

# Loving Savior, Gentle Shepherd

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St. John's College in Winfield, KS issued an invitation for submitting of hymns for the 50th Anniversary of the school. Since Rev. Brauer graduated from there in 1929, he composed a hymn in response to the invitation. A special faculty committee selected his hymn for use in the 75th Anniversary service. Originally the tune relied on for the hymn was *O du Liebe, Musikalischer Christenschatz*, Basel, 1745. Two members of the Music Department faculty also wrote melodies and settings for the hymn.

1 Lov - ing Sav - ior, gen - tle Shep - herd, Thou has left Thy throne on high,  
2 Here we own Thy bound-less mer - cy, Here we mag - ni - fy Thy name.  
3 Help Thy saints to see Thy beau - ty, Show them Thy sur - pass - ing love,  
4 Use us all to build Thy king - dom, Bet - ter to e - quip Thy saints

Born in low - li - ness of wo - man, Laid a - side Thy maj - es - ty,  
Thou hast sent Thy Ho - ly Spir - it, Us from bonds of sin re - claim.  
Through Thy Word, the ho - ly Gos - pel, Grant them gifts come from a - bove.  
For their ser - vice to all peo - ple, In their aid for all com - plaints.

To re - deem us all from e - vil, Make us each while here Thine own,  
Give us hearts that al - ways love Thee, Give us eyes that ful - ly see  
Lead them in the path of ser - vice, Help them find their fit - ting place,  
Bless us all in our en - dea - vors Thy good will to know and do

Draw us to Thy lov - ing ser - vice, Praise Thy name in heart and home.  
What Thy grace and love has made us, How our lives should serve but Thee.  
Us - ing gifts Thy love has giv - en Res - cu - ing our sin - marked race.  
Till Thy grace takes us to hea - ven Where Thy praise is ev - er new.