

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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“Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people.”

May 3, 2026

8:00 a.m. In Person in Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. In person and Livestream Worship in Sanctuary

Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church

What do you worry about? What makes you afraid? King David writes, *I shall not want* and continues to paint a beautiful picture in verse 2 of sheep who rest in green pastures, walking beside still waters. In this picture the sheep are not eating or drinking. They are completely satisfied in all things.

We spend considerable time in our lives worrying and fearing. Jan Johnson said, *worry and fear are worthless!* They are both worthless because 90% of what we worry about never happens and 100% of our fear robs us of life.

Jesus was never afraid. Ponder that for a moment this morning or this next week. There was never a moment of fear in His life, He trusted completely in His "Abba" to bring him *goodness and mercy*.

Dallas Willard writes, *God is not worried that He is going to run out of something. God is beyond rich. He is overflowing with everything that is good and everything that we need. He has so much that He will never run out of any of it. It is so very important to remember this when we are fretting over a perceived need. In such a time we may be tempted to think that maybe, just maybe, God is as stingy and small as we are. He is not. God loves to give. God loves to forgive. God loves to just gush forth with His goodness [John 14:4]. Nothing so delights Him as giving to anyone and everyone who will receive. For God so loved the world that He gave. . . [John 3:16]*

Imagine what a life without lack looks like! You might be surprised that it is already available for your possession.

We Praise and Confess
*The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.*

Preparation for Worship

*O God, we joyously come together to worship, realizing we need not
summon You into our midst, for You are here.*

*We need not call You into the secret places of our hearts,
for You are there.*

We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see You;

Our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear You;

Our minds to be sensitive, that we may know You;

Our hearts to be tender, that we may receive You.

*Grant each one a blessing, O Lord, as each has need,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Prelude

Shepherd Me O God – arr. Charles Callahan

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

based on Psalm 95:6-7

Come, bow down and worship,

Kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

**This is our God, our shepherd,
we are the flock led with care.**

*Hymn: No. 463

How Firm a Foundation – Foundation

*Prayer of Adoration

based on 1 Chronicles 29:10-10

Praise be to you, O LORD,

God of our father Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting.

**Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,**

for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

**Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.**

Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

**In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.**

Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

O Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall declare your praise.

*Gloria Patri: No. 581

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Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

---based upon Psalm 51

Merciful God,

You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.

We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy.

**We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved
our neighbor as ourselves.**

**We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with You, our God.**

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart,

O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**Do not cast me from Your presence,
or take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with
Your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Amen.

Silence

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, and according to the riches of his grace.

We Hear and Respond

From a Letter of Peter

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are

God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*Psalm 23 Sung: Bulletin Pages 11-12

Shepherd Me, O God

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

St. John 14:1-14

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God;¹ believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?² ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going."³ ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also.⁴ From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹ *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me⁵ anything in my name, I will do it. ²

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to 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 catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Dr Williams – "PD"

A Life Without Fear

Welcome and Announcements

² *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

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Offertory

*Offertory Response: No. 510 ***We Gather Here in Jesus' Name***

*Invitation to the Lord's Table

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right. . . join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba-oth; Heav-en and earth are



full, are full of the ma-jes-ty of Thy Glo - ry, Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the

crescendo *f*
name of the Lord, Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est!

Consecration and Epiclesis

Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Agnus Dei

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

Grant us thy peace. Amen.

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Thanksgiving

*Dismissal Hymn: No. 269 **Lead On, O King Eternal** - Lancashire

Following the Light of Christ into the World

***We go. . .
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus
with all people!***

*Sung Dismissal and Blessing

Now Unto Him Who Is Able

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling.

To make you stand in His presence blameless and with great joy.

To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.

Both now and forevermore, Amen.

***Give Him the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.
Both now and forevermore, Amen!***

*Going Forth

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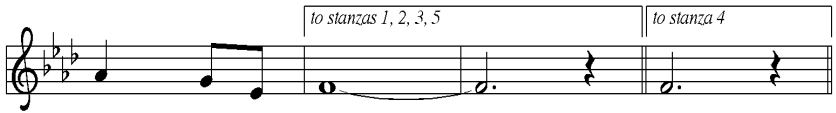
Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I
 2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
 3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead - ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
 lead me by path - ways of righ - teous - ness and truth, my
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Refrain



4 You have set me a ban - quet of love in the face of



ha - tred, crown - ing me with love be - yond my pow'r to hold.

Refrain

Leader or All



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23

Music: SHEPHERD ME, Marty Haugen

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MAY 3, 2026

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers
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WELCOME VISITORS ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship! Please sign the visitor card located in the pew rack and drop in the offering plate.

WiFi PASSWORD: Network: NewGoshGuest, password: **wearethechurch**

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet on Monday, May 4th at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Room. We will begin with our business meeting, then end in a time of fellowship and afternoon tea. All women are invited.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH REQUEST THIS MONTH are these specific items for the Lydia Bag Program of Liberty Ministries: Shampoo (Suave preferred choice 12-15 oz); stick deodorant (2-4 oz); toothpaste (2.5-5 oz); bar soap (3-4 oz); tissue packs (travel size); writing tablet (5" x 8", no spiral bound/no staples). There is a container in the Social Room for your contributions.

FIRST COMMUNITY MEAL, MAY 4th: It's breakfast for dinner! Come out and enjoy fresh hot pancakes and sausage with shredded potatoes and a granola bar, prepared and served by Tribe Nutrition. Take-out style serving is from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Pennsburg UCC's dine-in meal, hosted by St Philip Neri, will be Penne pasta with meatballs and sauce, salad, bread and dessert. They serve promptly at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

QUIET DAYS: Quiet Days will be back together again on Tuesday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please call Gail Gerhard, T/N 215-679-6523.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the name of loved ones and friends.

GENERAL FUND

In memory of my neighbor, friend, and employee, Robert C. Swenk

by Joanne L. Hersh

MILLER KEYSTONE BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, May 5th from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. at New Goshenhoppen Church. To schedule your appointment, please follow this link or call MKBC at 1-800-223-6667, #2 and use Group Code E064.

https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/89810

All donors must present a valid ID with first and last name and photo and/or signature. Thank you!

LIGHTS, CAMERA, FAITH!

Do you have a passion for tech, or maybe you're just curious about how the "magic" happens behind the scenes? We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our Sunday Morning Stream Team!

You don't need to be a pro to help us share our 10:30 a.m. service with the world. If you can click a mouse or slide a fader, you're halfway there.

The Details:

- Your Schedule: Commit to just once a month or even once a quarter—it's entirely up to you!
- No Experience? No Problem. We will provide full training on how to operate the cameras and balance the audio.
- The Impact: Help us reach our homebound members and friends across the globe.

"I'm not a tech person!" > Don't worry — our system is user-friendly, and we'll be right there with you until you feel like a pro.

If you're interested in lending a hand (and getting the best seat in the house), please see Will Howe after the service or send an email to:

williamharlan@yahoo.com

COOKBOOK—COMING SOON: Recipes have been collected, typed, and edited. We are almost ready to send it to the printer. Before we do that we need to know an approximate number of books to order. Please sign up to reserve a copy for yourself, friends, and family. The price will be between \$10-\$15 (more orders, lower price) and will be available in early 2027. Sign-up sheet in the Social Room.

CEMETERY WORKDAYS: The following are the dates for cemetery workdays. We begin the morning with a cup of coffee and a planning meeting at 7:30 a.m. with work commencing at 8:00 a.m.: May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th, Aug 22nd, Sept 26th, October 24th. Please check the weekly bulletin for any date changes. We appreciate any time your schedule will allow.

MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY CEMETERY SERVICE: Pastor Dave will conduct a brief cemetery service for Memorial Day on Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the "old New Goshenhoppen Cemetery." You are invited to come and remember with thanks those who have served our nation.

FULL MOON CAMPFIRE SCHEDULE: Full Moon Campfires began on Friday, May 1st. May has two full moons with the second full moon usually tagged as a "blue moon." The second full moon is on **Sunday, May 31st**. This is a good time for fellowship with our fellow members and any guests who join us for the evening. We gather at the meditation/prayer wall around 7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair, non-alcoholic beverage, and a snack to share. Rain cancels.

2025 YEARBOOKS were emailed to the congregation this past week. Printed copies are available in the Narthex, Social Room, and at the elevator entrance for those who did not receive it electronically.

SCOUTING NEWS: **Cub Scouts** is for boys and girls Kindergarten to 5th grade. If interested in joining, please call or text Kyle Moyer at 610-360-0924. **Scouts BSA** is for 11- to 18-year-olds. If interested in joining, please call or text Scott Spaar at 484-431-3178. Check out the photos and newspaper clipping on their bulletin board.

BULLETINS are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of mother, Peggy Kastle by Joyce Batzel.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of grandmom, Nancy Swenk by Tristan, Charlie and Piper Ellixson; and in memory of the birthday anniversary of Paul Gehman by wife, Marlene and family.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT are presented in honor of Emma’s “Gotcha Day” by Sandy and Sarah George.

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT are presented in loving memory of Willard S. Haas by the sons, daughters, and families.

ATTENDANCE: 4/26/26 – 8:00 a.m. 48; 10:30 a.m. 71; Livestream 56; Sunday School 41.

OPERATING INCOME 4/26/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$4,451; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$122.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$199,241.16
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$199,241.16
Year to Date Expenses	\$200,760.93
Special Income	\$0.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$3,563.98
Capital Campaign Income	\$5,075.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$18,000.00

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary) - Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) – Communion
Mon.	1:00 p.m.	Women’s Fellowship (Social Room)
	6:00 p.m.	First Monday Meal (Fellowship Hall / Kitchen)
	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Quiet Days (various rooms)
	1:00 p.m.	Blood Drive (register at Main Entrance)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Property & Park Committees (Park)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Make Music UP Committee meeting (Park)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary) – Baptism
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) - Baptism

Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m. Narthex: Melissa Jamison
 Roberts’ Church Office: Bruce Adam
 Elevator: Gene Basara
 Upper Narthex: Randy Peterson
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Will Howe

10:30 a.m. Narthex: Thomas Bancroft
 Roberts’ Church Office: Terry Dworkin
 Elevator: Denise Fox
 Upper Narthex: Cindy Roma
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Steve Lentz



MOTHER'S DAY
CARNATION PROJECT
REMEMBER MOTHER OR
GRANDMOTHER ON
MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 10.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to honor my loved one and also to encourage the good work of WOMEN'S CENTER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Their goal is to create institutional change and reduce the impact of domestic violence, creating a cultural shift towards healthier, safer communities.

Kindly use a separate form for each carnation ordered.

This year, instead of delivering carnations to a health care facility, we wish for all women of New Goshenhoppen to be remembered.

At the conclusion of both services, every woman is invited to come to the chancel railing and receive a carnation.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Presented by _____

Relationship to you: _____

(Indicate Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Sister, etc.)

Cost \$5.00 each.

Checks should be made payable to New Goshenhoppen Church.

Kindly mark the envelope "Carnation Project."

Please mail-in to the Church Office, place in the offering plate,
or put in the black lock box located outside the Main Entrance door
(at the elevator entrance).

Deadline for orders is Monday, May 4.

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

Glory Be to the Father

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line begins with a quarter note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B3, and C4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, B1, D2, and E2.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter note D4, a half note E4, and a quarter note F4. The piano accompaniment features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, including a chromatic descending line in the bass.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues with a quarter note G4, a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment maintains a steady bass line with some chromatic movement.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a quarter note C5, a half note B4, and a quarter note A4. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord and a double bar line. A large number '8' is printed at the end of the bass line.

510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Come, Share the Lord

Capo 3: (G) B^b (D) F (Em7) Gm7

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;
 2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
 3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

(D) F (Asus) Csus

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
 the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;
 we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

(A7) C7 (D) F (A) C (D) F

for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:
 the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:
 now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

(G) B^b (D) F (Em) Gm (A) C (D) F *Fine*

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) C7 (D) F (G) B^b (A7) C7 (D) F

(1) No one is a strang - er here; ev - ery - one be - longs.
 (2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.

(G) B^b (A7) C7 (D) F (Bm) Dm (Em7) Gm7 (Asus) Csus (A) C

Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.
 Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

The center of this text recalls Christ's post-Resurrection meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20) and share a foretaste of the Heavenly Feast (Matthew 26:29/Luke 22:18/Mark 14:25).

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.