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Two Kinds of Righteousness

In 1519, Martin Luther wrote one of his most famous sermons on Philippians 2:5-6. In that sermon, he wrote:

There are two kinds of Christian righteousness, just as man's sin is of two kinds. The first is alien righteousness, that is the righteousness of another, instilled from without. This is the righteousness of Christ by which he justifies though faith.

The second kind of righteousness is our proper righteousness, not because we alone work it, but because we work with that first and alien righteousness. This is that manner of life spent profitably in good works, in slaying the flesh and crucifying the desires with respect to the self, and in love to one's neighbor."

These two types of righteousness guide our worship theme in this Reformation Festival service: *Righteous in Christ, Righteous through Christ.*

Righteous in Christ

In your baptism, you have been clothed with Christ, as if he were something you could wear, and standing in him, he is your righteousness. As St. Paul explains, **"In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ"** (Galatians 3:26-27). Luther's first type of righteousness describes that same point:

Through faith in Christ, therefore, Christ's righteousness becomes our righteousness and all that he has becomes ours; rather, he himself becomes ours.

Righteous through Christ

Through Christ Jesus, not only is his righteousness your own, but you are free to express that same righteousness he has given you through repentance and acts of love. St. Paul also writes: **"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age"** (Titus 2:11-12). Luther emphasizes the same:

This righteousness goes on to complete the first for it ever strives to do away with the old Adam and to destroy the body of sin. Therefore it hates itself and loves its neighbor; it does not seek its own good, but that of another, and in this its whole way of living consists.

May the Holy Spirit guide your thoughts today as we ponder these two types of righteousness—the kind which is from without, vicarious, and imputed; and the kind which is our own, worked, and demonstrated.

THE DIVINE SERVICE



PROCESSIONAL

Stand as the hymn is introduced and face the cross at the back of the Chapel. Follow it's entrance to the chancel where it serves as the focus of this festival service.



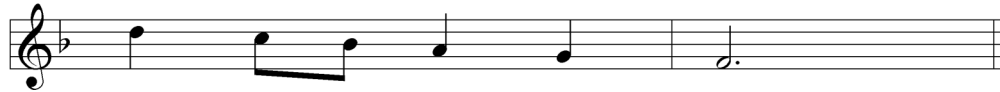
1 The ad - vent of our King Our
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In -
3 O Zi - on's Daugh - ter, rise To
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He
5 Be - fore the dawn - ing Day Let



prayers must now em - ploy,
car - nate deigns to be,
meet your low - ly King,
soon will come a - gain
sin's dark deeds be gone,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To
Nor let a faith - less heart de - spise The
And his true mem - bers all u - nite With
The sin - ful self be put a - way, The



strains of ho - ly joy.
set his ser - vants free.
peace he comes to bring.
him in heav'n to reign.
new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Call to Worship

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son (✝), and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: I pray to you, Lord, in the time of your favor; in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.

C: Answer me, Lord, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me.

L: Do not hide your face from your servant; answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.

C: Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none.

L: Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

C: I sink into the dark depths, where there is no foothold.

L: I have come into the deep waters; the floods engulf me.

C: I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for my God.

L: You, God, know my folly; my guilt is not hidden from you.

SELECTIONS FROM PSALM 69

Silence for self-examination and reflection on individual sins.

L: But I pray to you, Lord, in the time of your favor; in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.

C: Rescue me from the depths, do not let me sink; deliver me from the deep waters.

L: O Lord, hear my contrition and confession:

C: I confess to you, God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own fault, by my most grievous fault; I cannot provide my own righteousness or earn my own salvation, so now I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

L: The Lord your God is merciful and has sent his only Son to save you from your sins. He is the Servant of the Lord, who earned for you salvation by his righteousness. In Christ, his righteousness has become your own, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" *1 CORINTHIANS 5:21*. Therefore, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son (✝), and of the Holy Spirit!



L: Come, let us sing to the Lord a song of praise:

Song of Praise



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you set us free
 2 By vir - tue of the wounds you bore,
 3 De - fend us, Lord, from sin and shame;
 4 For thus the cer - tain - ty we gain
 5 Praise God the Fa - ther, e - ver - more!

Ac - cept our thanks e - ter - nal - y!
 True God and Man, our hope re - store.
 Help us by your Al - might - y Name
 That you will al - ways true re - main
 Praise God our Sa - vior and our Lord!

For - giv - en through your pre - cious blood,
 Give cour - age when we yield our breath;
 To bear our cross - es pa - tient - ly,
 And not for - sake us in our strife
 Praise God the Spir - it e - ver - blessed!

We now are rec - on - ciled to God.
 De - liv - er us from hell and death.
 Con - soled by your great ag - o - ny.
 But lead us out of death to life.
 Praise God who brings us to his rest.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Work in our hearts and minds a knowledge of your righteousness, that has been given to us in your Son Jesus Christ, so that we are counted as righteous before you, that we desire the end of sin within us, and that we may go out to love our neighbors. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain all your promises, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson—Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The quintessential text that shows Christ suffering vicariously and earning our righteousness.

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. ¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness—¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

¹ Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. ⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

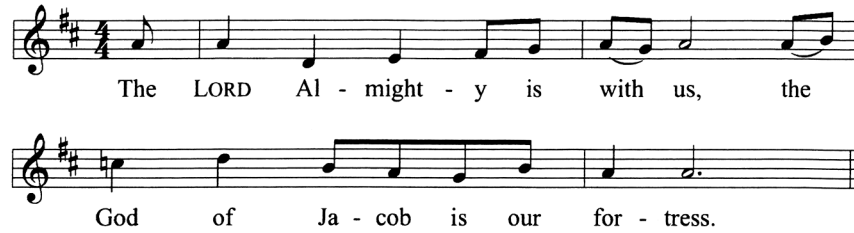
¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm of the Day—Psalm 46

The cantor/choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it as indicated.



The cantor/choir sings the verses of the psalm.

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

Refrain

Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

Refrain

Second Lesson—Philippians 2:5-11

Luther used this pericope when preaching on the two kinds of righteousness. Both are clearly visible in Paul's words here.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Verse of the Day—Mark 10:45

L: The verse of the day is from Saint Mark, chapter ten, verse 45.

C: Alleluia! For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Alleluia!

The Gospel—Mark 10:35-45

Those in Christ live differently than those in the world, and Jesus teaches us why.

³⁵Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” ³⁶“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. ³⁷They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” ³⁸“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

³⁹“We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.” ⁴¹When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴²Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Choir Anthem—Chorale

“Cantate Domino”

Cantate Domino canticum novum, // Cantate et benedicite nomini eius, // quia mirabilia fecit.

Cantate et exultate et psallite, // psallite in cithara et voce psalmi, // quia mirabilia fecit.

Sing to the Lord a new song, // sing and bless his name, // for he has done marvelous deeds.

Sing and exult and praise, // in songs with the harp and the voice, // for he has done marvelous deeds.

Hymn of the Day



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day— Who can a
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -
5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -
ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for
on the o - cean shore, You have for all a
man - sion in the skies, E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
sin - ners plead, For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.
all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

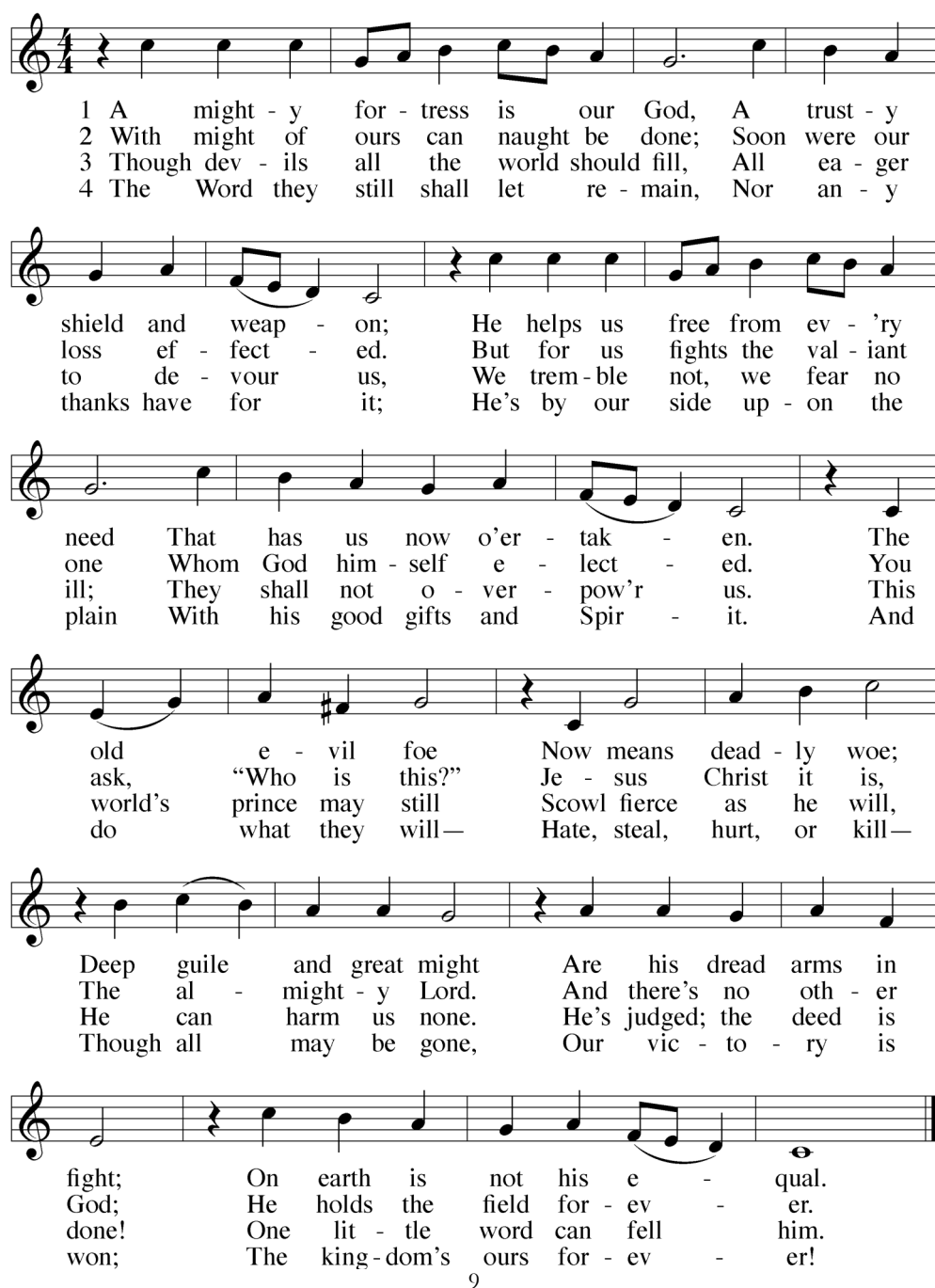
6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

“Christ Alone!”

Confession of Faith—The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord III:32

It is indeed correct to say that believers who through faith in Christ have been justified possess in this life, first, the reckoned righteousness of faith and, second, also the righteousness of the new obedience or of good works. But these two dare not be confused with one another or introduced simultaneously into the article of justification by faith before God. For because this new righteousness or renewal in us is imperfect and impure in this life on account of the flesh, no one can therewith and thereby stand before the judgment of God. Only the righteousness of the obedience, passion, and death of Christ which is reckoned to faith can stand before God's judgment. Hence even after his renewal, after he has done many good works and leads the best kind of life, a person is pleasing and acceptable to God and is adopted to sonship and the inheritance of eternal life only on account of Christ's obedience.

Hymn



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y

shield and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry
 loss ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant
 to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no
 thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the

need That has us now o'er - tak - en. The
 one Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You
 ill; They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This
 plain With his good gifts and Spir - it. And

old e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 ask, "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 world's prince may still as he will,
 do what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—

Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is

fight; On earth is not his e - qual.
 God; He holds the field for - ev - er.
 done! One lit - tle word can fell him.
 won; The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Offering
Offering Music—Hosanna Ringers
“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Prayer of the Church

L: Let us pray as our Savior taught us:

C: Our Father in heaven.

L: Our Father, almighty Ruler over all things, we, your children by faith in Christ Jesus, pray to you with confidence and joy.

C: Hallowed be your name.

L: Keep us from dishonoring you by false teaching and ungodly living; help us to cling to your pure and precious Word and to lead a life which is pleasing to you.

C: Your kingdom come.

L: Keep us in faith by your grace that we may remain members of your kingdom, the holy Christian Church. Fill our hearts with a concern for souls and bless the work of all who preach and spread your saving Word, that your kingdom may grow and prosper.

C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

L: Destroy the plans of the devil and all the enemies who seek to rob us of our life with you. In all things help us to obey you as gladly as do the angels in heaven. When you lead us in ways which seem dark and mysterious, grant that we may surrender our will to yours.

C: Give us today our daily bread.

L: Provide for us each day with what we need for our lives and make us truly content and grateful for what you give us. Move us to cast all our care on you, because you care for us.

C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

L: For the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus, put away our sins and make us clean by his blood and death. Move us by your great love to forgive those who wrong or grieve us.

C: Lead us not into temptation.

L: Suppress Satan's power when he tries to tempt us. If at first we listen to his voice, give us wisdom to detect his trickery and strength to overcome him.

C: But deliver us from evil.

L: Shield us from harm. When we do face adversity and endure trouble, help us to carry our burdens with patience and trust, knowing that you work out all things for our good. Finally, when our last hour comes, take us to our home in heaven.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silence for private prayers to the Lord and Savior.

L: You alone, O Father, are the eternal King from whom we seek help. You alone have the power to grant our desires. You alone have the glory now and in eternity for all you have done. With confidence and trust we say:

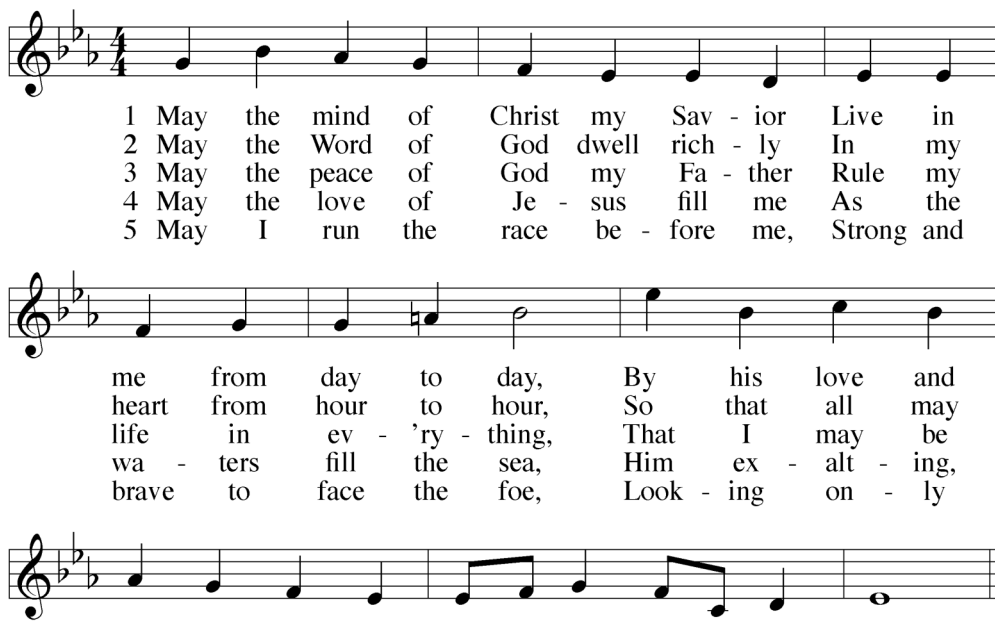
C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

L: 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

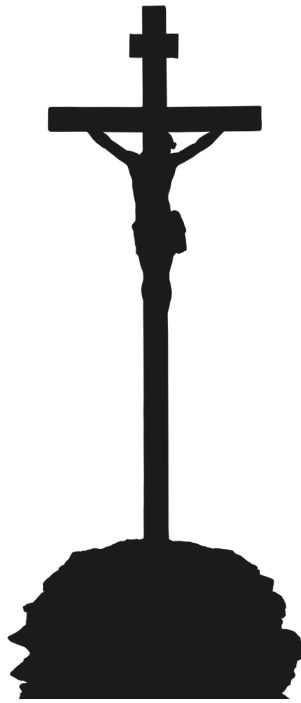


1 May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior Live in
2 May the Word of God dwell rich - ly In my
3 May the peace of God my Fa - ther Rule my
4 May the love of Je - sus fill me As the
5 May I run the race be - fore me, Strong and

me from day to day, By his love and
heart from hour to hour, So that all may
life in ev - 'ry - thing, That I may be
wa - ters fill the sea, Him ex - alt - ing,
brave to face the foe, Look - ing on - ly

pow'r in - spir - ing All I do or say.
see I tri - umph On - ly through his pow'r.
calm to com - fort Sick and sor - row - ing.
self a - bas - ing— This is vic - to - ry!
un - to Je - sus As I on - ward go.

6 May his spirit live within me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only him.



Service Notes

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A final note—The MN Valley chapter of WELS Kingdom Workers will not be hosting a session following the service.