Sunday, November 22, 2026
Christ the King

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



PRELUDE **"**Crown Him with Many Crowns" Emanuel's Ringers
arr. by David Angerman

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 dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Holy God,

C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C: Amen.

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

GATHERING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" ELW 634

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through 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.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

L: A reading from Ezekiel.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day
of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them
from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will
feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture;
there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the
mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie
down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will
bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will
destroy. I will feed them with justice. 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I
myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with
flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered
them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will
judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant
David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD
will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have
spoken.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95:1-7a *Congregation reads bold text.*

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
3 For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours.
5 The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
7a For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

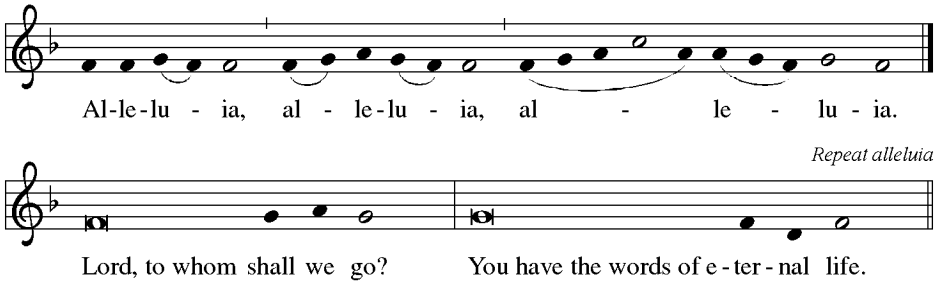
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

L: A reading from Ephesians.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for
this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers,

[17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46
P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a

stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."
The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434

NICENE CREED
AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Nicene Creed.
C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care.

Response to each petition: AM: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

AM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen.

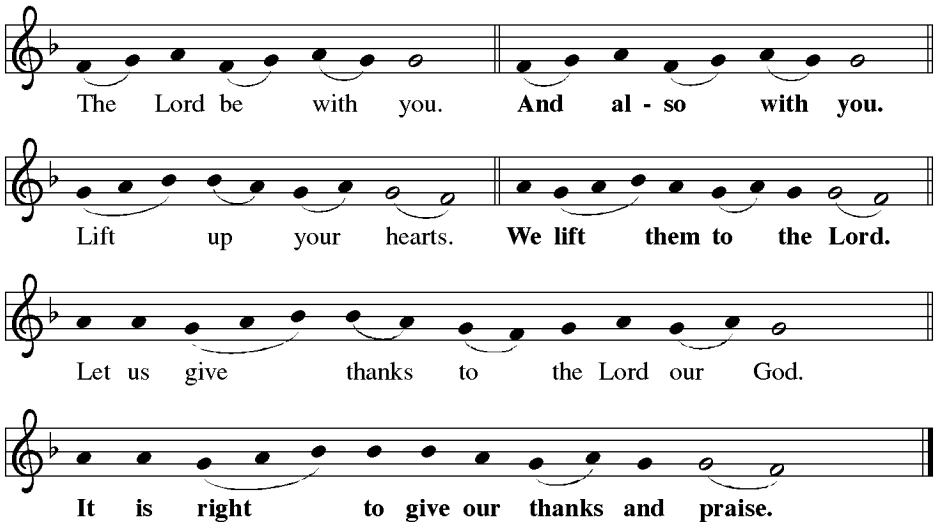
PEACE
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

OFFERING HYMN **"**Majesty**"** Emanuel's Chamber Chorus
Words and Music by Jack Hayford
Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER
AM: Let us pray.
Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

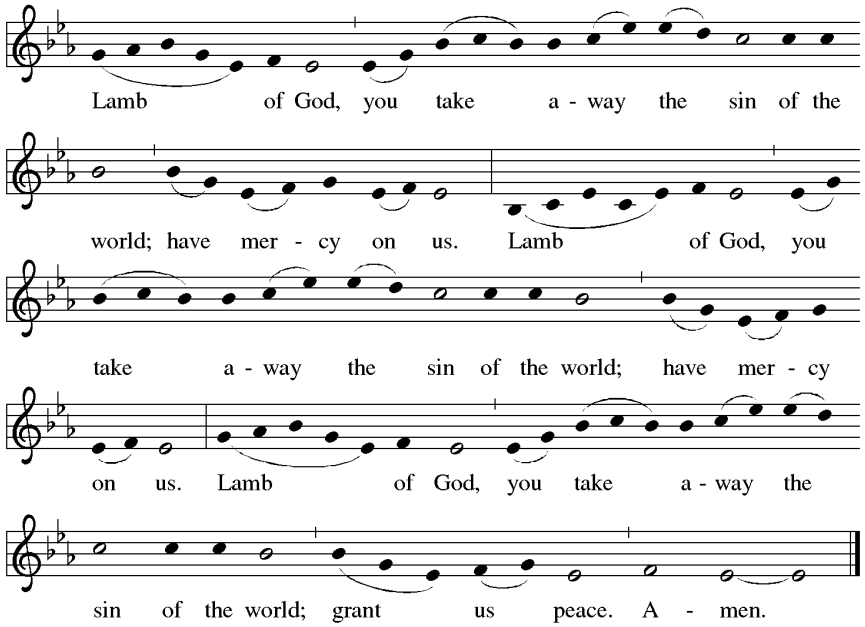
LORD'S PRAYER
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
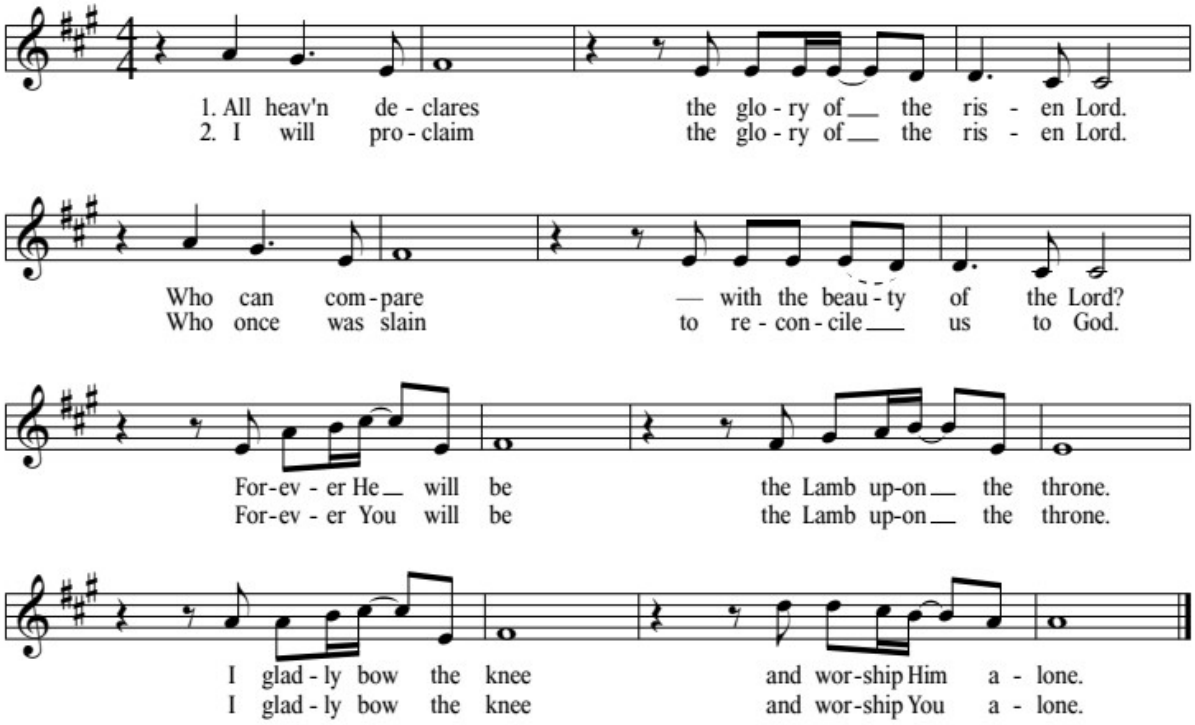
COMMUNION
Communion will take place via continuous line. We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are welcome to be brought forward

to receive a blessing. Participants 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 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



COMMUNION HYMNS **"All Heaven Declares"** by Richards and Richards



"Above All" by Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche
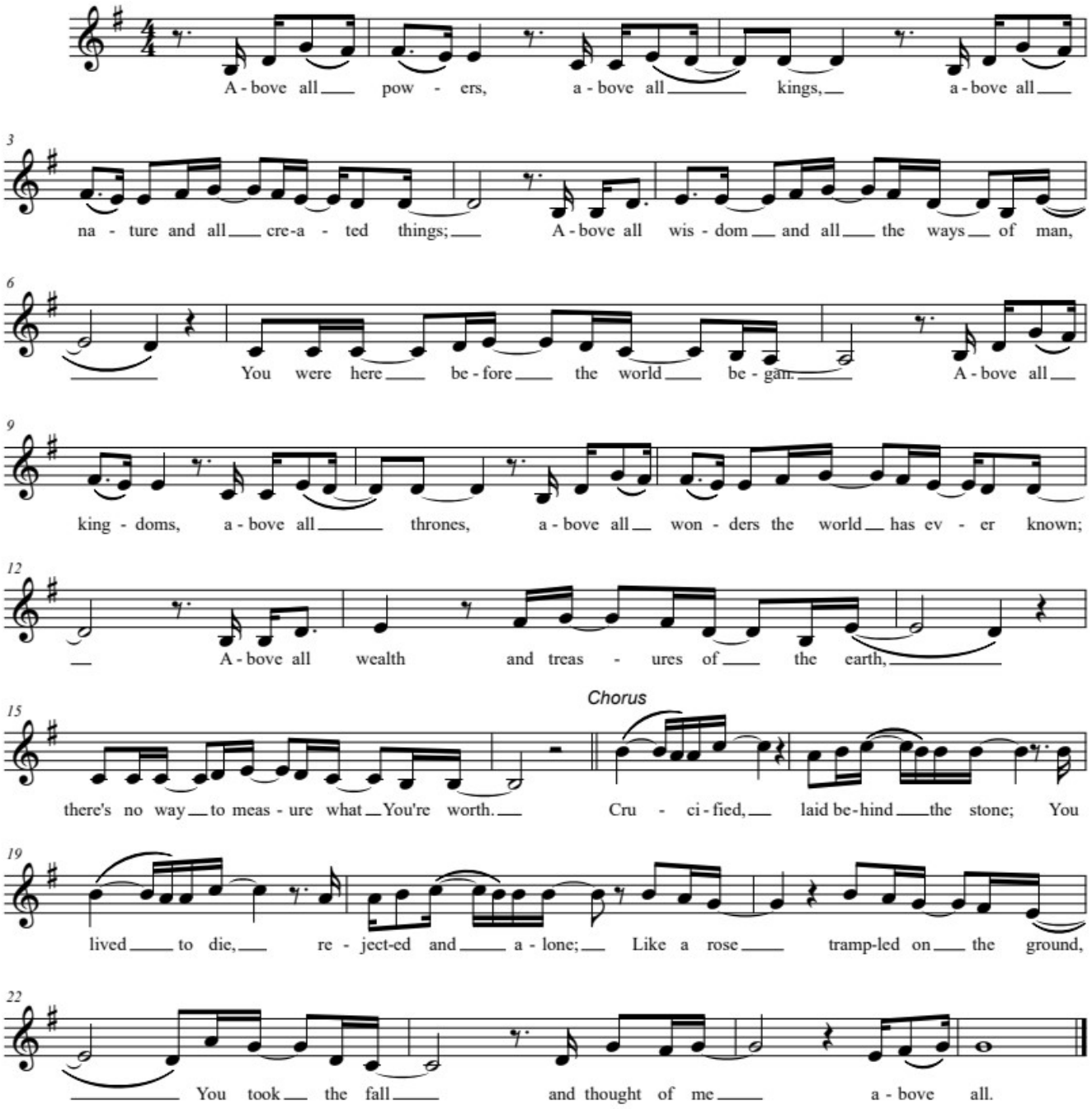


TABLE BLESSING

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.

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
C: Amen.

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

BLESSING
P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
C: Amen

SENDING HYMN "Prepare the Royal Highway" ELW 264

DISMISSAL
P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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RADIO BROADCAST is given to the glory of God
in celebration of Joe and Sharon Kane's 56th Wedding Anniversary.

MUSICIANS: Ed Workmon, organ; Scott Sims, piano; Emanuel's Chamber Chorus; Emanuel's Ringers Handbell Choir

WORSHIP LEADERS for Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2026: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Rudy; **Assisting Minister:** Karen Weinstein; **Communion Assistants:** Steve Anderson, Darlene Zies, Bev Seidenschwarz, Emily Prochnow, Bill Elley; **Reader:** Wayne Stalsworth; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Donna Hunt; **A/V Tech:** Allan Bode; **Council Greeter:** Janelle Leon-Weinman; **Chapel Greeter:** Drue Pike; **Safety Attendants:** Joe Kane, Brandon May; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Susie Erxleben, Sheila English

WORSHIP LEADERS for the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2026: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Melissa Barbre; **Communion Assistants:** Marsha Schroeder, Karen Weinstein, Rissa Springs, Elizabeth Jandt; **Reader:** Tom Engler; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Needed; **Altar Guild:** Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier, Natalia Almquist; **A/V Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Natalia Almquist; **Chapel Greeter:** Drue Pike; **Safety Attendants:** TBD, Brandon May; **Hospitality:** Bev Seidenschwarz, Walt Seidenschwarz

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Wednesday, November 25 and reopens on Monday, November 30, 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHARE? Submit a brief, yet detailed description of your event to *info@elcseguin.org* on Mondays for consideration in the Weekly News and bulletin.

SUNDAY STUDIES:

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS.** Room 307 at 9:15am. Seeking to unlock the wisdom of the Bible through fellowship and robust group discussion. Fall Study: "Faith and Faithfulness"
- **DISCIPLES CLASS Nov 1-22: Creation, Power, and Truth.** Family Life Center at 9:00am. N. T. Wright's *Creation, Power, and Truth* explores how the Christian understanding of God as Creator, Jesus as Lord, and the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of truth challenges our culture's assumptions. Together, we'll consider what this means for living faithfully and sharing the hope of the gospel in everyday life. Books are available in the Church office.
- **5th SUNDAY STUDY: *How Shall I Receive You*, Lyrics and Tunes of Advent**. Family Life Center at 9:00am on November 29 with presenter Tom Engler.
- **JOY CLASS**: Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Class meets one Sunday a month in the WMR at 9:00am.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**: During worship Children's Ministry volunteers lead our PK to 5th graders to the Children's Church room, down the hall from the sanctuary, returning as we share the peace.
- **THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE** resumed Sunday gatherings August 30 with our church partners- Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, and Spirit of Joy - at Spirit of Joy campus. Middle School (6-8 grades) from 4-5:30pm, dinner for everyone at 5:30pm, and High School (9-12 grades) from 6-7:30pm. Contact Hannah@elcseguin.org to get on the email list for updates.

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY STUDIES AND PROGRAMS:

Chair Yoga with Gina (Family Life Center): Wednesdays at 9:00am
3C: Community-Connection-Conversation (Church Lawn): Tuesdays at 7:30am
The Wired Word (Family Life Center): on hiatus
Sweet Hour of Prayer (Family Life Center): Thursdays at 10am
Praying in Color (Women's Ministry Room): resumes in 2027
Pathways to Healing Grief Support (Family Life Center): 2nd Sunday at 2:00pm
Caregiver Café (Family Life Center): 3rd Sunday at 2:00pm
Katie's Kitchen (Fellowship Hall): 2nd Wednesdays at 5:00pm
Pub Theology (1916 Bar & Bistro): 3rd Thursday at 5:30pm
Iron & Ember Men's Group (Various places): 2nd Thursdays at 6:30pm
Unwind Women's Group (Windmill Farms): resumes in January
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

RENOVATION CONVERSATIONS: Proposed improvements include expanded accessibility, updated restrooms, new flooring, enhanced worship seating, new audio/video and lighting systems, and refreshed painting. We are in the review stage, with final designs, costs, and construction plans to be determined. Your participation is important as we plan for our future! Members of the Renovation Task Force will be available for conversation **Sundays at 9am, November 15** in the Women's Ministry Room and **November 22** in the Chapel.

COUNCIL LISTENING SESSIONS: In preparation for our **Sunday, December 13, 2026 Annual Meeting** two learning and discussion sessions are scheduled for **Sunday, November 22** and **December 6,** at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Discussion topics include, but are not limited to, the proposed 2027 budget, nominations for church council, and ministry programs for 2027. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING is **Sunday, November 22** at 9am in the Women's Ministry Room. We've got all the supplies for families to make a wreath to take home for the Advent season. Come be crafty with us! Wreaths will be blessed during worship.

ADVENT HYMN STUDY: "How Shall I Receive You" is a discussion of the lyrics and tunes of Advent on **Sunday, November 29** at 9am in the Engler Music Suites on Level 3 with Thomas Engler, Director of Music and Church Organist Emeritus.

BOTANICAL GARDENS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS! Join your Emanuel's family on **Saturday, December 5**, for a festive evening in San Antonio! We'll gather for dinner at 6:30 p.m. at The Ridge at the Hill (2119 N. IH-35, San Antonio) before heading to the San Antonio Botanical Garden for the Illuminate Light Tour at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are just $15 per person! Sign up in the Church Office, Narthex, or by emailing Pastor Marcus. All are welcome to join us for this wonderful evening of fellowship and holiday lights!

TLU VESPERS SERVICE is presented by the TLU School of Music on **December 4, 5 and 6** in Jackson Auditorium. *Journey to Peace* is a service of music and reflection that moves from the quiet, inward peace of the heart, toward the peace that came into the world at Christmas. Tickets are free but required. www.tlu.edu/vespers

LUTHERAN LUNCH BUNCH is **Sunday, December 6** at El Patron Bar & Grill, 1003 TX-123, Seguin, TX. The 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. With full hearts from the service and empty stomachs ready for fellowship, you're invited to dive into hearty meals, laughter, and lively conversation.

CELEBRATING JENI'S RETIREMENT: At the end of this year, our Director of Finance, Jeni Payton, will retire after faithfully serving our church, day school, and our many ministries. Jeni's dedication, care, and countless contributions have been a tremendous blessing to our congregation, and her impact on our mission will be felt for years to come. While we will certainly miss her, we are deeply grateful for all she has given. Please join us on **Sunday, December 6**, as we celebrate Jeni, express our heartfelt appreciation, and wish her God's richest blessings in retirement!

SENIOR SOCIAL BUS TRIP TO THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER WALK is **Thursday, December 10.** Our fabulous seniors will enjoy a meal at Casa Rio on the River Walk then continue the festivities on a barge ride to see the beautiful Christmas lights. Bus departs from Emanuel's at 4pm and returns by 9pm. Please contact Donna Simmons at donna@elcseguin.org for sign-up information and details.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED FOR KETTLE CAMPAIGN. Emanuel's will participate in this year's Salvation Army Kettle Campaign on **Monday, December 7**, from 9am-5pm at the Walmart Home and Pharmacy entrance. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Lawn chairs available for those who wish to sit. If you have any questions, please call Frances Vinyard at 830-481-7726. Thank you for volunteering!

BLUE SANTA AT EMANUEL'S! We are excited to once again host The Seguin Police Department Blue Santa giftwrapping in our Fellowship Hall Tuesday and Thursday evenings in December. Toys and gifts are collected throughout the city in November/December and will be wrapped by volunteers before being distributed to children in need by Christmas morning. Sign-up sheets with numerous opportunities to serve are in the Narthex. Details for each position will be emailed the week of your sign-up!

SHARE THE GOOD MOOs!!! With your donations, **poinsettias** will grace the sanctuary of Emanuel's this Christmas and ELCA Good Gifts will make a difference throughout the world. You may honor or remember a loved one by supporting the ELCA Good Gifts Project (any dollar amount or as indicated on the specific ornament) and/or with a red poinsettia ($15 each). Check out the decorated trees in the narthex and by the chapel. Forms and payments may be put in an envelope and placed in the offering basket, given to our advent tree attendants, or delivered to the church office. Online payments accepted. Deadline is Monday, December 14, 2026.



EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL
And Ministry Team Liaisons

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ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT
TUESDAY, December 1
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.

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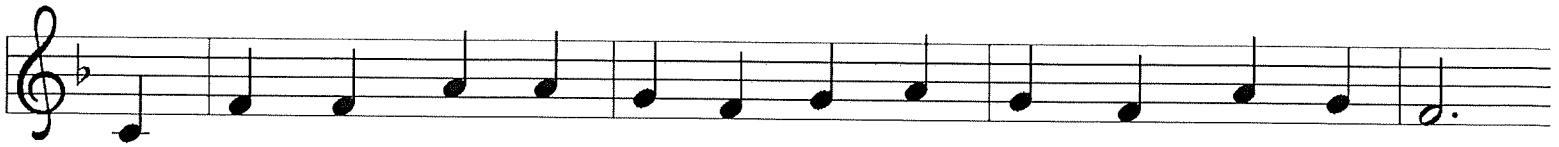
EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

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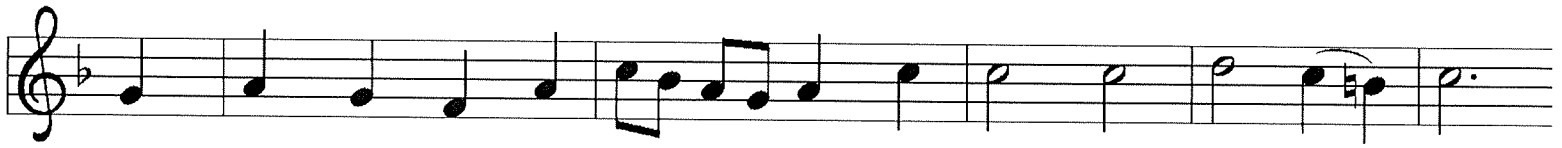
GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code.

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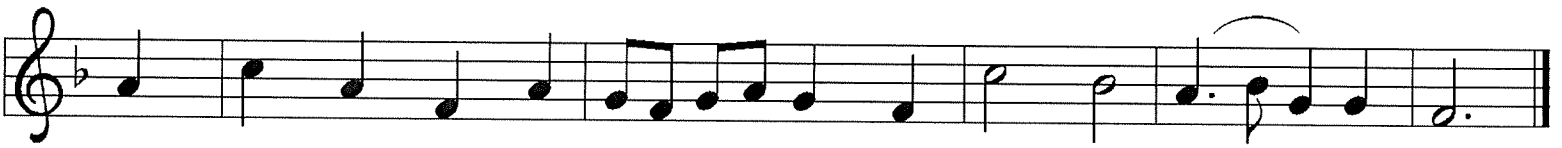
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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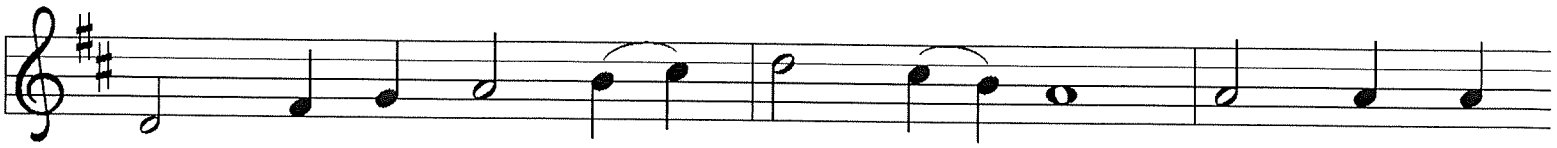
5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

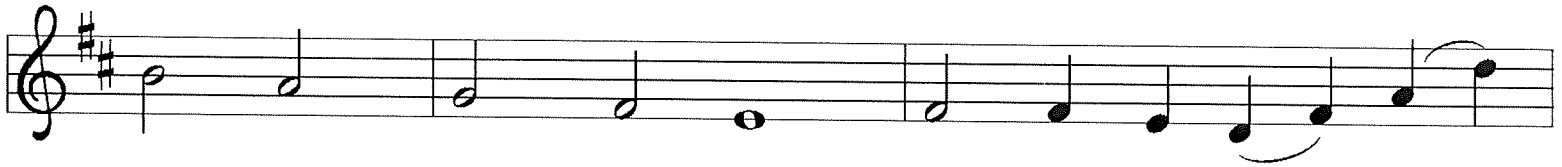
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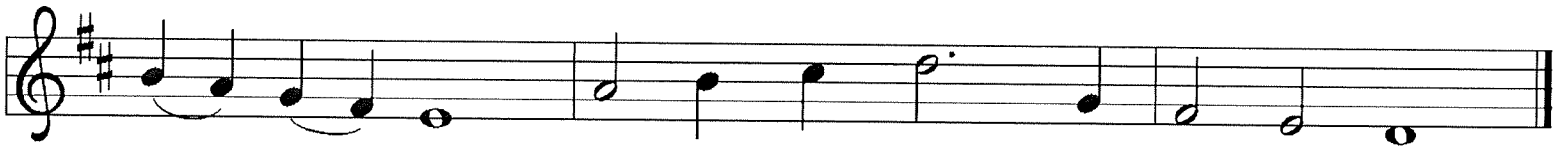
Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar
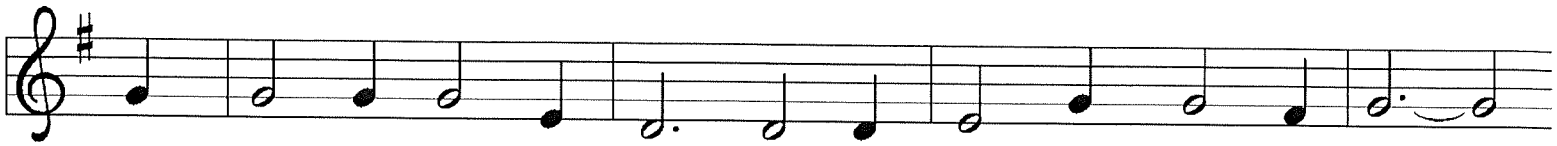


ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with
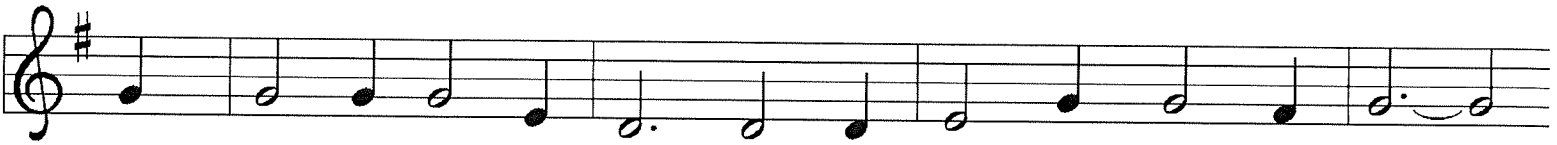


shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793
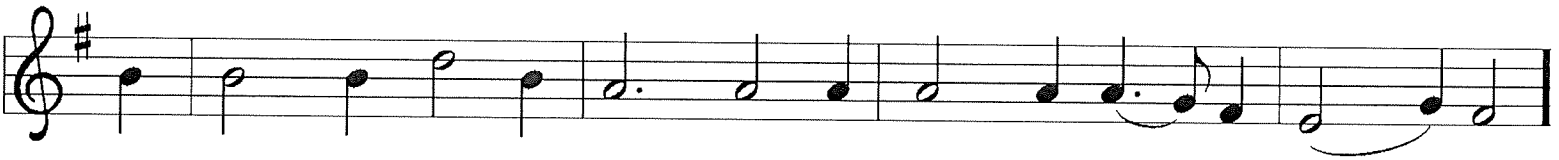
Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.
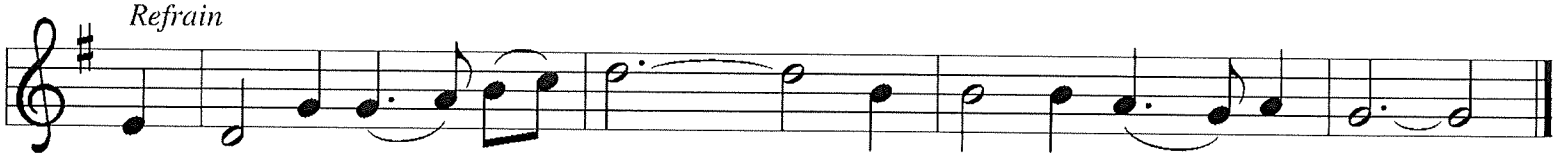


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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