

# 36 LORD, WE COME TO HEAR YOUR WORD

*I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor shall they be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD (Jeremiah 23:4 ESV).*

1. Lord, we come to hear Your Word.  
Shine Your light! Unsheathe Your sword!  
Send Your Spirit forth in pow'r.  
Come and bless Your church this hour.
2. We confess, our thoughts have strayed;  
Minds distracted and dismayed.  
On the Son fix now each thought;  
Help us worship as we ought.
3. Lord, as we prepare to hear,  
Wake each soul, unstop each ear.  
Conquer every stubborn heart;  
Mercy, saving grace impart.
4. Understanding, Lord we need;  
Wisdom, too, to hear and heed.  
Send illumination's light;  
Open eyes and give us sight.
5. Lord, we lift up to Your care  
Him who stands now to declare  
Truth that teaches, warns, consoles;  
Bless this feast to feed our souls.
6. We confess, without Your grace,  
Vain our efforts in this place.  
You must come and warm and stir,  
For true worship to occur.
7. For Your Word, O Lord, we yearn;  
Empty, let it not return.  
Come, accomplish all Your will —  
Draw, convict, give life and fill.

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