



Sunday, September 10, 2023
"God's work. Our hands."



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 God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.
Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

ELW 800

Selected by Elaine Giesber

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:

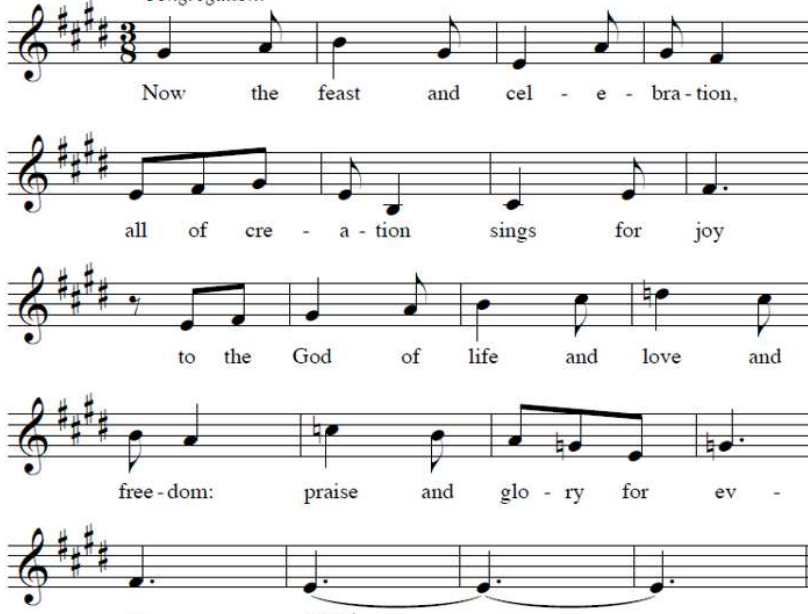


God. A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

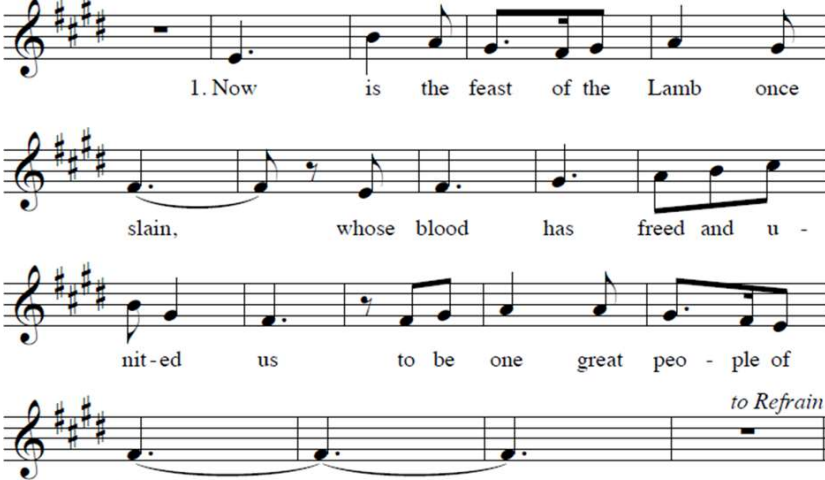
Refrain

Congregation:



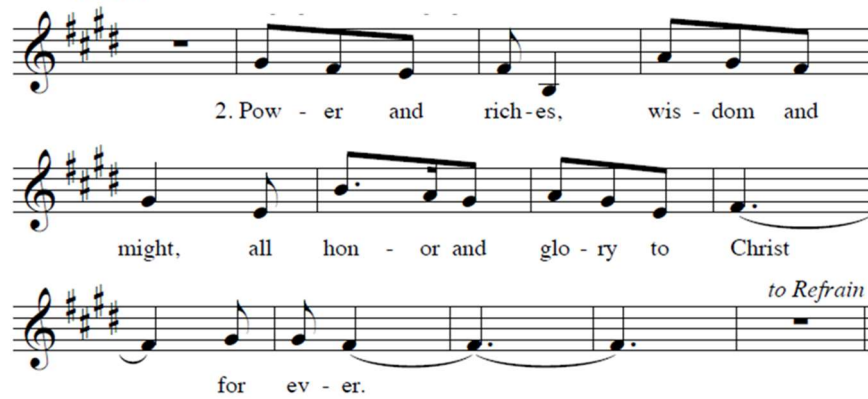
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

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



Verse 3



PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.

Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING: Romans 13:8-14

L: A reading from Romans.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Be Not Afraid"

ELW 388

Selected by Dave English

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: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors. Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths.

Response to each petition: AM: Merciful God.

C: receive our prayer.

AM: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" *Selected by Carol Hamilton*

ELW 771

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.

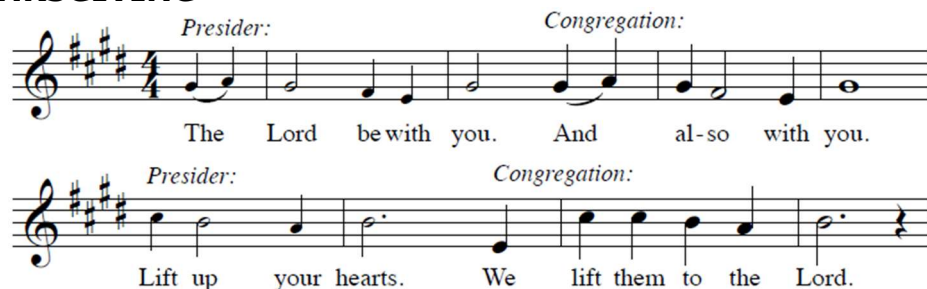
OFFERING

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



Presider: The Lord be with you. **Congregation:** And al-so with you.
Presider: Lift up your hearts. **Congregation:** 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



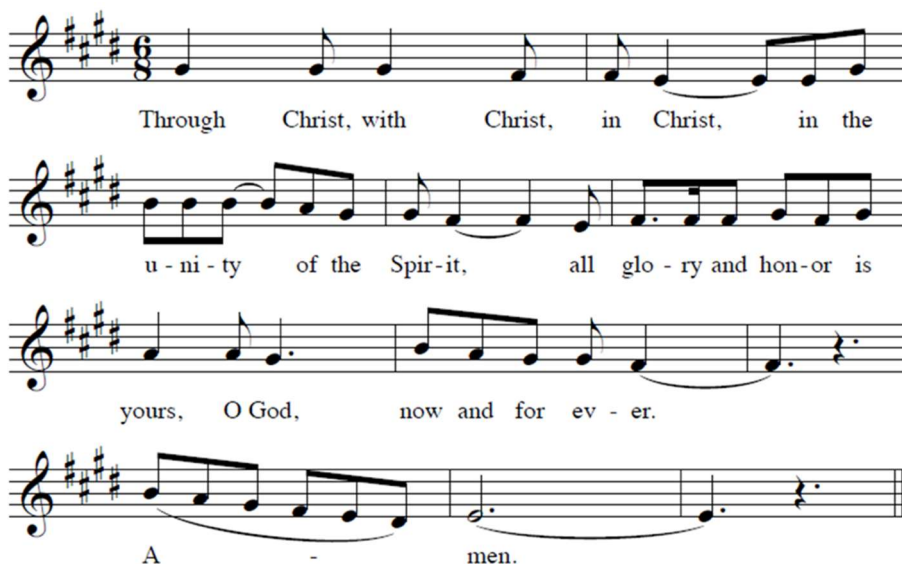
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.
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P: Send now, we pray ... and your whole creation.

Pastor sings first then congregation repeats



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



LORD'S PRAYER

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

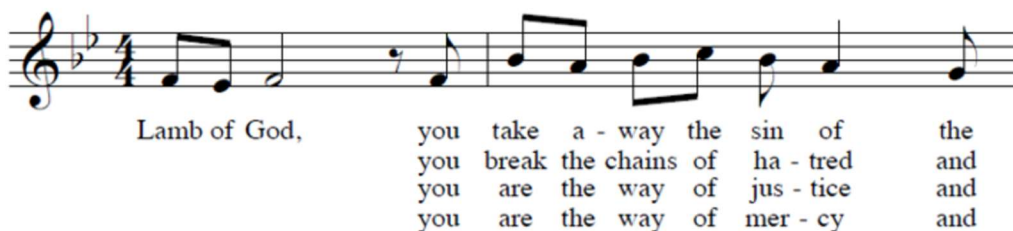
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"



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 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

ELW 592

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: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

SENDING HYMN

"Make Me a Captive, Lord"

Tune: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Selected by Paul Sims

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ALTAR FLOWERS today are placed in memory of Cleburne Meyer and Diane Meyer Tyo, given by the Weinstein Family.

YOUR SUMMER HYMN selections have been a wonderful addition to our weekly services. Thank you for the 100+ recommendations we received back in May. It has been fun assembling these hymns, some known and some not, into a patchwork of singable joy throughout the summer. We plan on doing this again next summer so, if you didn't get your hymn on the list this year, hold on to it and we will get it next year. Thank you, to everyone, for helping our community of faith expand its musical witness to the Gospel!

MUSICIANS TODAY: Melissa Barbra, flute; Thomas Engler, organ and piano.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, September 10, 2023: Preaching: Pastor Marcus, **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus, **Assisting Minister:** Stephanie Robbins; **Acolytes:** Bella Jo, Leland May; **Communion Assistants:** Rissa Springs, Bill Elley, Karen Weinstein, John Van Deusen, NEEDED; **Reader:** Bella Jo Schultze; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** John and Faye Van Deusen; **A/V Tech:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Lindsay May; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Carol Hamilton, Rachel Abrameit

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, September 17, 2023: Preaching: Pastor Marcus, **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus, **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Acolytes:** TBD; **Communion Assistants:** Liz Witten Cindy Pique, Bev Seidenschwarz, Elaine Giesber, Emily Prochnow; **Reader:** Carol Hamilton; **Ushers:** Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, Cindy Pique; **A/V Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Emily Prochnow; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Susan Yeatts, Doris Jefferies

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 CHURCH** began **September 3** for our PK to 5th grade learners. During worship the Vicars will lead students to designated classrooms, just down the hall from the sanctuary, as we begin the "Gathering Hymn" and then guide them back as we "Share the Peace." We hope you will make this a part of your family's weekly worship rhythm!

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

THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE is a weekly gathering on **Sundays @6pm** for 6th to 12th grade students, hosted by our four church partners - Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church- and held on Spirit of Joy's campus. We will eat together, worship together, play games, and just enjoy each other's company. All are truly welcome so please, come join us!

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY is **September 10**. Gather in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30am for a morning of service before worship. There will be plenty of activities for all ages and abilities. Refreshments, too! Don't forget to wear your GWOH t-shirt. **Service Opportunities include:** Lutheran World Relief School Kit assembly, Personal Care Kit assembly, and Quilt Tying; Prayer Squares sharing messages of hope and love with migrants in our community; Letter Writing to our family and friends in the military; Handbell Polishing; Community Garden frame building at Spirit of Joy (8am); Community Closet clothes sorting at Spirit of Joy (8am, no AC); and more!

THE SAFETY TEAM meets today, **Sunday, September 10**, following worship in the Family Life Center.

PARK & PLAY, inviting our children, youth, and families, is **Saturday, September 16** at Max Starcke Park, on the playground next to the baseball fields, from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and the fixings will be provided. Our Education Team invites you to bring your own chairs, drinks, and anything you might need to keep yourself cool. See you out under the Pecan trees!

3RD GRADE BIBLE CLASS & PRESENTATION is offered **Sunday, September 17** at 9am in the Family Life Center. Pastor Marcus offers a brief overview of the Bible, its testaments, and its history. During the worship service that follows, Bibles are blessed and presented by each student's parents or guardians. RSVP to Pastor Marcus by **September 8th**.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB *Christmas in September* luncheon is **Thursday, September 21** from 11:30 -1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Casseroles have been assigned. Everyone else is to bring a side or dessert to share. There is a fun Christmas game in the works. Festive holiday attire encouraged!

MAKE YOUR GRIEF COUNT is a three-week program for those who have experienced the loss of death of a loved one to work through their grief and learn about healthy coping tools. **Sundays, Sept 24, Oct, 8 & 15** from 2-4pm in the Family Life Center. Facilitated by Pastor Darwin Huartson. Contact is Donna Simmons.

LADIES AID COFFEE CAKE BAKING is **Thursday, September 28**. Contact a Ladies Aid Member or the Church Office at 830-379-5046 for more information. Coffee Cakes can be picked up on the baking day after 2PM. The price is \$7.50 each -- Apple, Peach, and Streusel. Excited to cook in the new kitchen this year!

LADIES AID COOKBOOKS are here! Available for \$12 in the Narthex on **Sunday mornings**. It is time to start thinking about Christmas gifts--stocking stuffers. Everyone loves church cookbooks.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION: Come and join the fun, worship, and praise our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ with other men of the Southwestern Texas Synod. You are invited to the SWT LMM Gathering on **Saturday, September 30** at Zion Lutheran Church in San Antonio. Register for this free gathering online at www.swtlmm.org

RELAY FOR LIFE Team Wild Bunch is raffling off a beautiful quilt. Jeanne C. and Darlene Z. will be selling tickets for 6 for \$5 or \$1 each in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. Relay for Life is **Saturday, October 7**.

RING OF FIRE SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY is **Saturday, October 14** from 11am-12:30pm. Join us on the church lawn for this spectacular event. We'll have breakfast/beef tacos and eclipse glasses for everyone. Bring a lawn chair or comfy blanket to sit on.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS AND RADIO BROADCAST FEES have been adjusted to meet current costs. Please note these increases on the forms in the narthex and the posted calendar on the 2nd floor hallway outside the church office. Thank you to everyone who participates in this meaningful worship ministry.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President, Rissa Springs, *Worship Ministry*
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Garry Miller, *Stewardship Ministry*
Debby Richardson, *Stewardship Ministry*
Gwyneth Tallier, *Education Ministry*

ALL MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT Monday, September 18, 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

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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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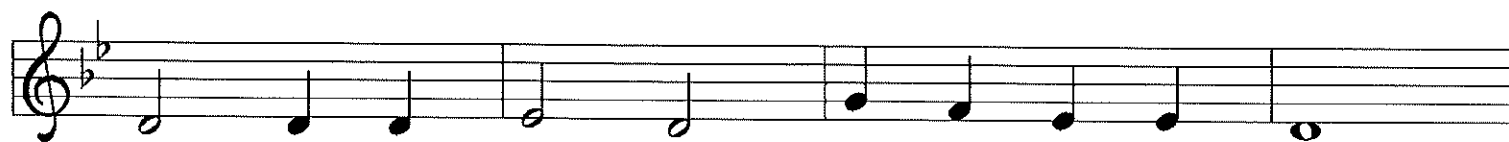
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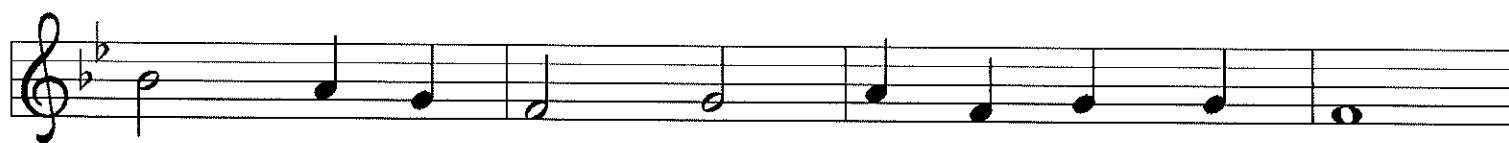
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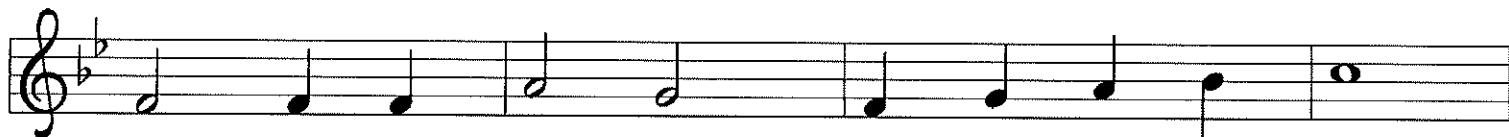
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

Be Not Afraid

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of the musical score for 'Be Not Afraid' features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note B-flat, followed by quarter notes D, E, and F, then a half note G. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are repeated below the treble staff.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



- 1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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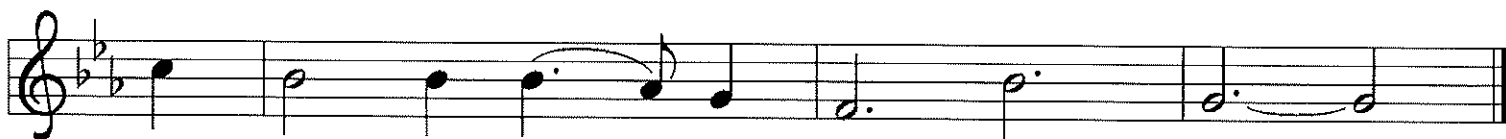
Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Make Me a Captive, Lord

1 Make me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free.
Force me to render up my sword
And I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life's alarms
When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within thine arms,
And strong shall be my hand.

2 My heart is weak and poor
Until it master find;
It has no spring of action sure,
It varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move
Till thou hast wrought its chain;
Enslave it with thy matchless love,
And deathless it shall reign.

3 My pow'r is faint and low
Till I have learned to serve;
It lacks the needed fire to glow,
It lacks the breeze to nerve.
It cannot drive the world
Until itself be driv'n;
Its flag can only be unfurled
When thou shalt breathe from heav'n.

4 My will is not my own
Till thou hast made it thine;
If it would reach a monarch's throne,
It must its crown resign.
It only stands unbent
Amid the clashing strife
When on thy bosom it has leant,
And found in thee its life.

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