

Sunday, October 5, 2025
17th Sunday After Pentecost
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

Children's Church: Kindergarten to 5th Grade gathers in the Chapel.

GATHERING HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

ELW 733

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

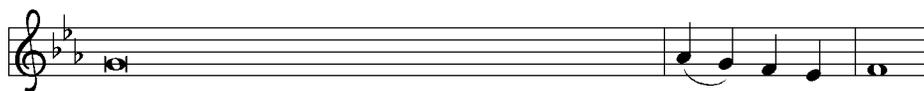
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



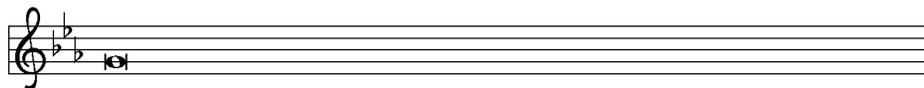
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



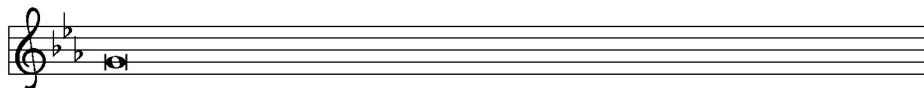
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

L: A reading from Habakkuk.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9

Congregation reads bold text.

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the Lord,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,
and see what God will do.

⁶**The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

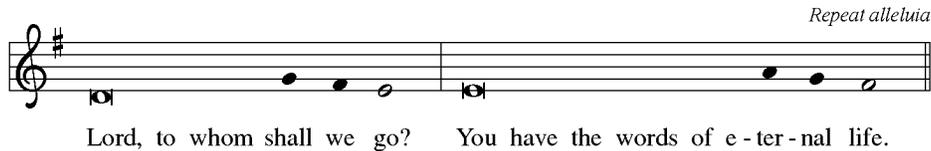
⁷Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the acclamation: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with rests, and the lyrics are placed directly below the corresponding notes.



GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Faith that Endures"

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God Is Here!"

ELW 526

APOSTLES CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough.

Response to each petition: AM: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

AM: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN

"Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"

ELW 814

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

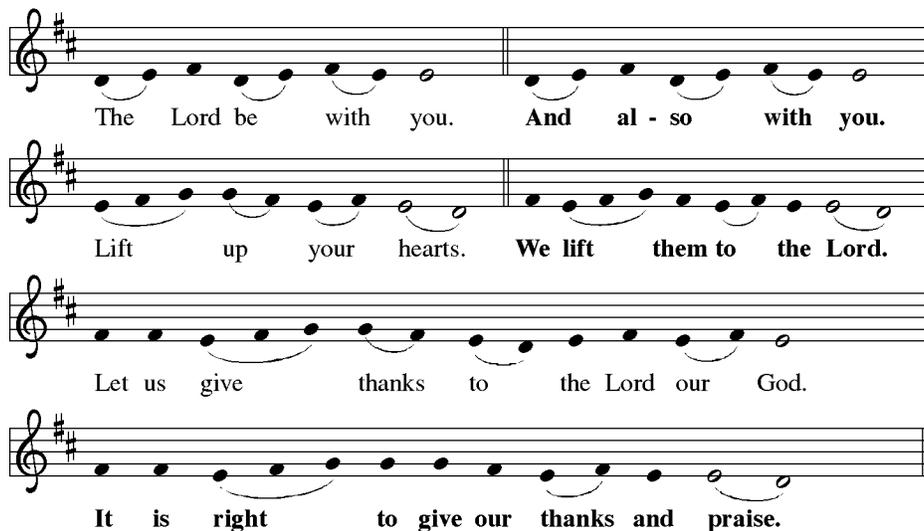
OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

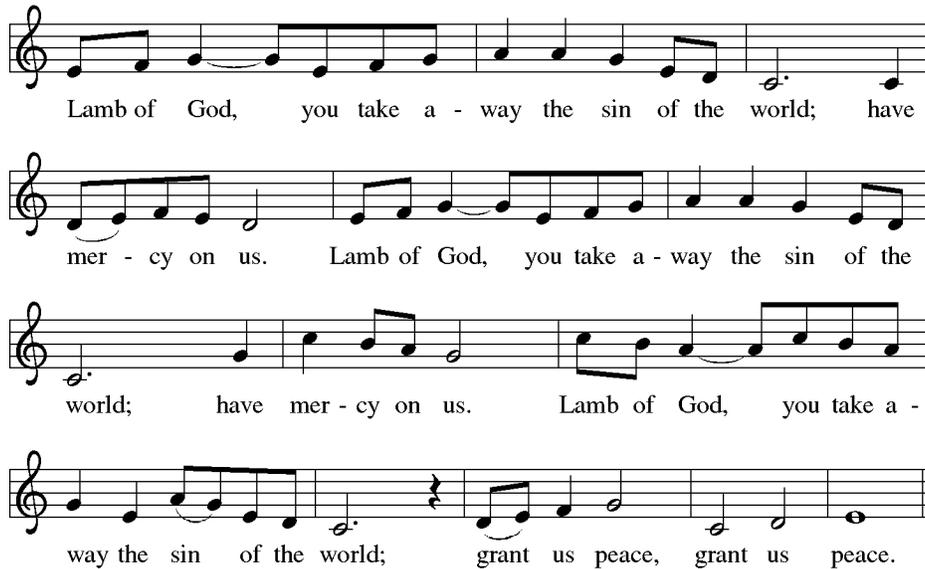
P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

COMMUNION

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are welcome to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants to the right will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." Gluten free wafers are available. Next, step to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, simply cross your arms for a blessing.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

"We Walk by Faith" "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

ELW 635
ELW 759

TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

ELW 597

Verses 1 and 4

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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MUSICIAN TODAY: Ed Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS for today, October 5, 2025: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus;
Assisting Minister: Stephanie Robbins; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer, Barbara McCall; **Reader:** Fran Vinyard; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Keith Vinyard; **Altar Guild:** Carrie Moseley, Jeanne Palmer; **A/V Tech: NEEDED; Council Greeter:** Darlene Zies; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard; **Safety Attendants: NEEDED,** Allan Bode

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, October 12, 2025: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus;
Assisting Minister: Marsha Schroeder; **Communion Assistants:** Bill Salt, Bill Elley, Elizabeth Jandt, Rissa Springs, Linda Salt; **Reader:** Steve Anderson; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier; **A/V Tech: NEEDED; Council Greeter:** Janelle Leon-Weinman; **Hospitality:** Rachel Abrameit, Cathy Anderson, Carol Hamilton; **Safety Attendants: NEEDED,** Charles Jobe

A Special Called Congregation Meeting

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Immediately following the celebration of Holy Communion, we will meet for discussion and potential action on calling Vicar Rudy as the Associate Pastor of Congregational and Community Care. An email and mailings have been sent to all members of the congregation. All members are encouraged to be present for this important meeting.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in the sanctuary, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY STUDIES:

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS** (307): 9:15am. Seeking to unlock the wisdom of the Bible through fellowship and robust group discussion. Fall study: "Struggle, Perseverance, Hope"
- **JOY CLASS**: Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Class meets the first Sunday of each month in the WMR at 9:00am.
- **THE DISCIPLES CLASS** (Family Life Center): 9:00am Sept 14 – Oct 19. "Sermon on the Mount: Living the Good Life of the Kingdom of God" led by Paul Sims.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**: During worship Children's Ministry Assistant Charis leads our PK to 5th grade learners to the Children's Church room, just down the hall from the sanctuary, and returns as we share the peace.
- **THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE** gathers on Sundays with our four church partners- Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church - at Spirit of Joy campus. Middle School (6-8 grades) from 4-5pm, dinner for everyone at 5pm, and High School (9-12 grades) from 5:30-6:30pm. Contact Hannah@elcseguin.org for more info.
- **CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets next on **Sunday, September 28** at 11:45 in the WMR.

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY STUDIES AND PROGRAMS:

Line Dancing with Handsome Rob (Fellowship Hall): Mondays at 2pm Sept 8 – Nov 17

3C: Community-Connection-Conversation (Church Lawn): Tuesdays at 7:30am

The Wired Word (Family Life Center): Tuesdays at 8:45am

Sweet Hour of Prayer (Family Life Center): Thursdays at 10am

Pathways to Healing Grief Support (Family Life Center): 2nd Sundays at 2:00pm

Caregiver Café (Family Life Center): 3rd Sunday at 2:00pm

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:00pm

Joy Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30am

Ladies Aid (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00pm, not in July

LUTHERAN LUNCH BUNCH gathers today, **October 5**, at Los Cucos Restaurant following worship. There is a place at the table for you! Contact [Donna Simmons](#) if you have any questions.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Bring your creatures, great and small, to the Compass Cooperative Blessing of the Animals on **Sunday, October 5** at 3pm. The gathering will be at Barky Park, Starke Park, 1334 River Dr. W., Seguin, TX 78155. Be sure your furry friends are in a crate or on a leash and bring a lawn chair for you. This year, any donations can be made to Seguin Animal Services. New or gently used items in need include newspapers, gift cards to any store that sells pet food, towels and blankets, leashes and collars, dry/wet dog and cat food, treats for dogs and cats, pet carriers and crates.

YOGA WITH GINA: Join Gina Touchstone, Certified Yoga Instructor, RYT 200, for two classes here at Emanuel's. **Beginning October 6, every Monday**, Gina will lead a beginner Floor Yoga Class at 6pm in the Family Life Center. On **Wednesdays** she will lead a Chair Yoga Class at 9am in the Family Life Center. Classes are pay-as-you-can, \$5+ suggested. Please bring a mat for floor classes.

IT'S COFFEE CAKE SEASON! Emanuel's Ladies Aid is baking their famous coffee cakes on Tuesdays, October 7, 14, and 21 as they celebrate their 126th Anniversary! Contact a Ladies Aid Member or the Church Office at 830-379-5046 for more information. Coffee Cakes can be picked up on the baking day between noon and 2pm. The price is \$8.00 each -- Apple, Peach, and Streusel.

SCOUT REQUEST: Emanuel's Troop 12 needs additional female leaders who can gather with them 1-2 times per month during their meetings on Sunday afternoon. These leaders would not be responsible for campouts or offsite gatherings, unless they truly wished to do those things, but instead would be supportive of the Sunday gatherings. These last from 2-3:30pm. If you are interested, please reach out to Tim Kent, tkent@tlu.edu, or Jonathan Zitelman, info@seguinpack107.org, for more information.

THE CAREGIVER CAFE is a support group for caregivers meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-4 pm at Emanuel's and 2nd Tuesdays of the month at Argent Court Assisted Living. Please contact Donna Simmons at donna@elcseguin.org for more information.

SENIOR SOCIAL CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP signups are open! Join Senior Social Club for their December 2 bus trip to New Braunfels and the Brauntex Theater. Our fabulous seniors will enjoy a meal out at the Golden Corral before heading to the theater for the award-winning musical, "The Grand Ol' Christmas Show." Please contact Donna Simmons for sign-up information and details.

TRUNK OR TREAT is a great way to welcome cooler temps, all things pumpkin, and a wee bit of mischief. Let Pastor Marcus know if you will be hosting a trunk and handing out treats to little goblins on **Friday, October 24th** from 6-8pm in Emanuel's parking lot. Candy donations are also welcome in the narthex and church office. Start thinking about your costumes and invite your friends. We are going to have a delightfully spooky time.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 26!

Mark your calendars for Reformation Sunday's Homecoming worship service followed by our annual sausage lunch on the lawn!

The 10:30 am traditional worship service will celebrate our Reformed heritage featuring musical selections on the organ and special music from Emanuel's Chamber Chorus, Emanuel's Ringers handbell choir, and Emanuel's Lutheran Day School students.

Randall Springs is smoking delicious sausage links and *Mike and the Middletones* German Band returns to entertain during the meal. First responders are invited to lunch as a small token of appreciation for their service. There will be additional fun and games for all ages on the lawn, including games and bouncy houses.

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for what to bring as well as volunteers for set-up on Saturday and Sunday, serving food and beverages, and clean up following.

This is truly a Homecoming Sunday- invite your family and friends to the celebration!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS and RADIO BROADCASTS are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office, or sign up on the calendar on the Level 2 hallway. Fees and submission forms are in the narthex, the church office, and online. Thank you to everyone who participates in this meaningful worship ministry.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL And Ministry Team Liaisons

President, Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*
Vice President, Bryce Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Team*
Secretary, Paul Sims, *Education Team*
Treasurer, Susan Yeatts, *Congregational Care Team*
Sheila English, *Congregational Care Team*
Charles Jobe, *Safety Team*
Tim Kent, *Congregational Care Team*
Janelle Leon-Weinman, *Congregational Care Team*
Bill Salt, *Education Team*
Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*
Natalia Almquist

ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT Wednesday, January 28, 2026 5:30pm in the Women's Ministry Room

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening to share a meal, collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects. Join us this last Wednesday of January.

EMANUEL'S STAFF

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Marcus Bigott, 830-377-8643 cell, pastormarcus@elcseguin.org
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Compass Cooperative Program Director, Hannah Hansen, hannah@elcseguin.org
Children's Ministry Assistant, Charis Wirtley, charis@elcseguin.org

EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.



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Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

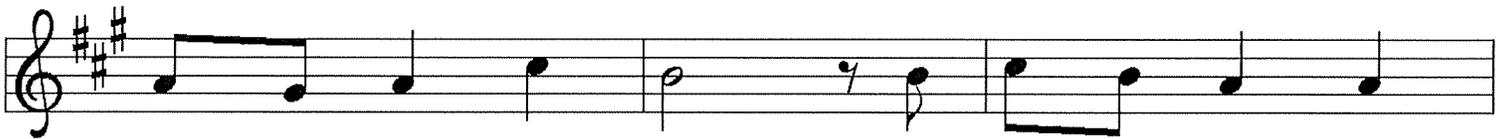
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We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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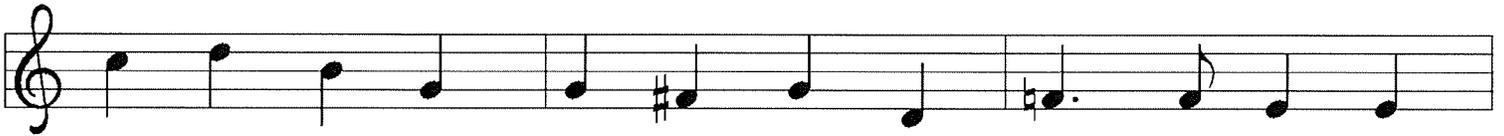
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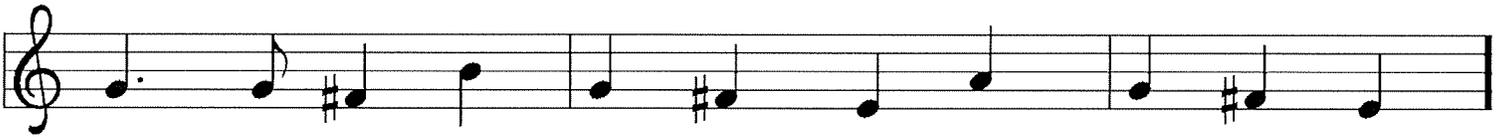
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876