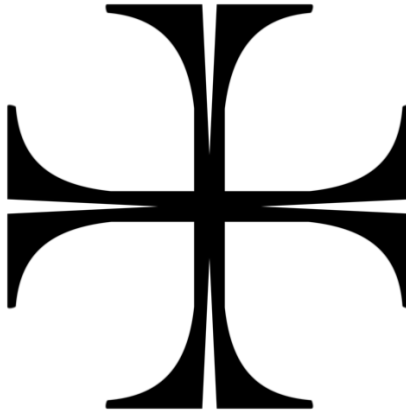


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Morrison Zion Lutheran Church



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Wisconsin Evangelical  
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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around the Gospel  
to help people  
**Grow**  
in the Gospel  
and  
**Go**  
with the Gospel

**Welcome!** We thank  
God that you have  
joined us at worship  
today.

Restrooms are  
located in the  
basement. Hearing  
loop headphones and  
Large Print Hymnals  
are available from an  
usher.

If your children  
need to leave worship,  
please take them to  
the basement. A TV  
broadcasts the service  
in the basement.

Today we gather  
together in the  
presence of God. He is  
present among us in a  
special way through  
his Word and  
Sacrament. We  
acknowledge our sin  
and rejoice in the  
good news of  
forgiveness through  
the life and death of  
Christ. This is the  
focus of our worship.

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

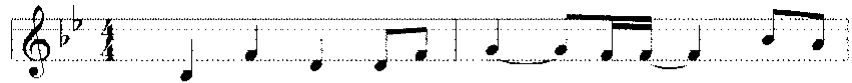
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**The Season** After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons teach us the characteristics of the Holy Ministry, the Christian, the Church, our God, and the Christian life.

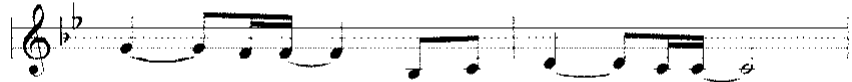
**The Sunday** Today Christ tells us that for him and for us, going God's way means death must come before life. He calls on us to deny ourselves and follow him on the way of the cross. Those words offend our sinful flesh and make our Old Adam cry with Peter, "Never!" So today the Church prays for the never-failing mercy of Christ that we might avoid such wicked and harmful thoughts and instead be guided on the cross-laden path to salvation. Then, and only then, do these words of Christ cease offending our flesh and become a joy and delight for our heart (Verse of the Day). *The Church is militant: first the cross, then the crown.*

### Hymn

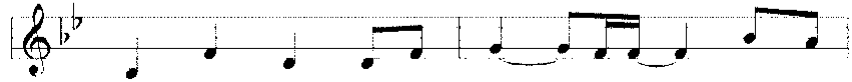
*Speak O Lord CWS 735*



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -  
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence. Ho - ly  
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds: Help us



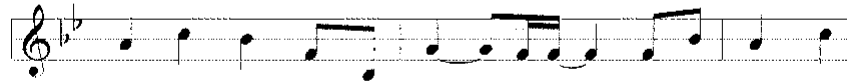
ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.  
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.  
grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the  
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the  
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our  
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of  
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic  
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll

love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful-  
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your

fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your  
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver  
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your

glo - ry.  
 un - be - lief,  
 glo - ry.

*Last time*

Tune: SPEAK, O LORD (8 10 8 10 10 10 8 10)

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### Stand

M: 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.**

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## CONFESSION OF SINS

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M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

C: **Amen.**

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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### Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C: Amen**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

### O Lord, Our Lord

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## Prayer of the Day

**M:** Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

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## THE WORD

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### First Lesson:

### Judges 16:22-31

*What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?* Jesus' words of warning form a perfect picture of Samson. He had the world: strength, fame, power, leadership, love. Yet he was losing his soul. But the God of grace humbled him. Samson repented and took up his cross and followed. He lost his life, but died in faith. His words comprise the most fervent plea that a sinner can make at the end of life. Like the thief, he cried, "Remember me!" Once again a man of faith, he had in mind the things of God rather than men and died in service to his Savior God.

<sup>22</sup> But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

<sup>23</sup> Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, "Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands."

<sup>24</sup> When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying,

"Our god has delivered our enemy  
into our hands,  
the one who laid waste our land  
and multiplied our slain."

<sup>25</sup> While they were in high spirits, they shouted, "Bring out Samson to entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them.

When they stood him among the pillars, <sup>26</sup> Samson said to the servant who held his hand, "Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them." <sup>27</sup> Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. <sup>28</sup> Then Samson prayed to the LORD, "Sovereign LORD, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes." <sup>29</sup> Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, <sup>30</sup> Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.

<sup>31</sup> Then his brothers and his father's whole family went down to get him. They brought him back and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had led Israel twenty years (NIV)

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 121

### *Refrain*



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

### *Psalm tone*



I lift up my eyes to the hills.\*

Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,\*

the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip,\*

he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel\*

will neither slumber nor sleep.

### *Refrain*

The LORD watches over you,\*

the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all harm,\*

he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and going\*

both now and forevermore.

**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 Lesson

## Galatians 6:12-16

Christians will be tempted to give in to license or legalism in order to escape persecution. But Christ told us to expect persecution and burdens that come from carrying his cross. For the Christian, bearing the cross is a point of pride and the basis for our boasting. How can this be? We are the Church militant, and so death comes before life, the cross before the crown. By the cross the world dies to us, and we die by that same cross to the world. But after that death comes life—new life—an entirely new creation.

<sup>12</sup> Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. <sup>16</sup> Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God. (NIV)

## Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.  
(Jeremiah 15:16 cf. RSV)

*Stand*

## Gospel:

## Matthew 16:21-26

Peter's great confession from last Sunday's Gospel showed the disciples understood who Jesus was. But though they understood his person, they still failed to understand his work. He had come to fulfill the redemptive mission for which he was anointed; he had not come to fulfill Israel's earthbound views of Messiah. He couldn't be the Messiah they wanted, and still be the Savior they needed. "He must go..." Cross and death were necessary first. When Jesus spoke most clearly about his cross, Peter spoke Satan's words of compromise. Thanks be to God that our Savior saw the necessity of the cross before the crown! Now for Christian followers, cross comes before the crown as well. We die to self, but gain Christ, the Life.

<sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

<sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup> What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*



# Hymn of the Day

# Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken Hymn 465



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,  
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;  
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!  
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -  
 They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man  
 Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your  
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on  
 hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are  
 ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your  
 heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry  
 not, like them, un - true. And since you have  
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called  
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this



fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er  
 smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,  
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in  
 earth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the



hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -  
 love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may  
 all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may  
 pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly



di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.  
 shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.  
 gath - er; All must work for good to me.  
 glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.

Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87.

## Sermon

**Galatians 6:12-16**  
*Pastor Jerome Enderle*

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**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 worshipped 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.**

*Be Seated*

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

### Offering

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today.  
*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).*

*Stand*

### Prayer 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.**

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## THE SACRAMENT

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M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

### Proper Preface

M: Praise 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.

### Holy, Holy, Holy

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

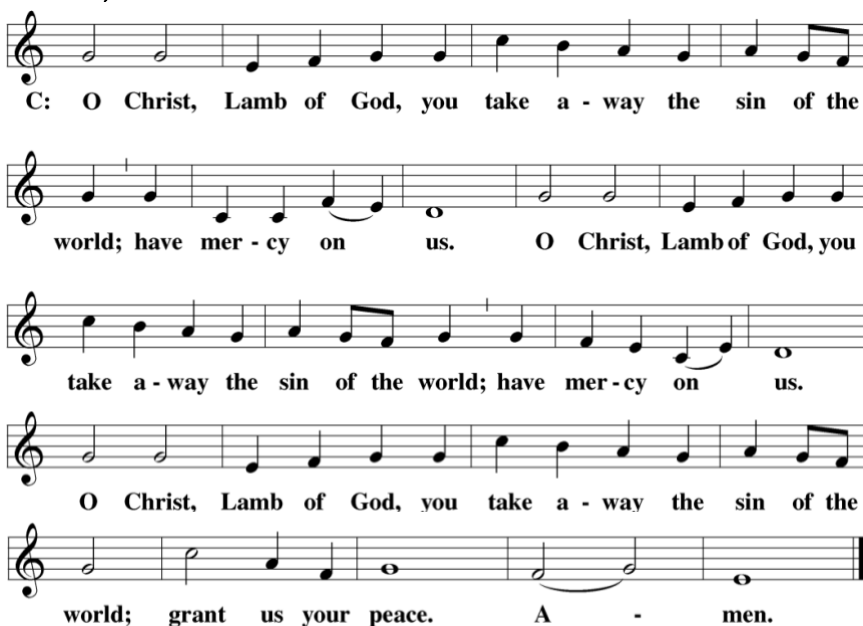
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God



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.

*Be Seated*

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith, we practice close communion. WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor before communing. If you would like to learn more about communing with us in the future, please contact pastor.

## Distribution

## Distribution Hymn

*Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me* CW 428

1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me?  
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me,  
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness,  
 4 Since I know God nev - er fails me,

Christ is near With his cheer; Nev - er  
 Though their weight May be great, They will  
 And I will Trust him still When he  
 In his voice I'll re - joice When grim

will he leave me. Who can rob me  
 not de - feat me. God, my lov - ing  
 sends me sad - ness. God is good; his  
 death as - sails me. Trust - ing in my

of the heav - en That God's Son For  
 Sav - ior, sees them; He who knows All  
 love at - tends me Day by day, Come  
 Sav - ior's mer - it, Safe at last, Trou -

me won When his life was giv - en?  
 my woes Knows how best to end them.  
 what may, Guides me and de - fends me.  
 bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, st. 1-3, abr.; Harlyn J. Kuschel, b. 1945, st. 4; tr. composite, st. 1-3.

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Tune: WARUM SOLLT ICH MICH DENN GRÄMEN (8 33 6 D) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–76.

*Stand*

**Thank The Lord**



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.**

*Be Seated*

**Closing Hymn**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus CW 452*

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, To his im - age  
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus. His death from the  
 4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; Since he's ris - en

am - ple pure, Flee the world which would de - ceive us  
 e'er con - form; Heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us,  
 sec - ond death, From our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us,  
 from the dead, Death and grave must soon re - lease us.

And to sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his  
 Sun - shine fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in  
 Quick - ens us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti -  
 Je - sus, thou art now our head. We are tru - ly

foot - steps tread - ing, Bod - y here, yet soul a - bove,  
 tears of sor - row, We shall reap in heav'n - ly joy,  
 fy, while liv - ing, Flesh and blood and die to sin,  
 thine own mem - bers; Where thou liv - est, there live we.

Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the  
 And the fears that now an - noy Shall be laugh - ter  
 And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the  
 Take and own us con - stant - ly, Faith - ful Friend, as

Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful Lord, a - bide with me.  
 on the mor - row. Christ, I suf - fer here with thee;  
 gate to heav - en. Je - sus, here I die to thee,  
 thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus, here I live to thee,

Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.  
 There, oh, share thy joy with me.  
 There to live e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. J. Adam Rimbach, 1871–1941, alt.  
 Tune: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN (87 87 877 877) Georg G. Boltze, 18th century, alt.

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