Sunday, August 3, 2025 8th 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: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

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

GATHERING HYMN

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

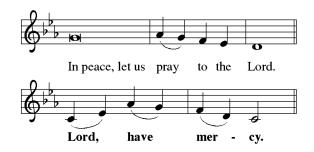
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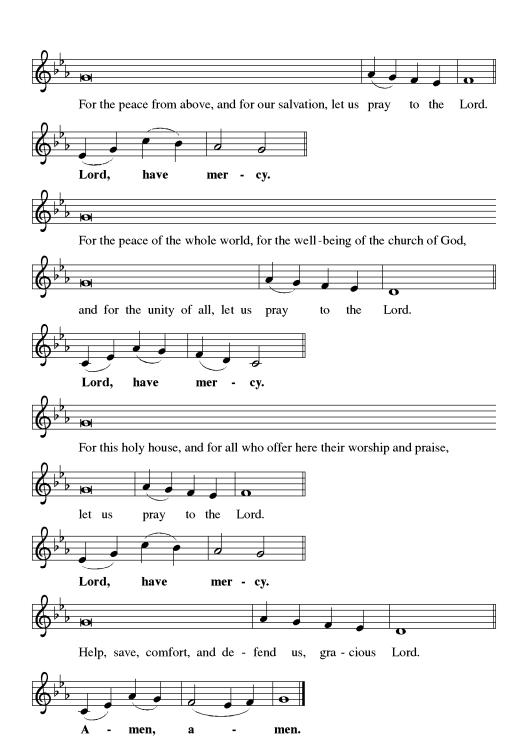
GREETING

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

L: A reading from Ecclesiastes.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Colossians 3:1-11

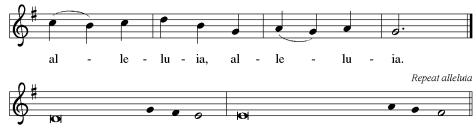
L: A reading from Colossians.

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all! The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Vicar Rudy

HYMN OF THE DAY "All Depends on Our Possessing" ELW 589

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: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world. Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone.

Response to each petition: AM: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.

AM: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

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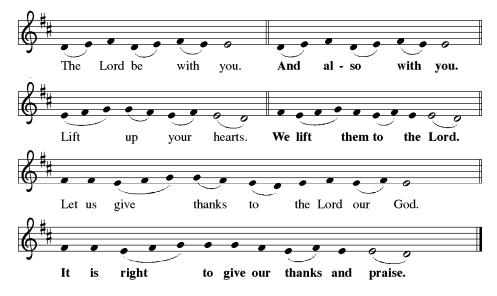
OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, may we work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

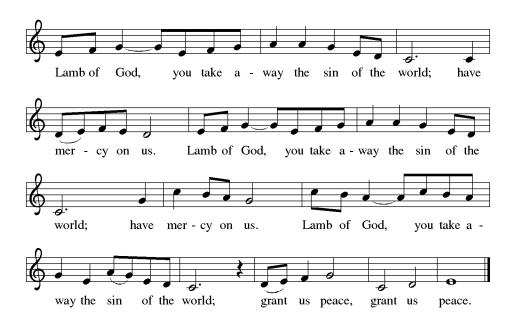
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"



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.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Break Now the Bread of Life" "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

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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.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"In Christ There is No East or West"

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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MUSICIAN TODAY: Edward Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, August 3,2025: Preaching: Vicar Rudy; Presiding: Pastor Marcus; Assisting Minister: Elizabeth Jandt; Communion Assistants: Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer, Barbara McCall; Reader: Nancy Meier; Ushers: Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Keith Vinyard; Altar Guild: Carrie Moseley, Jeanne Palmer; A/V Tech: TBD; Council Greeter: Darlene Zies; Hospitality: Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard; Safety Attendants: TBD

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, August 10,2025: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; Assisting Minister: Lory Alves; Communion Assistants: Bill Salt, Bill Elley, Karen Weinstein, Rissa Springs, Linda Salt; Reader: Deb Haug; Ushers: Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; Altar Guild: Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier; A/V Tech: Steve Anderson; Council Greeter: Paul Sims; Hospitality: Cathy Anderson, Carol Hamilton, Rachel Abrameit; Safety Attendants: TBD

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. Summer Study: "Living Faith."
- **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.
- WONDERFUL WORDS (Family Life Center): 9:00am. August 29 Hymn Study with Thomas Engler.
- **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** 6th 12th graders celebrate summertime with our four church partners- Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church. *VBS! Lock-Ins! Serve & Swim! And More!* Contact <u>Hannah@elcseguin.org</u> for more info.

WEEKDAY STUDIES:

The Wired Word (Family Life Center): Thursdays at 10:00

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

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

Joy Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30, "Sacred Encounters: The Power and

Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts" is the current study.

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

LUTHERAN LUNCH BUNCH is a lively group of post-worship food enthusiasts who gather at a local restaurant on the first Sunday of every month. Join us at Los Cucos **today, August 3**. With full hearts from the service and empty stomachs ready for fellowship, you're invited to dive into hearty meals, laughter, and lively conversation. From swapping recipes for casseroles to friendly debates about whose sauerkraut salad recipe is best left forgotten, the Lutheran Lunch Bunch is a place where faith, food, and fun unite. It's the perfect blend of sacred and savory, where everyone leaves nourished—body, soul, and spirit. Donna Simmons is the group contact.

SCHOOLYARD SOCIAL on Tuesday, August 5 is the Gather & Grow Ministry Team's inaugural Congregational Care event. The Gather & Grow Team invites you, family, friends, and neighbors for a relaxed evening at the Seguin Schoolyard. Food trucks are open, the playground is ready, tables will be set and the pickleball court calling our name. Visit with us, eat with us, socialize with us, and maybe play pickleball (even if it's your first time!) with us. We'll gather around 6pm and stay until about 8pm or whenever the group is ready to head home. Stay the whole time, pop in and out, or drive by and honk! See you at the Schoolyard, 225 N Saunders Street, Seguin, 78155.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS/VOCATION SUNDAY: Begin the school year with a blessing! You've packed the notebooks and pencils, but what about prayers of love and peace? Let us help! Everyone is invited to bring their backpack, their work bags, their tools of the trade, whatever represents your vocation, for a special Sunday blessing on **August 10**. We will take a moment to pray for our students, teachers, and school staff, as well as lifting up prayers for all the vocations to which God calls us.

RALLY DAY CARNIVAL & MINISTRY FAIR is **Sunday, August 17** at 8:30am! Join the Education Ministry Team as we kick off another year of events, education, and gatherings! We will have games, bouncy houses, face painting, breakfast tacos, sno-cones, and chances to sign up with our ministry teams! Connect with ministry leaders to learn more about what we do and how you can support the growing ministries of our congregation. It will be a wonderful morning, and we hope you will join us!

- **LINE DANCING** at Emanuel's! **Mondays** from 2-3pm in the Fellowship Hall, July 7 August 25. Line dancing is a fun, healthy, and rewarding activity. Our enthusiastic instructor is Rob Kennedy. No previous dance experience is needed, just the desire to join us for some great exercise with a fun group of people. Bring water and be ready to boogie!
- **PATHWAYS TO HEALING** support group reflects on the journey through grief while learning to navigate life with loss. They meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 2pm in the Family Life Center. Each gathering will highlight a different topic and invite open sharing in a safe and supportive environment. Please join us **Sunday, August 10.** Donna Simmons, Emanuel's Bereavement Care Coordinator, donna@elcsequin.org

LWR PERSONAL CARE KIT DONATIONS: It is that time of the year for items to be collected for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. We have plenty of school supplies but still need:

- Bath-size towels that are light-weight and dark color (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27")
- Single adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging
- Metal nail clippers (complete!)
- Sturdy broad-tooth combs

LWR donation boxes are located in the Narthex and at the Mountain St. entrance. Thank you for supporting Lutheran World Relief, in its 80th year of faithful service to neighbors around the world.

- **HOSPITALITY CART NEEDS COOKIES.** Emanuel's loves sweet treats as we gather after worship. Our supplies are running low, however. Please help us stock up by bringing your favorite homemade or store-bought cookies to the hospitality cart on Sunday mornings. Bev Seidenschwarz can answer your questions at 830-379-2044.
- **THE WIRED WORD,** a summertime weekly "drop-in" study, gathers on **Thursdays** at 10am in the Family Life Center. *The Wired Word* "... facilitates group discussions about important matters of faith raised by news of the week." Can't make a particular Thursday, or two? That's okay. Every lesson is unique. Just bring yourself and your favorite Bible whenever you can make it.
- **3C (Community-Connection-Conversation)** is a time of gathering on the church lawn at the street **every Tuesday** morning from 7:30-8:30am as a way to share in fellowship with each other, inviting new faces to sit, share their stories, and welcome visitors who pass us on the street. Our format is open, very fluid, and provides a place to share, visit, and grow together as a community of faith. We always have room (and coffee!) for another friendly face. Bring a chair and join us!

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in celebration of Beverly and Walter Seidenschwarz's 60th Wedding Anniversary.

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

ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT Wednesday, August 6, 2025 5:30pm in the Women's Ministry Room

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening each month to share a meal, collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects.

EMANUEL'S STAFF

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Marcus Bigott, 830-377-8643 cell, pastormarcus@elcseguin.org
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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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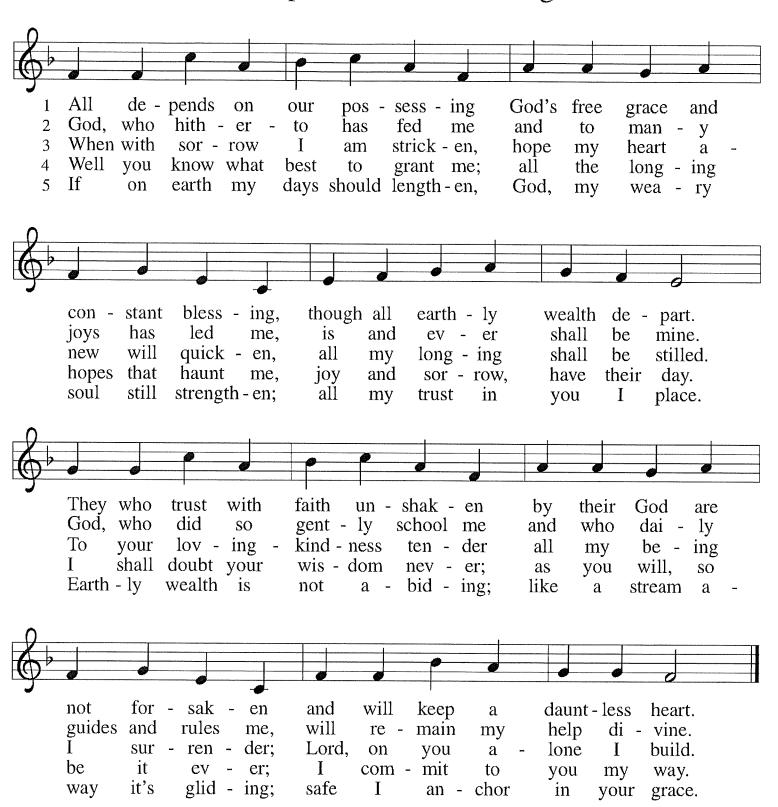
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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

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All Depends on Our Possessing



Text: Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

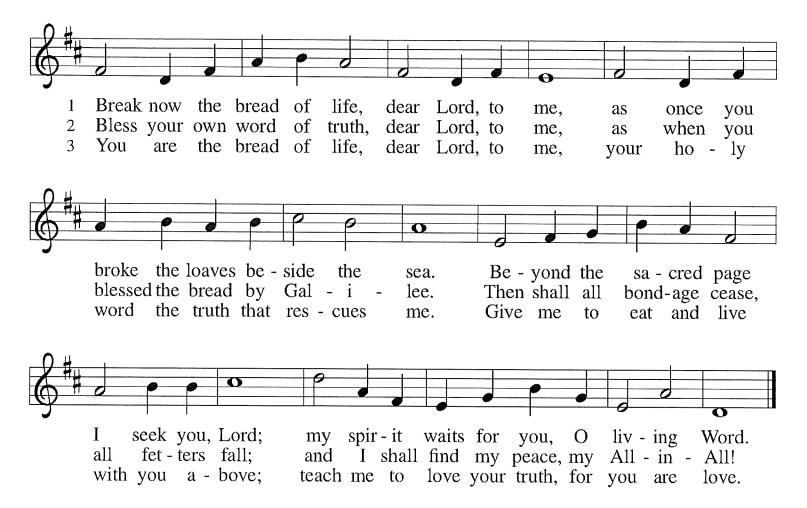
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Break Now the Bread of Life



Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

Son of God, Eternal Savior



- 1 Son of God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and truth and grace, 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth ers, so may we for oth ers live.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
- 4 Son of God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race, Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give. hush the storm of strife and pas-sion, bid its cru-el dis - cords cease. Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for you your own will ev plead: Yours the gold and yours the sil-ver, yours the wealth of land sea; and By your pa - tient years of toil-ing, by your si - lent hours of pain, your will-ing that your peo-ple should be by your pray-ing, by one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need. we but stew-ards of your boun-ty held in sol - emn trust will be. quench our fe-vered thirst of plea-sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain. grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis ci ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth. his ser - vice gold - en the cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind. is All liv - ing God are chil-dren of the sure - ly kin all Christ-ly souls are him through-out one in the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949