

The Light Of The World

1. The Light of the World
Made hist'ry begin
Spoke time into being
Caused planets to spin
Flung galaxies wide
Through infinite space
To sing of His splendor
And fathomless grace

Chorus:

Come come
Daughters and sons
Look to the Light of the World
Sing sing
Praises to Him
Simply believe
You will receive
Mercy and love without measure

2. The Light of the World
Now shone as a man
And walked through the valleys
He'd carved with His hands
A servant to those
He'd breathed into life
He felt our injustice
And shared in our strife.
3. The Light of the World
Preached justice for all
Defying the proud
And defending the poor
Then humbled Himself
To death on a cross
To crush the oppressor
And rescue the lost.
4. The Light of the World
Still shines on the earth
With gifts of forgiveness
The hope of new birth
So open your heart

Don't hide in the night
Step out of the darkness
And into His light.

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G **Amen**

The CONFESSION OF SINS

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

G **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

G **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. **G**
Amen

Romans 8:1–11 Life in the Spirit

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but

to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Matthew 13:1–9 & 18-23 The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, 6 but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears, let him hear."

18 "Hear then the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. 23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Faith And Truth And Life Bestowing LSB 584

1. Faith and truth and life bestowing
Open now the Scriptures Lord
Seed to life eternal sowing
Scattered on the wind abroad

2. Let not hearts Your word receiving
Like a barren field be found
Choked with thorns and unbelieving
Shallow earth or stony ground

3. May the Spirit's power unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain
Daily in our hearts increasing
Bearing fruit that shall remain

4. So in Scripture song and story
Savior may Your voice be heard
Till our eyes behold Your glory
Give us ears to hear Your word

Sermon: *Walking in the Dark, Psalm 119:105–112*

Prayers

Holy Communion

Benediction

Thy Word

Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
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1. When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

2. I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering

Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end

3. Nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near to the end