

Sunday, May 4, 2025  
Third Sunday of Easter

**WELCOME** to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!  
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



**PRELUDE** "Shenandoah Valley Breakdown"  
"Ridin' My Thumb to Mexico"  
"Old Home Place"

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

**GATHERING HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" **ELW 807**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

*Children's Church: Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade gathers in the Chapel.*

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" **ELW 619**

**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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Vicar: Let us pray together.

**C: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

## **READING: Acts 9:1-20**

L: A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [<sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 30

*Congregation reads bold text.*

- <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- <sup>2</sup>**O Lord my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**
- <sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- <sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**
- <sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- <sup>6</sup>**While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed.**
- <sup>7</sup>You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- <sup>8</sup>**I cried to you, O Lord;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**
- <sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- <sup>10</sup>**Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;  
O Lord, be my helper."**
- <sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
- <sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

P: The holy gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

"Come and Have Breakfast, Then Follow Me"

Pastor Marcus

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Blessed Assurance"**

**ELW 638**

**BLESSING OF THE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY GRADUATES:**

Jordana Gutierrez, Aaliyah Kirton, Jacqueline Springs,  
Kai Seidenberger, Rodolfo Salazar, Jr.

**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: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that

we sing the good news of the resurrection. Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people.

*Response to each petition:* AM: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**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**

**"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**ELW 742**

*Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

AM: Let us pray.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**C: Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: 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: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

## **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 HYMNS**

**"Shall We Gather at the River"**  
**"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

**ELW 423**  
**ELW 779**

## **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.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**C: Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SENDING**

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

## **BLESSING**

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**C: Amen**

## **SENDING HYMN**

### **"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"**

1 There are loved ones in the glory  
Whose dear forms you often miss.  
When you close your earthly story,  
Will you join them in their bliss?

Refrain: Will the circle be unbroken  
By and by Lord, by and by  
There's a better home awaiting  
In the sky Lord, in the sky.

2 In the joyous days of childhood  
Oft they told of wondrous love  
Pointed to the dying Saviour;  
Now they dwell with Him above. [Refrain]

3 You remember songs of heaven  
Which you sang with childish voice.  
Do you love the hymns they taught you,  
Or are songs of earth your choice? [Refrain]

4 You can picture happy gath'rings  
Round the fireside long ago,  
And you think of tearful partings  
When they left you here below. [Refrain]

5 One by one their seats were emptied.  
One by one they went away.  
Now the family is parted.  
Will it be complete one day? [Refrain]

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

“I’ll Fly Away”  
“Road to Columbus”

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God for  
Beverly Seidenschwarz’s 89<sup>th</sup> birthday by the Seidenschwarz family.

**HOT PICKIN 57s** join us for worship **today!** This bluegrass and classic country group is a 4-piece band featuring acoustic guitar, fiddle, banjo, and upright bass, with lead and harmony vocals. Lift your voice and join Mike Montgomery, Shawn Spiars, Chris Teague, and Max Zimmet as we praise the Lord, bluegrass style.

**WORSHIP LEADERS for today, May 4, 2025: Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Ministers:** Melissa Barbre, Vicar Rudy; **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 Palmern; **A/V Tech:** Stephen Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Tonya Darnell; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard; **Safety Attendants:** TBD

**WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, May 11, 2025: Preaching:** Vicar Rudy; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Wayne Stalsworth; **Communion Assistants:** Rissa Springs, Elizabeth Jandt, Bill Salt, Bill Elley, Linda Salt; **Reader:** Gerry Harrison; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier; **A/V Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Tim Kent; **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. This quarter we are studying the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount with Bible texts appropriate for Lent and the Easter season. Please join us.
- **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.
- **"WE HAVE SEEN THE LORD" Devotions for the Easter Season** (Family Life Center): April 27 – June 1 at 9am. After Easter, the risen Lord appeared 12 times to his followers. We will follow these experiences of those who were the chosen witnesses, believers who were then sent out – as we are sent – to testify to good news that is absolute fact: Christ is risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** During worship Children's Ministry Coordinator Jordana leads our PK to 5<sup>th</sup> grade learners to the Children's Church room and returns as we share the peace. Children's Church break begins May 18 and resumes August 25.
- **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.'
- **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for our 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet this year on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month after worship in the Women's Ministry Room.

### WEEKDAY STUDIES:

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

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

**Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at 2:00

**GRADUATION SUNDAY:** Today we thank God for our college and seminary graduates from Texas Lutheran University, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, and Luther Seminary as they begin new chapters in their lives. During this special service we will pray for and bless each of our graduates. Please take time after each service to offer congratulations on their accomplishments and blessings on their next endeavors.

**On Sunday, May 18** we will celebrate our new high school graduates.

**LUTHERAN LUNCH BUNCH** is a lively group of post-worship food enthusiasts gathering at Los Cucos restaurant on the first Sunday of every month. We meet today, **May 4**. After worship you are invited to dive into hearty meals, laughter, and lively conversation. 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 contact.



**FIESTA AT SPIRIT OF JOY** is **Sunday, May 4** from noon to 2pm. Past and present come together to celebrate the 4th Annual Spring Fiesta and Juan Seguin School Reunion! There will be food, fun, music and shared memories. The event is free and open to the public! 416 Dolle Ave, Seguin, TX

**NAMI "YOUR BEST LIFE FESTIVAL"** is **Saturday, May 17** at the Seguin Coliseum from 10am to 2pm. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Guadalupe County is one of Emanuel's Partners in Service with offices on Level 3 of the church. At their free community health and wellness event families can learn about community resources, health insurance, mental health, nutrition, physical fitness, safety, and more. Emanuel's Bereavement and Senior Care Coordinator Donna Simmons will have a booth highlighting our ministries.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** has had an incredible level of participation this year and we are so grateful to every family, friend, and neighbor who made sure their children could participate. As the summer begins, we will take a break from formal Children's Church starting Sunday, May 18 through Sunday, August 17. During this time, members of our children's ministry team will be in the Prayground area each Sunday starting at 9:15am to interact and engage with our children through the education and worship hours. We will kick the fall semester back off with Rally Day on August 17 and the return of Children's Church on Sunday, August 24.

**END OF YEAR SPLASH & CHURCH PICNIC** is at Park West on **Sunday, May 25** following worship. We have reserved the large pavilion and invite all of our youth, their friends, and our church family and friends to a picnic and water time in the splash pad. This will be a marvelous time to celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. More info soon.

**GOD'S EXPLORERS: FAITH & SCIENCE COME ALIVE** is open and ready for registration for all 3rd to 8th grade youth. Hosted **June 30 to July 3**, from 8am to 5pm, this incredible group of youth, chaperones, and pastors will traverse central Texas visiting the USS Lexington, the Alamo & Tower of the Americas, the Dinosaur Park, and the Safari at Natural Bridge Caverns. We will eat together, have Bible studies, and explore each of these fascinating locations. All participants must have turned in their registration form in order to participate. The only costs incurred by each youth will be any souvenirs they wish to purchase. Register your youth here: <https://forms.gle/WE8aq6ktC9phqygG9>

**EMANUEL'S FAMILY BEACH TRIP** is our annual, congregation-wide trip to Port Aransas on **June 5-8, 2025**. Come for the entire time, for just the weekend, or even just a single evening. Individuals, groups, and families are all invited to call Pioneer Beach RV Resort, 361-749-6248, to reserve an RV slot. If you are joining us there or nearby, email or call Pastor Marcus so that planning information can be shared.

**VBS SAVE THE DATE: June 24-25** from 5:30-8:30pm for our Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade friends at Friedens Church. We are once again partnering with our Compass Cooperative community for another fabulous vacation bible school experience. This mid-week event is geared for busy families to make time for each other, a little food and games, and a whole lotta fun and Jesus! Stay tuned for registration details.

**SUMMER OF PRAYER:** Emanuel's ... let us pray. Sweet Hour of Prayer is sponsoring a "Summer of Prayer" series lifting in prayer following events and their participants: Emanuel's annual beach trip; Camp Chrysalis and Ebert Ranch Camp youth; God's Explorers youth and chaperones; Vacation Bible School at Friedens Church kids and volunteers; and the Puerto Rico mission trip participants. Our team has prepared colored sheets of paper with sample prayers for each group's trip, as well as a calendar to sign-up if you would rather pray on a specific day for a specific trip. Stop by and visit with one of our prayer team members in the Narthex throughout May to get connected.

**"WONDERFUL WORDS!" HYMN STUDY:** Last year we gathered in the Family Life Center on two occasions to delve into the wonders of church music from a historical/structural perspective. This summer we will hold two more sessions of hymn discussions focusing on the lyrics of the hymns. To get thing started, I have chosen "Rock of Ages", " Love Divine", and " When I Survey the Wondrous Cross". Then we will branch off in all directions. I look forward to a seeing you wordsmiths on the 5th Sundays of both June and August. Tom Engler, session leader.

## **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*  
Tonya Darnell, *Outreach & Service 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, May 7, 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**

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**Children's Ministry Attendants**, Aaliyah Kirton and Charis Wirtley

**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.



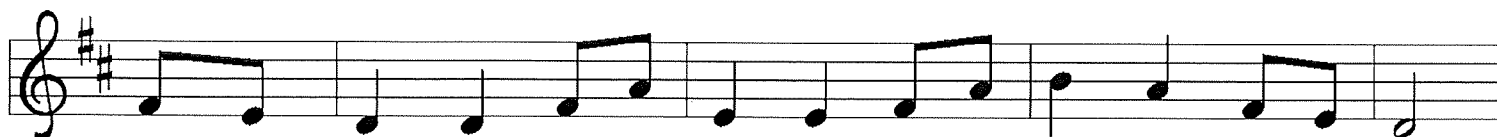
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## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

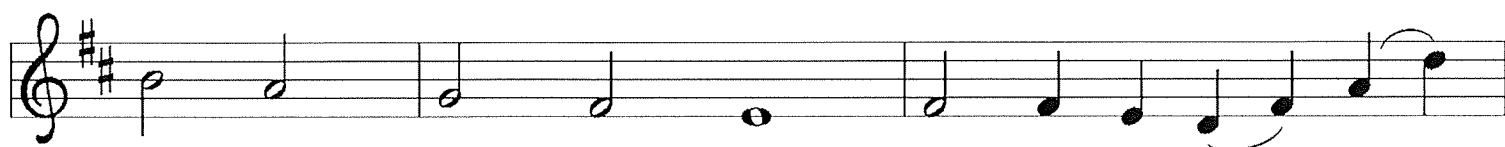
Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
 he lives to plead for me above;  
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 he lives my mansion to prepare;  
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 he lives and loves me to the end;  
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
 what joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

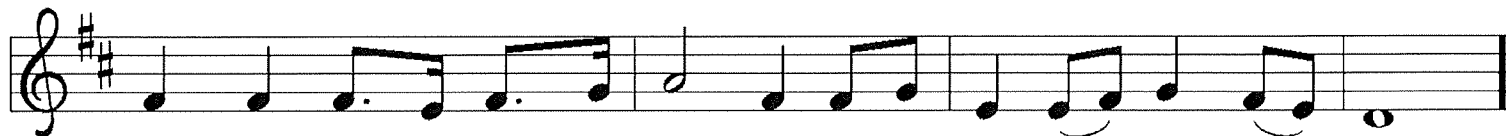
Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

## Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

### *Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

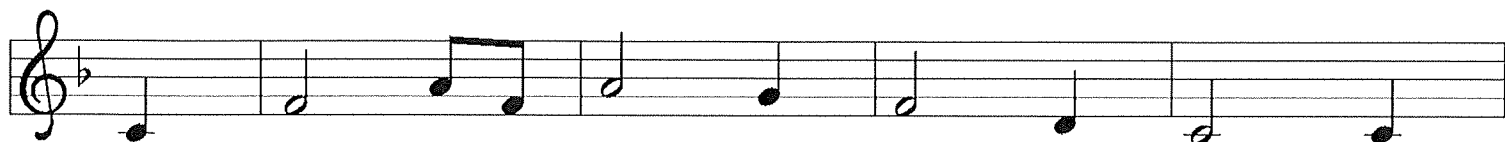


gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

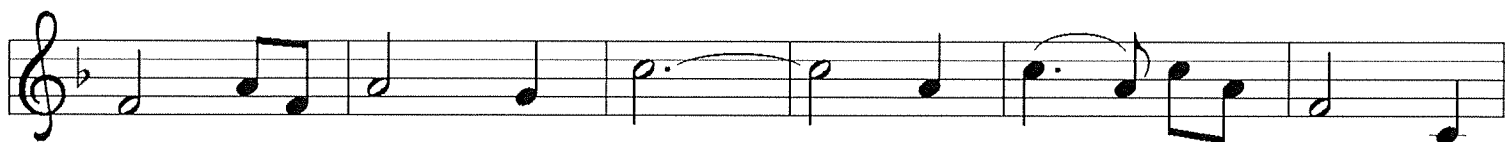
Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835