

## Bethlehem Lutheran School Closing Service May 30, 2025

# 861 Christ Be My Leader

- Christ be my Leader by night as by day; 1 Safe through the darkness, for He is the way. Gladly I follow, my future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand, Doubt cannot daunt me: in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for He is the life. Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign. Text: © 1964, renewed 1992 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005811

## **Opening Versicles**

- Р O Lord, open my lips,
- С and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- Р Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- С make haste to help me. O Lord. 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.

#### Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40

- Р Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.
- Give me understanding, that I may keep your law С and observe it with my whole heart.
- Р Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
- С Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!
- Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; Р and give me life in your ways.
- Confirm to your servant your promise, С that you may be feared.

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- P Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your just decrees are good.
- C Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

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.

### Reading – Hebrews 11:1-3; 11:32-12:4

## 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
- God His own doth tend and nourish;
   In His holy courts they flourish.
   From all evil things He spares them;
   In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever; Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.
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#### Message

#### Kyrie

- P O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- P O Christ,
- C have mercy.
- P O Lord,
- C have mercy.

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# Lord's Prayer

C 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.

# Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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 arrest everlasting. Amen.

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# Versicles

- P Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C let my cry come to You.
- P In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
- C for You answer me.
- P Hide Your face from my sins,
- C and blot out all my iniquities.
- P Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- C and renew a right spirit within me.
- P Cast me not away from Your presence,
- C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- C and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- P Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- C my lips will praise You.
- P For You have been my help,
- C and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
- C unite my heart to fear Your name.
- P I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- C and I will glorify Your name forever.

- P May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- C May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- P Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- C Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- P Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C listen to my plea for grace.

## Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

## Benedicamus

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# Blessing

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- P The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- C Amen.

## 817 Earth and All Stars

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, victory! Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

Refrain	He has done marvelous things.
	I too will praise Him with a new song!

- Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! 5 Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 6 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 7 Children of God, Dying and rising, Sing to the Lord a new song! Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting, Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain Text: © 1968 Augsburg Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005811

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