

Sunday, November 16, 2025
23rd Sunday After Pentecost
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

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

C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **"Rise, O Sun of Righteousness"** **ELW 657**

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: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 98

Congregation responds with bold text.

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the
earth.**

⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

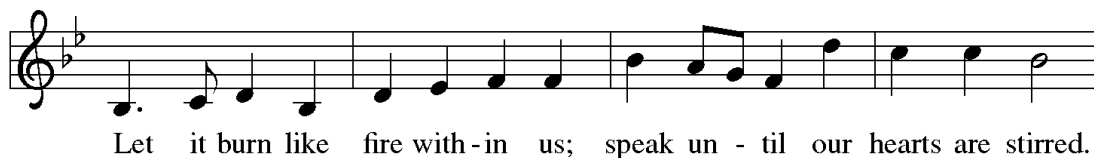
L: A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Endurance”

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

ELW 241

APOSTLES CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they

proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call.

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

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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.

OFFERING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

ELW 796

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

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: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

COMMUNION

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are welcome to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants to the right will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." Gluten free wafers are available. Next, step to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, simply cross your arms for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

**"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"
"O God of Every Nation"**

**ELW 769
ELW 713**

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.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"When Peace like a River"

ELW 785

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Musician: Edward Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS for today, November 16, 2025: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus;
Assisting Minister: Lory Alves; **Communion Assistants:** Dave English, Fran Vinyard, Liz Witten, Janelle Leon-Weinman, Marsha Schroeder; **Reader:** Bill Salt; **Ushers:** **NEEDED**, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Sheila English, Dave English, Marsha Schroeder; **AV/Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Bill Salt; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Barbara Haas, Doris Jefferies; **Safety Attendants:** **TBD**, Allan Bode

WORSHIP LEADERS for Christ the King Sunday, November 23, 2025: Preaching: Pastor Marcus;
Presiding: Pastor Rudy; **Assisting Minister:** Stephanie Robbins; **Communion Assistants:** Cindy Pique, Rissa Springs, Darlene Zies, Deb Haug, Emily Prochnow; **Reader:** Karen Weinstein; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz, Barbara McCall; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Cindy Pique; **A/V Tech:** **TBD**; **Council Greeter:** Rissa Springs; **Safety Attendants:** **TBD, TBD**

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.
- **ADVENT HYMN STUDY** (Music Suite) 9:00am November 30. "Rejoice! Rejoice!" led by Thomas Engler.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** During worship Children's Ministry volunteers lead our PK to 5th grade learners to the Children's Church room, just down the hall from the sanctuary, and return 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@elcseguin.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
Chair Yoga with Gina (Family Life Center): Wednesdays at 9am. No class November 26.
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

THE CAREGIVER CAFE meets **today, November 16**. The Caregiver Café 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.

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! Before this evening let Donna know if you can come, donna@elcseguin.org

PUB THEOLOGY is back on tap! Join us on **Thursday, November 20** at 5:30 PM at the Seguin Brewing Company, 111 W. Gonzales St., for "Beer, Conversation & God." All perspectives welcome.

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.

LUTHERAN LUNCH BUNCH gathers next on **Sunday, December 7** following worship at Los Cucos restaurant. There is a place at the table for everyone. Join us for a hearty meal, laughter, and lively conversation on the first Sunday of the month.

HOSPITALITY CART needs cookies! Emanuel's loves sweet treats as we gather after worship. Supplies are running low. Please help us stock up by bringing cookies to the hospitality cart on Sunday mornings.

THE SAFETY TEAM is a group of volunteers who share their gifts of engagement, observation, communication, and support on the church campus. If you are interested in serving with this dedicated team on Sunday mornings, then please reach out to Allan B. at 830-305-1325 for more information.

3C (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 open, very fluid, and provides a place to share, visit, and grow together as a community of faith.

RADIO BROADCAST is given by Tom Engler in loving memory of his mother, Gaynelle Wagnon Engler, whose birthday anniversary is today.

HOLIDAYS AT EMANUEL'S

POINSETTIA and **ELCA GOOD GIFTS** info coming next week!

DECK THE HALLS! Come to the sanctuary on **Saturday, November 22** between 9am-Noon to assist the Worship Ministry Team prepare the campus inside and out for the season. We will be blessed to have your help making Emanuel's merry and bright!

ADVENT WREATH MAKING AND COOKIE DECORATING is **Sunday, November 30** 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: "Rejoice! Rejoice!" A discussion of selected Advent and Christmas hymns found in the ELW, aka the Cranberry Book! **Sunday, November 30** at 9am in the Engler Music Suites on Level 3 with Thomas Engler, Director of Music and Church Organist Emeritus.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" ADVENT STUDY will be on **Sundays, November 30 – December 21** at 9am in the Family Life Center led by Paul Sims. Charles Dickens' classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge is a cherished symbol of Christmas and a wonderful story of redemption and hope - perfect Advent study.

SENIOR SOCIAL CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP: Join Senior Social Club for their **Tuesday, December 2** bus trip to New Braunfels and the Brauntex Theater. We will enjoy a meal out at the Golden Corral before heading to the theater for the award-winning musical, "The Grand Ol' Christmas Show." Contact Donna Simmons for details. Online payments: <https://onrealm.org/Emanuel'sLutheranChurch/-/form/give/now>

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.

SAN ANTONIO ZOO LIGHTS! Our Ignite Youth and Family ministry invites everyone (youth, families, individuals, friends) for a beautiful evening under the lights at the San Antonio Zoo on **Saturday, December 6** at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15 per person attending. Sign up by Nov. 30 in the Narthex. Emails to follow regarding dinner and/or carpool options. Questions? Contact Pastor Marcus.

TLU VESPERS SERVICE: *All is Miracle* is presented by the TLU School of Music on **December 5, 6 and 7** in Jackson Auditorium. This holiday tradition lifts hearts and spirits with peace, harmony, and hope. Tickets are free but required. <https://www.tlu.edu/news/christmas-vespers-2025>

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 or sign up in the Narthex. Thank you!

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

BLUE SANTA CAMPUS HOSTS NEEDED! We are excited to again host The Seguin Police Department 2025 Blue Santa giftwrapping in our Fellowship Hall every **Tuesday and Thursday** between **December 2-18**. 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. Your assistance as a campus volunteer will help make the evenings run smoother and provide a cheery welcome to visitors. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for time slots 3-4pm, 4-6pm, and 6-8pm. Outreach and Service Team member Darlene Zies (830)560-6507 can answer any questions. Leave her a message and she will get back with you.

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, *Fellowship & Feast Team*
Sheila English, *Fellowship & Feast Team*
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Tim Kent, *Fellowship & Feast Team*
Janelle Leon-Weinman, *Gather & Grow Team*
Bill Salt, *Education Team*
Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*
Natalia Almquist, *Gather & Grow Team*

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.



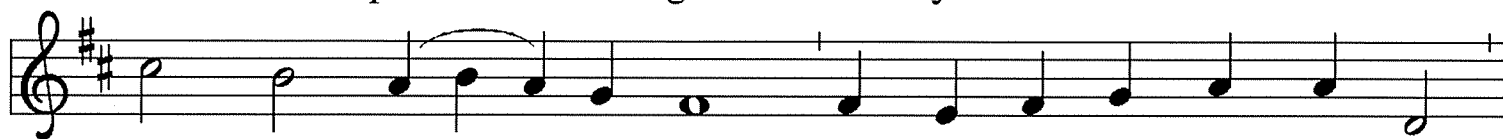
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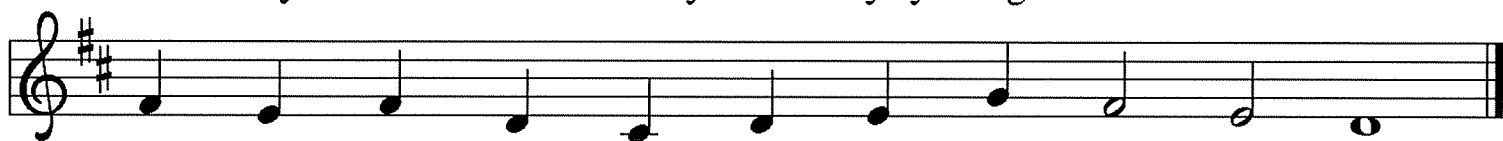
Rise, O Sun of Righteousness



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

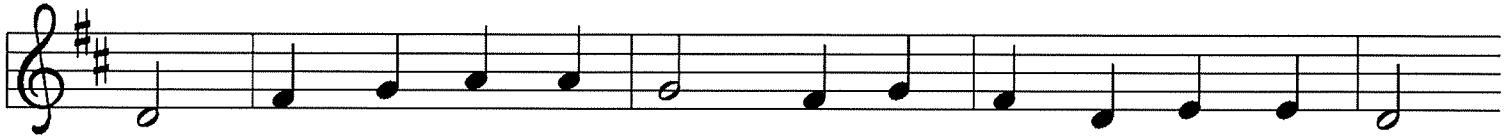
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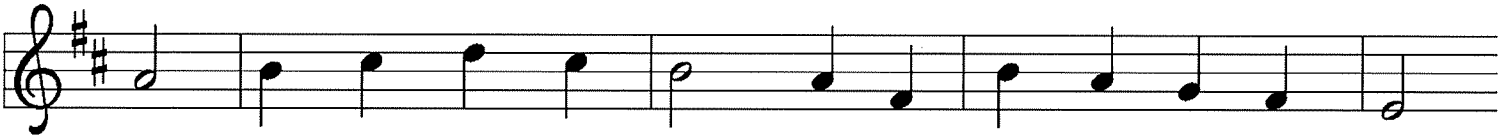
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



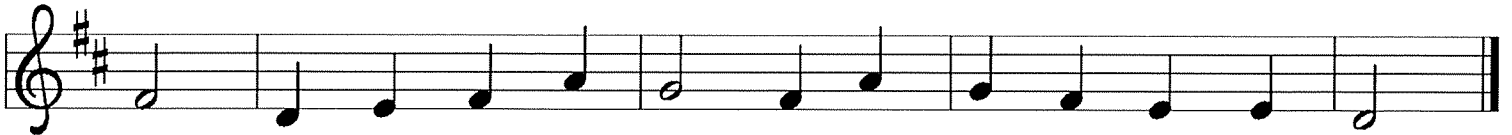
1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,

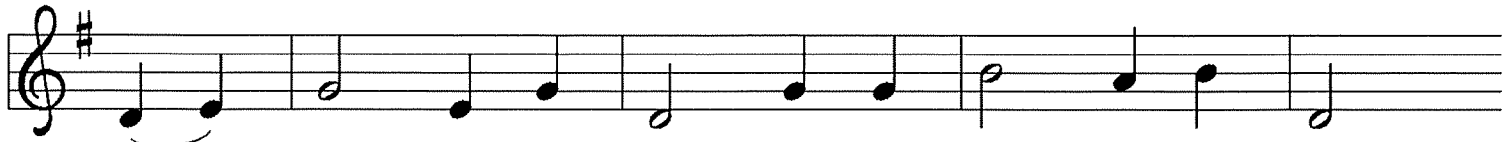


to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. composite

Music: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

How Firm a Foundation



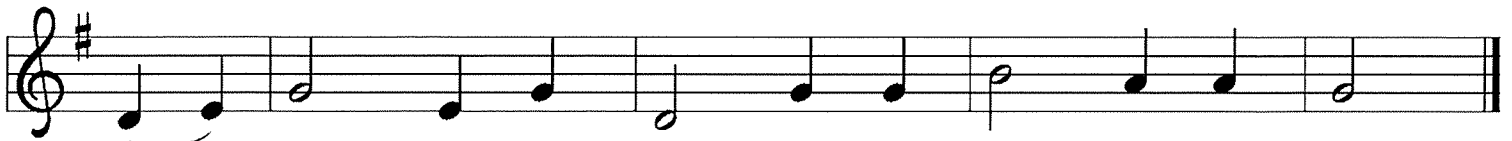
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

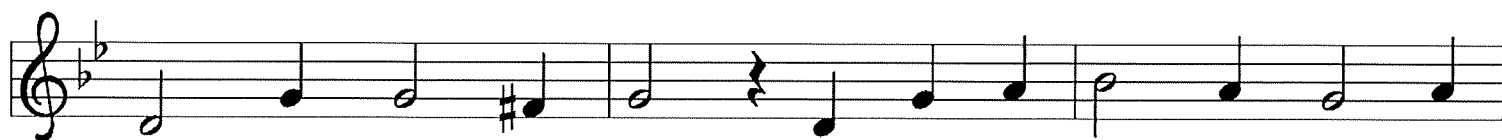


who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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O God of Every Nation



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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When Peace, like a River

It Is Well with My Soul



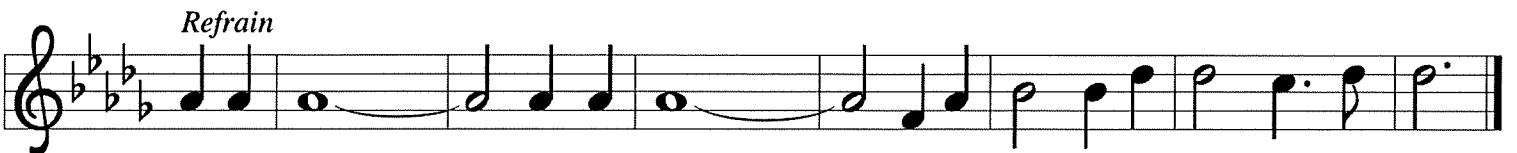
1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.