

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOMECOMING *Sunday*

Reformation Sunday
and Annual Celebrations

October 26, 2025

Faithfully
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Seguin for

156
Years

PRELUDE

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 maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,

C: We are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Rise, Shine You People!"

ELW 665

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HANDBELL SELECTION

"Song of Joy"

by Arnold Sherman

MUSICAL OFFERING

Emanuel's Day School Children

Children's church: kindergarten to 5th grade gathers in the chapel.

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 84: 1-7

Congregation responds with bold text.

How dear to me is your dwelling,
O Lord of hosts!

**²My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

**⁴Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you.**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

**⁶Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

L: A reading from 2 Timothy.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“God’s Grace: Received, Not Earned”

Pastor Rudy

HYMN OF THE DAY

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

ELW 504

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.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. Uniting God, you draw your church together as the one body of Christ. Bring congregations into conversation and dialogue so the church is transformed and reformed in your abundant grace.

Response to each petition: AM: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

AM: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Built on a Rock"

F. Melius Christiansen

OFFERING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW 654

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

**"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
"Rise, O Sun of Righteousness"**

**ELW 815
ELW 657**

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.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

MEAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRAYER

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Praise to You, O God of Mercy"

ELW 208

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Musician: Emanuel's Lutheran Day School Children; Emanuel's Ringers; Chamber Chorus; Edward Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS for Homecoming Sunday, October 26, 2025: Preaching: Pastor Rudy; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Bill Salt; **Crucifer:** Noah Bentley; **Acolytes:** Adelyn Kent, Elliot Kent; **Communion Assistants:** Cindy Pique, **NEEDED**, Darlene Zies, Janelle Leon-Weinman, Emily Prochnow; **Reader:** Carol Hamilton; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz, Barbara McCall; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Cindy Pique; **A/V Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Tim Kent; **Safety Attendants:** Charles Jobe, Joe Kane

WORSHIP LEADERS for All Saints' Sunday, November 2, 2025: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Wayne Stalsworth; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer, Barbara McCall; **Reader:** Allison Eladhari; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Keith Vinyard; **Altar Guild:** Carrie Moseley, Jeanne Palmer; **AV/Tech:** TBD; **Council Greeter:** Darlene Zies; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard; **Safety Attendants:** TBD

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS on **Sunday, November 2**. Don't forget to "fall back!"

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

CHURCH NURSERY is available for children 4 and under on Level 2 anytime between 9-Noon.

SUNDAY STUDIES:

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS** (307): 9:15am. Seeking to unlock the wisdom of the Bible through fellowship and robust group discussion. Fall study: "Struggle, Perseverance, Hope"
- **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.
- **THE DISCIPLES CLASS** (Family Life Center): 9:00am November 2-23. "*Creation, Power, and Truth: The Gospel in a World of Cultural Confusion*" led by Paul Sims.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** During worship Children's Ministry Assistant Charis leads our PK to 5th grade learners to the Children's Church room, just down the hall from the sanctuary, and returns as we share the peace.
- **THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE** 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. Contact Hannah@elcsequin.org for more info.
- **CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets next on **Sunday, November 23** at 11:45 in the WMR.

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY STUDIES AND PROGRAMS:

Line Dancing with Handsome Rob (Fellowship Hall): Mondays at 2pm Sept 8 – Nov 17
Yoga with Gina (Family Life Center): Mondays at 6pm on floor, Wednesdays at 9am with chair
3C: Community-Connection-Conversation (Church Lawn): Tuesdays at 7:30am
The Wired Word (Family Life Center): Tuesdays at 8:45am
Sweet Hour of Prayer (Family Life Center): Thursdays at 10am
Pathways to Healing Grief Support (Family Life Center): 2nd Sundays at 2:00pm
Caregiver Café (Family Life Center): 3rd Sunday at 2:00pm
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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are placed by the 1958 Graduating Class of Seguin High School who celebrated their 67th year since graduation on Saturday in the Women's Ministry Room.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY IS TODAY!

Reformation Sunday's Homecoming worship service is followed by our annual sausage lunch on the lawn! The 10:30 am traditional worship service celebrates our Reformed heritage featuring musical selections on the organ and special music from Emanuel's Chamber Chorus, Emanuel's Ringers handbell choir, and Emanuel's Lutheran Day School students. Randall Springs is smoking delicious sausage links and *Mike and the Middletones* German Band returns to entertain during the meal. First responders are invited to lunch as a small token of appreciation for their service. There are additional fun and games for all ages on the lawn, including games and bouncy houses.

ALL SAINTS' DAY is **Sunday, November 2**. During worship we will remember and celebrate those who have died this year and those who were baptized. As each loved one's name is read, families will be invited to come to the front of the church for a special time of prayer and the gift of flowers. A "Table of Remembrance" will be set up in front of the altar in the Chapel. Everyone is invited to bring a framed, standing photo of loved ones they would like to honor this day, even if they passed before this year or were not affiliated with Emanuel's.

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, gathering next on **November 2**. With full hearts from the service and empty stomachs ready for fellowship, you're invited to dive into hearty meals, laughter, and lively conversation. Join us at Los Cucos Restaurant. There is a place at the table for you.

DISCIPLES CLASS: Creation, Power, and Truth will be **Sunday mornings Nov 2 - Nov 23** at 9:00am in the Family Life Center led by Paul Sims. Do you struggle to see how the church matters in a world as complex and technologically advanced as the one we live in? Join us as we read N.T. Wright's book, "*Creation, Power, and Truth: The Gospel in a World of Cultural Confusion*", while reflecting and challenging each other as we think about the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our modern age. Please order a book before class starts. <https://tinyurl.com/creationpowertruthbook>

LWR INGATHERING is **Wednesday, November 5**. Volunteers needed to load a flatbed trailer and deliver 80-90 boxes of quilts and kits to St. John Lutheran Church in Marion. The boxes will be loaded onto 18-wheeler trucks and headed to a distribution center before being disbursed to people in need across the globe. Arrive at the Mountain Street entrance at 8:45am. Contact Cathy Anderson at 830-660-8187 or canderson@tlu.edu. Join the quilters for this heartwarming experience.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED celebrates World Communion Day at Emanuel's on **Friday, November 7** at 2pm in the Women's Ministry Room. Socks for people in need this winter will be collected at this gathering. Church Women United is an international ecumenical Christian women's movement celebrating unity in diversity, empowering women to work towards a world of peace and justice. The Seguin/Guadalupe County chapter is composed of nine area churches who meet four times during the year to worship, work and visit together. Contact is Elaine G. at elainegiesber@gmail.com

PARK N' PLAY with Ignite Youth and Family (and Friends!) is **Saturday, November 8** at 10:30 am. Everyone is invited to [Starcke Park](#) (600 River Dr W, Seguin, TX 78155) for burgers, hotdogs, and ice cream. Playgrounds await us as we eat and fellowship together under a pavilion. There's tennis and pickleball courts, a volleyball court, wave pool, and a huge kid's playscape in addition to all the time we have to talk and laugh together as a Church family. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex with additional information about the day.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER for Scouts BSA Troop 12 is **Sunday, November 9** from Noon-1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$15. Each plate includes spaghetti, sides, tea and dessert. Also available to go. Please support our scouts!

C3 (Community-Connection-Conversation) is a time of gathering, starting **Tuesday Mornings** out under the Oak Tree, from 7:30-8:30am. Bring a chair and join us as we share in fellowship, invite new faces to sit and share their stories, and welcome visitors who pass us on the street. Our format is to be open, very fluid, and provide a place to share, visit, and grow together as a community of faith.

DO YOU PLAY 42? A group of domino players play the game 42 at Emanuel's on Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. *Experienced players* are invited to pull up a chair and join in the fun. Please contact Alton Mattke at 830-433-1193 and he can answer all your questions.

THE CAREGIVER CAFE is a support group for caregivers held on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Family Life Center from 2-4 pm. Topics, presentations, and guest speakers rotate and vary each month. Please contact Pastor Rudy at PastorRudy@elcseguin.org for more information.

COUNCIL LISTENING SESSIONS: In preparation for our **Sunday, December 14, 2025 Annual Meeting** two learning and discussion sessions are scheduled for **Sunday, November 30 and December 7, at 9:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. Discussion topics include, but are not limited to, the proposed 2026 budget, nominations for church council, and ministry programs for 2026. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

HEALING HOLIDAYS is **Sunday, November 9** at 2pm in the Family Life Center. "Healing Holidays" is presented by Emanuel's Bereavement Ministry with Pastor Darwin Huartson. This workshop is designed to help those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Participants will use the holidays to discover how their loved one can live on into their life story, using this special time to continue to heal.

DAY SCHOOL VETERAN'S DAY PARADE is **Monday, November 10** at 10am. We invite YOU to participate in our Veteran's Day Walking Parade on the church lawn, honoring your service and dedication. Veterans who attend Emanuel's Lutheran Church as well as veterans who are family members of our Day School children are warmly welcomed to join in the celebration. Uniforms welcome!

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON is **Thursday, November 20** from 11:30 – 1:30. Catered turkey, dressing and gravy from Davila's BBQ! Bring a favorite Thanksgiving side or dessert to share. Family and friends are welcome! Let Donna know if you can come, donna@elcseguin.org.

SENIOR SOCIAL CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP signups are open! Join Senior Social Club for their Thursday, **December 2** bus trip to New Braunfels and the Brauntex Theater. Our fabulous seniors will enjoy a meal out at the Golden Corral before heading to the theater for the award-winning musical, "The Grand Ol' Christmas Show." Please contact Donna Simmons for sign-up information and details.

ADVENT MIDWEEK MEAL AND WORSHIP: *Holden Evening Prayer* on **Wednesdays, December 3, 10 and 17** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with a shared meal followed by a time of prayers, song, and food as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

SEA WORLD! Our Ignite Youth and Family ministry invites everyone for an evening under the lights at Sea World in San Antonio on **Saturday, December 7**. Everyone - youth, families, and individuals - are invited to join us! Look for more information and sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED FOR KETTLE CAMPAIGN. Emanuel's will participate in this year's Salvation Army Kettle Campaign on **Monday, December 8**, from 9am-5pm at the Walmart Home and Pharmacy entrance. If you are willing and able to ring for one or two hours, please call Frances Vinyard at 830-379-5041. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING to area care facilities with Compass Cooperative will be **Sunday, December 14**. Travel and carpooling details coming soon!

BLUE SANTA AT EMANUEL'S! We are excited to host The Seguin Police Department 2025 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. Stay tuned for updates from Emanuel's Outreach and Service Team! There will be numerous opportunities to serve.

MORE TO COME!

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL And Ministry Team Liaisons

President, Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*
Vice President, Bryce Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Team*
Secretary, Paul Sims, *Education Team*
Treasurer, Susan Yeatts, *Congregational Care Team*
Sheila English, *Congregational Care Team*
Charles Jobe, *Safety Team*
Tim Kent, *Congregational Care Team*
Janelle Leon-Weinman, *Congregational Care Team*
Bill Salt, *Education Team*
Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*
Natalia Almquist

ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT Wednesday, January 28, 2026 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. Join us this last Wednesday of January.

EMANUEL'S STAFF

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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."

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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Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

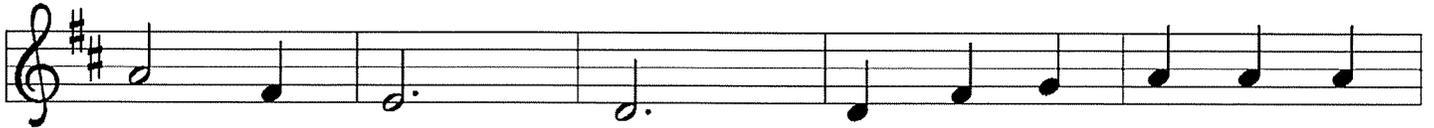
Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

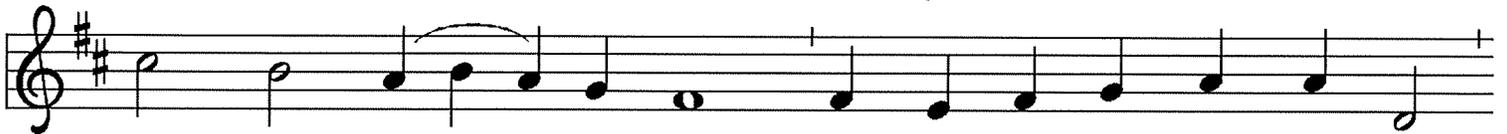
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Rise, O Sun of Righteousness



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
 2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
 3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
 4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
 5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
 word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
 wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
 heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

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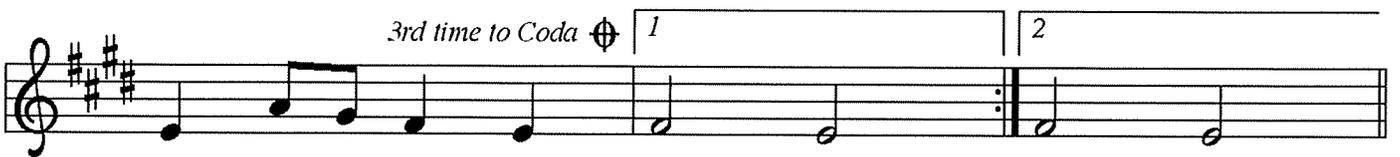
Praise to You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



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



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



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ Coda



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