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WELCOME

836 I Walk in Danger All the Way

CW 836 sts. 1-2, 4-5



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; the thought shall nev - er
2 I pass through tri - als all the way, with sin and ills con -
4 I walk with an - gels all the way, they shield me and be -
5 I walk with Je - sus all the way, his guid - ance nev - er



leave me that Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, is
tend - ing; in pa - tience I must bear each day the
friend me; all Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay when
fails me; with - in his wounds I find a stay when



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares
cross of God's own send - ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty
heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me. They are my sure de - fense;
Sa - tan's pow'r as - sails me; and by his foot - steps led,



may seize me un - a - wares if e'er I fail to
I know not where to flee, when storms of woe my
all fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do
my path I safe - ly tread. No e - vil leads my



watch and pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.
soul dis - may; I pass through tri - als all the way.
what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.
soul a - stray; I walk with Je - sus all the way.

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In the name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

23C The LORD Is My Shepherd

Psalm 23C

Refrain

The LORD is my shep - herd,
I shall not be in want.

Tone

The LORD is my shepherd,
I lack nothing.

The LORD is my shepherd,

I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *Refrain*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**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*

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SECOND READING*1 Peter 2:19–25*

¹⁹For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*John 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL*John 10:1–10*

¹“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. ⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

753 My Worth Is Not in What I Own

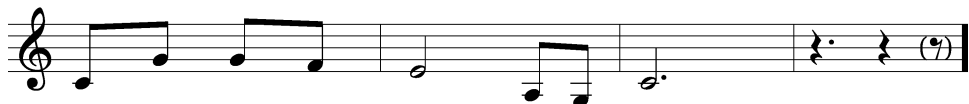
CW 753 sts. 1–2, Ref, 3–5



1 My worth is not in what I own, not
 2 My worth is not in skill or name, in
 3 As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,



in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the
 win or lose, in pride or shame, but in the
 youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e -



cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. v. 2
 blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. Refrain
 ter - nal calls to us at the cross. v. 4

Refrain



I re-joyce in my Re - deem - er— great - est trea - sure,



well-spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no oth - er; my



soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

4 I will not boast in wealth or might,
 or human wisdom's fleeting light.
 But I will boast in knowing Christ
 at the cross. (Refrain)

5 Two wonders here that I confess:
 my worth and my unworthiness.
 My value fixed—my ransom paid
 at the cross. (Refrain)

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SERMON ACTS 2:42-47

Stand

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.**

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

OFFERING

It goes together: growing in faith through the gospel of Jesus and living a life that exhibits that faith. In early Jerusalem, the Christians devoted themselves to Christ's Word and sacraments, prayer and fellowship. As a result, they were moved to great generosity, sharing with those who were in need. May the Lord bless us with such hearts that we show the same generosity as we give to those in need and bring the world what it needs the most: the good news about Jesus.

WELS Stewardship by the Lectionary

Stand

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

528 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

CW 528



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, food for bod - y,
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant from the stump of
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, watch - ing all your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
food for soul; Christ, the man - na, dai - ly giv - en,
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, you nur - ture branch - es
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, you
nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
to bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van-quished, light and life you bring to all; light our
food of heav - en, fore-taste of the feast to be; quench our
you, O Sav - ior; prune our hearts so we re - main fruit - ful
Shep - herd, seek us, find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with your own pres - ence, grant us grace to heed your call.
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter spring-ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
branch - es in your vine - yard till e - ter - nal life we gain.
God, our shep - herd, keep us; let us hear your voice a - lone.

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**Lord, help me to use my *time*
and *talents* to glorify you.**



2 Corinthians 9:7-8 — “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, **for God loves a cheerful giver.** And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (4/30) **10:00 AM** Stewardship Sunday Worship
 11:00 AM Stewardship Potluck
Tuesday 10:30 AM Senior Bible Study
Wednesday 4:00 PM Public School Confirmation
Thursday **7:00 PM** **Worship Service w/communion**
Saturday 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
Sunday (5/7) **8:00 AM** **Worship Service w/communion**
 9:15 AM Adult Bible Class In FLC Lobby
 9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM **Worship Service w/communion**

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

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