

Sunday, July 16, 2023
7th Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.
Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P: Righteous God,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"O Day Full of Grace"
Selected by Keith Vinyard.

ELW 627

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

P: In peace, in peace ...

Refrain

Pastor: *Congregation:*


Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

P: For the Reign of God, and for peace through the world, for the unity of all... (to Refrain)


P: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (to Refrain)

Pastor:



Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

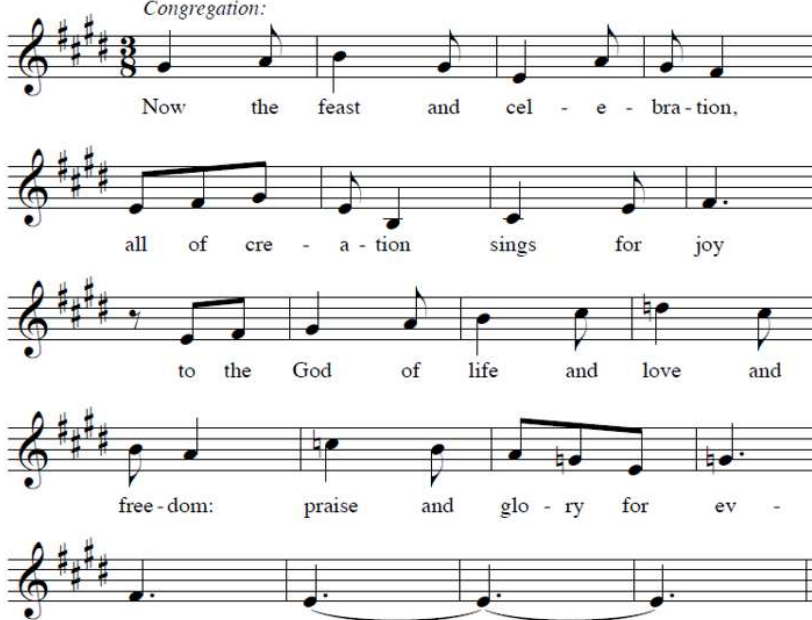


God. A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

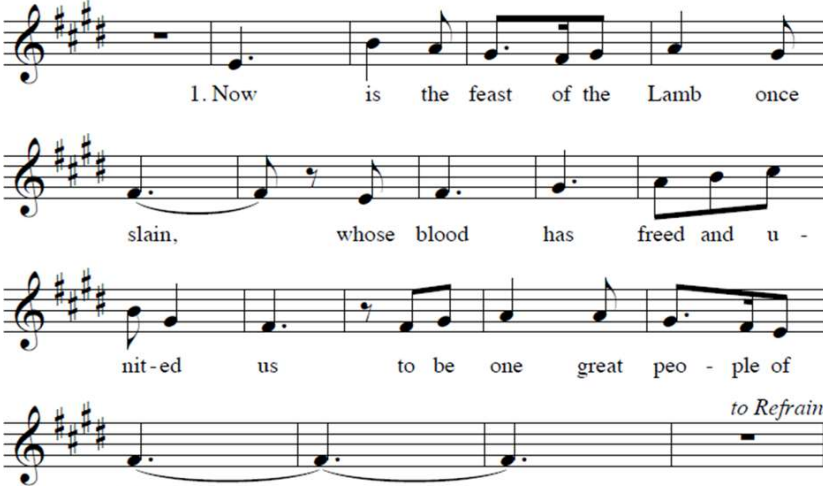
Refrain

Congregation:



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God. *to Refrain*

Verse 2

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

for ev - er.

Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to

make us peo - ple of God; to make

all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING: Romans 8:1-11

L: A reading from Romans.

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who

raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!" ¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MISSION TRIP REFLECTIONS

ELC Youth Participants

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Morning Has Broken"

ELW 556

Selected by Ruth Ander and Faye Van Deusen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostle's 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: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. Guide your church, O God, to sow seeds of forgiveness and righteousness on good soil. Direct your people to proclaim your love in this congregation and throughout the world.

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

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING ANTHEM

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

Adams/Mason

OFFERING HYMN

"As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
to Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Sung by the pastor

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor sings first then congregation repeats

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a-gain.

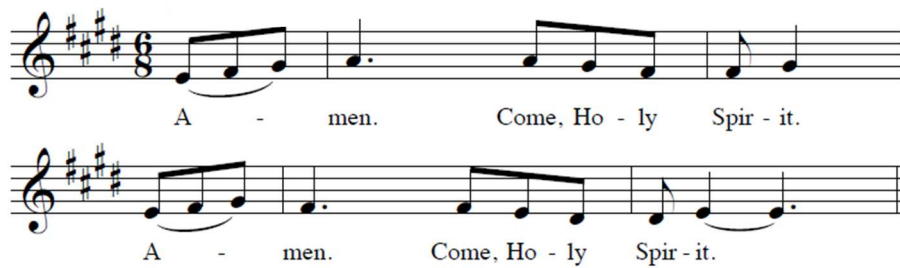
P: You are indeed holy ... we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:
Pastor sings first then congregation repeats



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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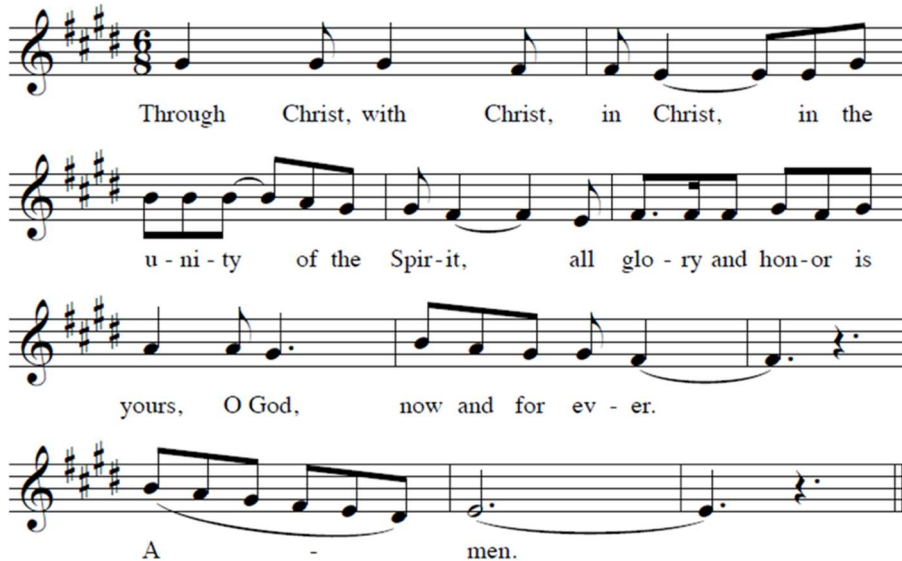
P: Send now, we pray ... and your whole creation.
Pastor sings first then congregation repeats



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.



Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for ev - er.

A - men.

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: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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 also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. For those taking communion via continuous line, please make your way up the right-hand side of the main aisle. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one and they will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then 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, please cross your arms for a blessing. For those kneeling for communion, please make your way up the left-hand side of the main aisle. The bread and wine will be presented to you as you kneel, following the outline above. Please place your communion glass in the small tray on the back side of the kneeler after you have drunk the juice or wine before departing from the rail as you are ready and return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

ELW 608

Selected by John Van Deusen.

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION HYMN "Thanks be to You"



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your

love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of

life with us. 3. Praise to you, O

God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for

ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen**

SENDING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

ELW 547

Selected by Melissa Barbre.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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MUSICIANS TODAY: Summer Singers; Chris Teague and Zach Dennis, guitars; Tom Engler, piano

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, July 16, 2023: Preaching: Mission Trip Participants; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Stephanie Robbins; **Acolytes:** TBD; **Communion Assistants:** Liz Witten, Cindy Pique, Bev Seidenschwarz, Elaine Giesber, Emily Prochnow; **Reader:** Gerry Harrison; **Ushers:** Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, Cindy Pique; **A/V Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Aaron Jenke; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Susan Yeatts, Doris Jefferies

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, July 23, 2023: Preaching: Pastor Marcus, **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus, **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Acolytes:** TBD; **Communion Assistants:** Marsha Schroeder, Steve Anderson, Darlene Zies, Keith Vinyard, Fran Vinyard; **Reader:** Hayden Kennedy; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz, Steve Tschoepe; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, Elizabeth Jandt; **A/V Tech:** TBD; **Council Greeter:** Debby Richardson; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Gerry Harrison, Carolyn Blumberg

SING IN THE SUMMER CHOIR! Join us at the Sanctuary piano, 9:30am every 1st and 3rd Sundays until September. Director of Music Tom Engler, thomas@elcseguin.org.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES:

THE HERITAGE CLASS (307): 9:15am. Participants explore the deeper meaning found in the Bible and seek to unlock its' wisdom through fellowship and robust group discussion. The aim is to make the Bible relevant and applicable to daily life.

JOY CLASS (Women's Ministry Room): Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Gathering at 9:15 on the First Sundays of the month.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (1st Floor Green Room): Preschool to 5th graders are invited to join the Education Team for a rotation style Sunday morning education program starting at 9:15am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Sign up online or talk with Vicar Jordana.

Summer Unit 2: Abraham and Sarah, 7/16 – Music; 7/23 – Cooking; 7/30 – Multi Media

WEEKDAY STUDIES:

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30; **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30; **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00 except in July

CANCELLED: July 22nd's "Life Through Water" VBE day at Emanuel's is cancelled. So much is happening this month with families, sports, band, and just general summer travel that there was not enough interest to make the Saturday event happen. A huge thank you to our awesome volunteers who were ready to carry the day and a very sincere thank you to our participants. We are looking forward to school year kick-off events in August, so make sure those are on your calendar!

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB SECOND ANNIVERSARY is **Thursday, July 20**. We will celebrate with our annual Spaghetti Lunch featuring Pastor Marcus and Kristen's famous recipe. Join us at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets for sides and such are in the narthex. Let Donna know you can come by Tuesday, July 18, 830-379-5046.

SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAM PLANNING MEETING: Safety and Security are top priorities for our campus, especially as we consider how many visitors, church members, and ministry groups meet weekly. Having a plan in place that gives us the avenues of communication, preparation, and action should we need it is crucial. If you would be interested in helping formulate this safety and security plan please join the Task Force Chair Allan Bode in the Family Life Center on **Sunday, July 23** at 9am.

COMPASS COOPERATIVE BRAINSTORMING: All youth 6th to 12th grade and their parents and guardians are invited to Spirit of Joy Lutheran, **Sunday, July 23** at 6pm. This will be a time to build, shape, and kick-off our shared middle and high school ministry. Food will be provided!

SCHOOL SUPPLY AND CARE KIT COLLECTION. Check the back-to-school sales for bargains in July/August to fill the Lutheran World Relief School Kits and Personal Care Kits. Supplies can be donated at the Mountain Street and Travis Street entrances. Monetary donations are also welcome. Make checks payable to *Emanuel's Lutheran Church* with a note for *LWR Kit Supplies*. Needed: 70 page spiral **notebooks**, NO SUBJECT notebooks (35¢ at Walmart. Need 650); pencil **sharpeners** (need 135); pink **erasers** (need 89); 16/24 count **crayons** (need 87); new adult bath **towels** (need 69); metal **nail clippers** (need 18); **combs** (need 91); single adult size **toothbrushes** in original packaging (need 61).

FELLOWSHIP HALL DEDICATION POTLUCK is **Sunday, July 30** following worship. We finally did it! Your generous and faithful donations made it possible to create a beautiful space for recreation, worship, and to share with our Seguin community. Thanks be to God! All the hard work calls for a grand celebration. The Dirty River Jazz Band will join us for worship and Fellowship Hall festivities. Sign-up sheets for potluck sides are in the narthex and at the chapel door. Pulled pork, slider buns, rice, and coleslaw provided.

A NOTE ABOUT FLOWER VASES: The flower committee would like to remind the folks who take the arrangements to share with family and friends to kindly return the vases and containers to the flower room within the next two weeks, even the small plastic ones. Some of these containers are one-of-a-kind, while others are part of a set we want to keep intact for large gatherings. Thank you!

THE DAY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS are looking for 2 ELC members willing to fill board member positions. Position 1- Term begins August 2023 and ends January 2025. Position 2- Term begins January 2024 and ends January 2027. No experience required, only a desire to help support and guide one of our beloved ministries in person monthly. Sarah Kennedy (281)734-3844, eldsboard@elcseguin.org

GWOH T-SHIRT sign-up sheets are in the narthex and church office. We want to look sharp on "God's work. Our hands." day of service **Sunday, September 10th**. (Same gold shirts as years before.)

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President, Rissa Springs, *Worship Ministry*
Vice President, Emily Prochnow, *Outreach/Service Ministry*
Secretary, Lindsay May, *Outreach & Service Ministry*
Treasurer, Susan Yeatts, *Congregational Care Ministry*
Melissa Barbre, *Worship Ministry*
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Sarah Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Ministry*
Aaron Jenke
Garry Miller, *Stewardship Ministry*
Debby Richardson, *Stewardship Ministry*
Gwyneth Tallier, *Education Ministry*

ALL MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT

Monday, July 17, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Women's Ministry Room

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening each month to collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects. Council Members act as team leaders/coordinators, but Ministry Teams are open to, and run by, everyone in the congregation. Please join us!

EMANUEL'S STAFF

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Marcus Bigott, 830-377-8643 cell, pastormarcus@elcsequin.org
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Church Custodian, Pauline Zunker

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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O Day Full of Grace



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

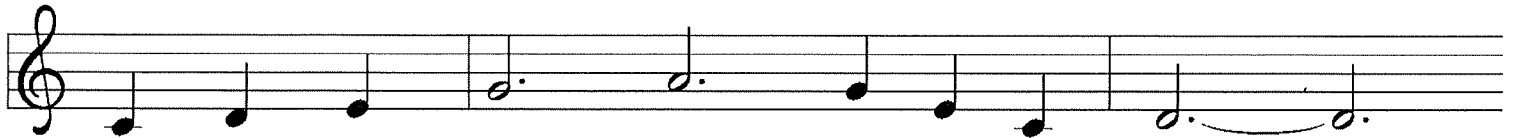


now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

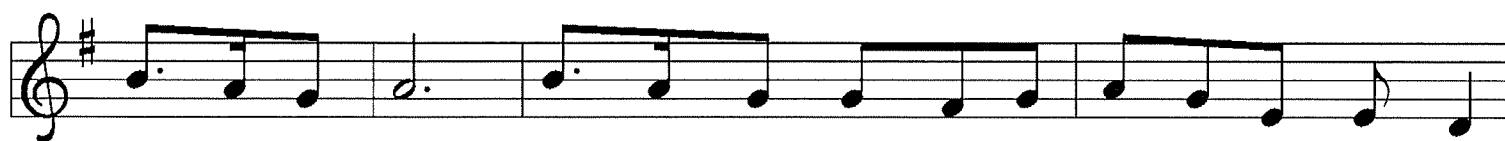
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Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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