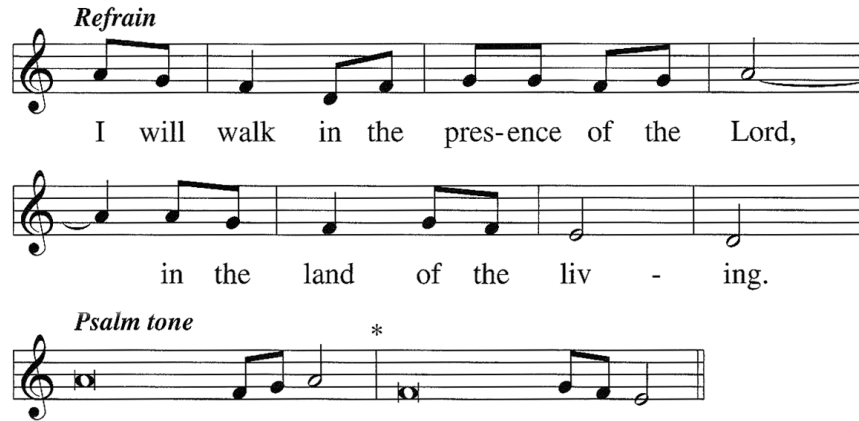
C: Amen.

† READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD †

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9

- 4 The Sovereign LORD has given me
an instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains
the weary.
He wakens me morning by
morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one
being taught.
- 5 The Sovereign LORD has opened
my ears,
and I have not been rebellious;
I have not drawn back.
- 6 I offered my back to those who
beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled
out my beard;
I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting.
- 7 Because the Sovereign LORD helps
me,
I will not be disgraced.
Therefore have I set my face like
flint,
and I know I will not be put to
shame.
- 8 He who vindicates me is near.
Who then will bring charges
against me?
Let us face each other!
Who is my accuser?
Let him confront me!
- 9 It is the Sovereign LORD who helps
me.
Who is he that will condemn me?
They will all wear out like a
garment;
the moths will eat them up.



Keep me safe, O God,*
for in you I take refuge.
I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;*
apart from you I have no good thing."
I have set the LORD always before me.*
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Refrain

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;*
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.
You have made known to me the path of life;*
you will fill me with joy in your presence.
**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.**

Refrain

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P: Alleluia. "Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Alleluia. (Romans 15:4)
- C: These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:14-17,21-27

¹⁴ When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. ¹⁶ "What are you arguing with them about?" he asked. ¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

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²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²² "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." ²³ "If you can't?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" ²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

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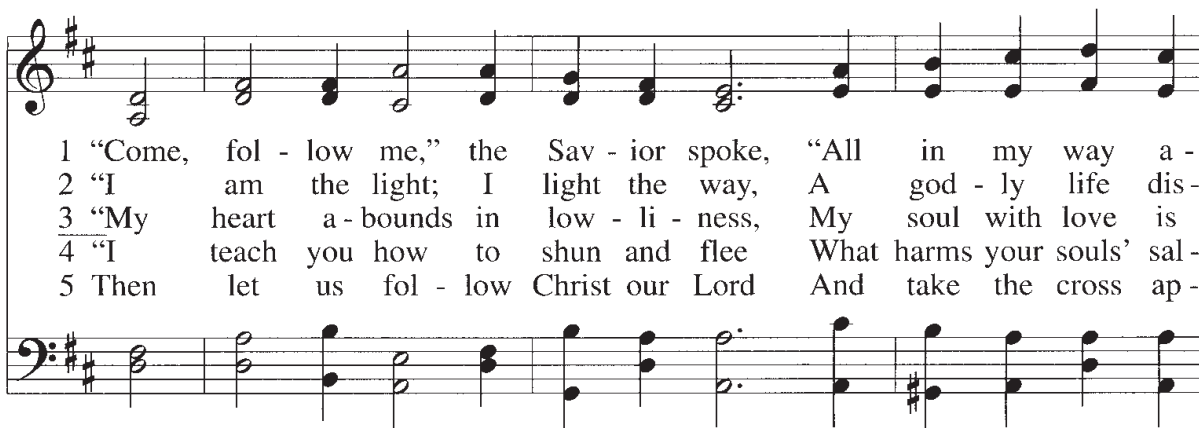
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us
and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will
come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

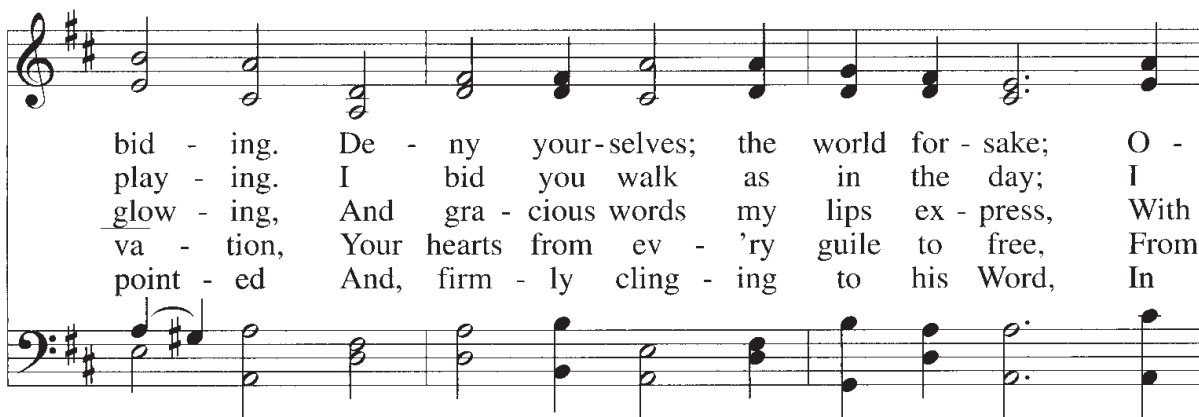
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one
baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

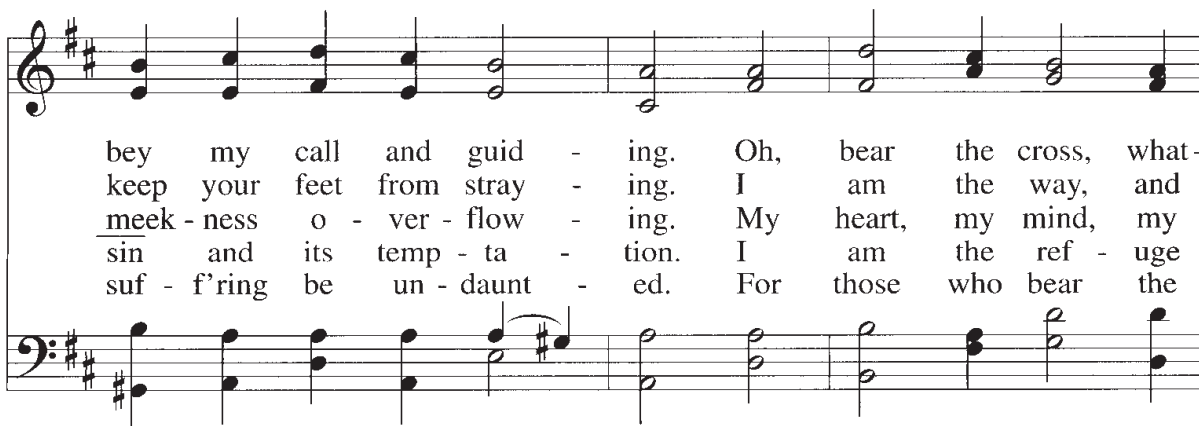
Children in attendance today may come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Denney. This service segment is intended to be more interactive and engage the children to help them understand today's message. They will return to their seats afterward.



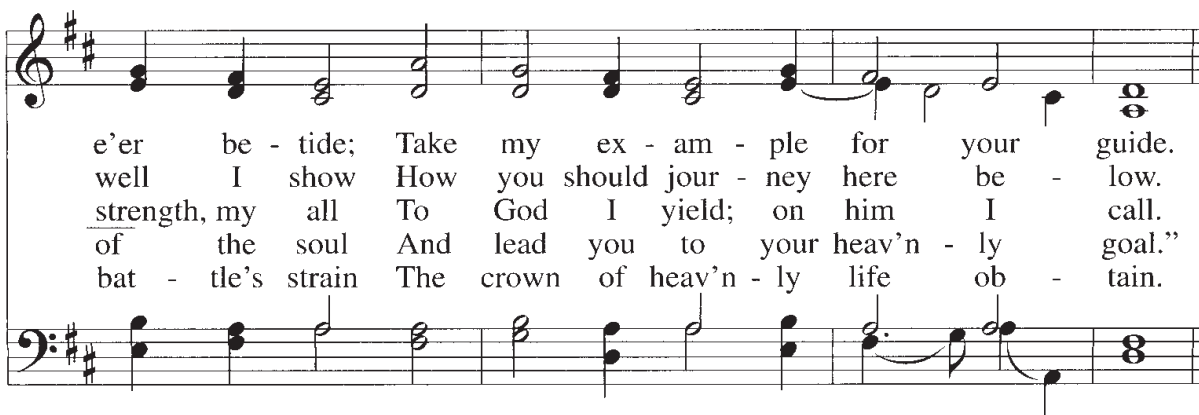
1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spoke, "All in my way a -
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, A god - ly life dis -
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with love is
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your souls' sal -
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord And take the cross ap -



bid - ing. De - ny your - selves; the world for - sake; O -
 play - ing. I bid you walk as in the day; I
 glow - ing, And gra - cious words my lips ex - press, With
 va - tion, Your hearts from ev - 'ry guile to free, From
 point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to his Word, In



bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, my mind, my
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide; Take my ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show How you should jour - ney here be - low.
 strength, my all To God I yield; on him I call.
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

DISCIPLESHIP – A LIFE OF FOLLOWING JESUS

“Armed for the Battle”

Ephesians 6:10-18

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS



Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior’s love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, you can scan the QR code or visit our website: www.duluthlutheran.org and click on the “Give” tab.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer and petitions offered on behalf of the Church

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.

✠ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER ✠

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

"Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out 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.

C: Amen.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift in which we receive Christ's true body and blood for our forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith. It is our practice that only those who are members of Shepherd of the Hills or members of another WELS congregation come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you are a visitor from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper this morning. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak to Pastor Denney after the service.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"

CW 310

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CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

CW 474 vs.1,4



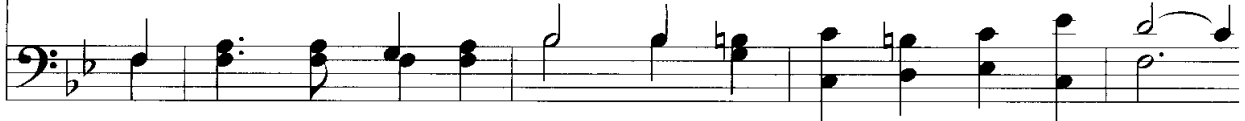
1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross!
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! The trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! Stand in his strength a - lone.
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! The strife will not be long;



Lift high his roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
 Forth to the might - y con - flict In this his glo - rious day!
 The arm of flesh will fail you; Ye dare not trust your own.
 This day the noise of bat - tle, The next, the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my shall he lead
 Ye that are brave, now serve him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer;
 To him that o - ver - com - eth A crown of life shall be;



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.
 Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
 He with the King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

