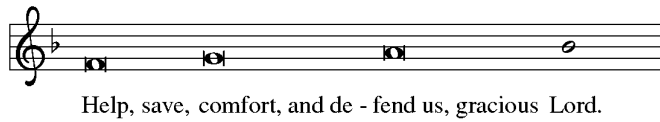
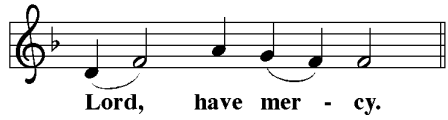
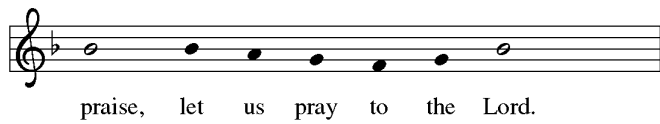
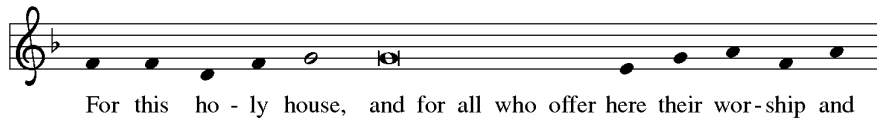
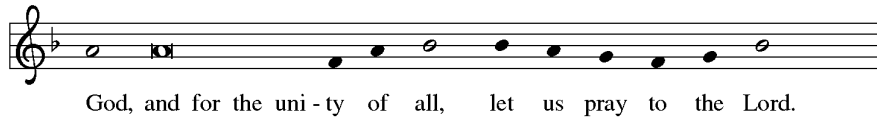
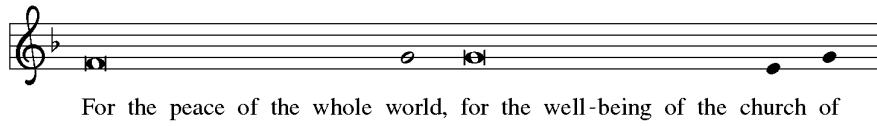
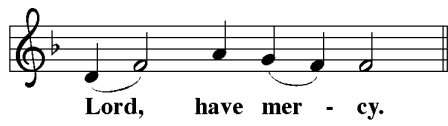
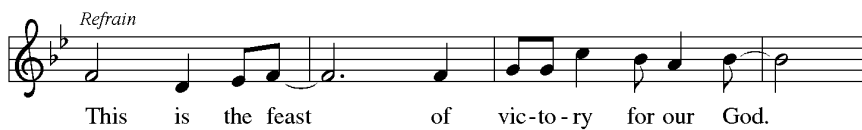


A simple line drawing of a woman with long hair, wearing a top, holding a man's head in her hands. The man is wearing a t-shirt and has his eyes closed, appearing to be in pain or distress. The woman's expression is one of concern and care.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

Refrain
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

**C: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WORD

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

PSALM 103

The Lord Is Kind And Merciful



¹⁻²Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and for get not all his benefits. **R**

³⁻⁴He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills,

He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion. **R**

⁶⁻⁷The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed.

He has made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the children of Israel. **R**

^{8, 11}Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness
toward those who fear him. **R**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 50:15-21

L: A reading from Genesis.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Mercy We Have Received"

Pastor Rudy

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ELW 359

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: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us. Move your church throughout the world away from judging and despising others. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus.

Response to each petition: AM: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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

"I Come with Joy"

ELW 482

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up 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: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Come to the Table"

by Claire Cloninger
and Martin J. Nystron

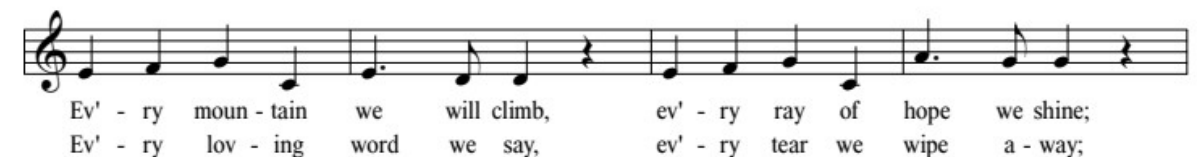
Verse

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread;



"Grace Alone"

by Scott Wesley Brown
and Jeff Nelson



Jesus Name Above All Names

by Naida Hearn

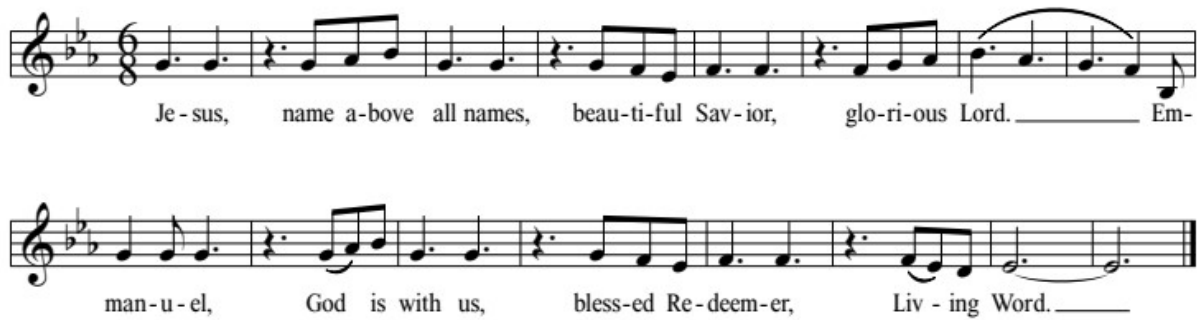


TABLE BLESSING

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.

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen

P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

ELW 544

DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSICIANS: Ed Workmon, organ; Scott Sims, piano

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, September 13, 2026: Preaching: Pastor Rudy; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Marsha Schroeder; **Communion Assistants:** Bill Salt, Linda Salt, Elizabeth Jandt, Rissa Springs, Deb Haug; **Reader:** Drue Pike; **Ushers:** Hughlene Michele, Karen Weinstein, **NEEDED**, **NEEDED**; **Altar Guild:** Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier, Natalia Almquist; **A/V Tech:** Kristen Bigott; **Council Greeter:** Tim Kent; **Safety Attendants:** TBD; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Carol Hamilton, Rachel Abrameit

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, September 20, 2026: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Karen Weinstein; **Communion Assistants:** Dave English, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard, Liz Witten, Marsha Schroeder; **Reader:** Tim Kent; **Ushers:** Sheila English, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, **NEEDED**; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, Dave English, Sheila English; **A/V Tech:** Allan Bode; **Council Greeter:** Rissa Springs; **Safety Attendants:** TBD; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Barbara Haas, Doris Jefferies

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHARE? Submit a brief, yet detailed description of your event to info@elcsequin.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 Sept 20-Oct 18: Theology of the Cross.** Family Life Center at 9:00am. The Theology of the Cross was Luther's response to the Roman Catholic Church that set the trajectory of the Reformation. We will explore this pivotal essay by Luther just in time for Reformation Sunday.
- **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@elcsequin.org to get on the email list for Middle School and High School 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): Tuesdays at 8:45am
Sweet Hour of Prayer (Family Life Center): Thursdays at 10am
Pathways to Healing Grief Support (Family Life Center): 2nd Sunday at 2:00pm
Caregiver Café (Family Life Center): 3rd Sunday at 2:00pm
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): Oct. 22 at 5:30pm
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

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY FOOD DRIVE for the Christian Cupboard will take place all of **September**.

Collection boxes are in the narthex and Mountain Street entrance. Plastic bottles only, please. Help Emanuel's Outreach & Service Team *spread the love* with PB&J for our neighbors in need!

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." Sunday, September 13. Emanuel's projects will span the inside of our building and along Seguin's Hike & Bike Trails. We will be one of over 8,300 ELCA congregations across the country making a positive change in our communities, building and deepening relationships, and sharing God's love. This is a workwear, t-shirt Sunday! Wear a GWOH shirt or an Emanuel's t-shirt if you have one. Join us as we do God's work with our hands!

PROJECTS Trash Pick-up: Seguin Hike and Bike Trails - Lead: Bryce Kennedy

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Tying: Level 1 Sewing Suite- Lead: Cathy Anderson

Lutheran World Relief Health Kit Assembly: Fellowship Hall- Lead: Judy Stollewerk

Writing Cards to Teachers and First Responders: Fellowship Hall- Lead: Bev Seidenschwarz

Fabric Sorting for Artable Curiosities: Fellowship Hall- Lead: Sharon Kane

Church Campus – Window Cleaning (*Ground Level Standing*)- Lead: Pastor Marcus

SCHEDULE 8:00am Gather at Park West Parking Lot for trash pick-up assignments and directions

8:30am Gather at the circular sidewalk pecan tree for window washing directions and assignments

9:00am Gather in the Fellowship Hall for all LWR quilt tying, kit assembly & card projects

10:00am Projects begin their wrap-up time

10:30am Worship begins, celebrating all of the projects around the campus and community

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB LUNCHEON is **Thursday, September 17** at The Cowboy's Palace at 11:30am.

RSVP to Donna by Monday, September 14 so that there will be a seat for you. donna@elcseguin.org.

TLU H.O.T DOGS DAYS will find us back in The Garden of Eat'n with our friends from TLU. Join us on **Saturday, September 19** from 8 - noon. When the weeding is done the planting begins!

CROSS TRAILS MINISTRY'S FALL FESTIVAL is **Saturday, September 19** at the Marktplatz in Fredericksburg from 9am to 3pm. Activities for all ages include a quilt auction, craft show, children's games, live music, and food. Your own Iron & Ember Men's Group will be grilling delicious hamburgers and hot dogs. The money raised from the festival will be going toward the deck project we are helping with in January, as well as a dock project at Ebert Ranch Camp in Harper.

PRAYING IN COLOR, a visual, active, and playful way of meditating at the intersection of doodling and prayer, gathers on **Sunday, September 20** at 11:45am in the Women's Ministry Room, immediately following worship. Deaconess Jennifer Clark Tinker will teach the basics of this prayer-doodling method. Lunch and materials will be provided so please RSVP by signing up in the Narthex.

LUTHER HOUSE - KATIE'S KITCHEN invites the congregation to a special, church-wide meal on **Sunday, September 27** in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. This will be a time to hear what this outreach ministry is all about, the programs it oversees and leads, and ways you can volunteer if you are interested. The meal will be one of the proposed meal rotations as we look to host a community-wide hot meal program later this fall. We hope you will join us!

USHERS NEEDED: Several opportunities are available for people to serve as ushers on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in learning more about this valuable addition to worship (We'd literally be lost without them!) please talk with Pastor Marcus or anyone currently ushering. No experience necessary.

DRAWN TO THE WORD WORKSHOP AND EVENT. Paul Oman, nationally acclaimed mural artist, pastor, and teacher, will join us for a special weekend of art, fellowship, and worship on **Saturday, October 24, and Sunday, October 25**. On Saturday, Paul will lead a paint-along workshop in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., with a light continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$25 per participant, payable online or through the church office. All painting supplies will be provided. Registration for Saturday's workshop will begin Sunday, September 6, in the Narthex and through the church office. During worship on Sunday, Paul will bring the Reformation Gospel lesson to life by creating a large-scale painting before the congregation. We are deeply grateful to everyone whose generosity and support have made this extraordinary weekend possible. We look forward to welcoming Paul and experiencing the Gospel through his remarkable artistic ministry.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL And Ministry Team Liaisons

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Bill Salt, *Education Team*

Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*

Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*

ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT

TUESDAY, October 6

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."



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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Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

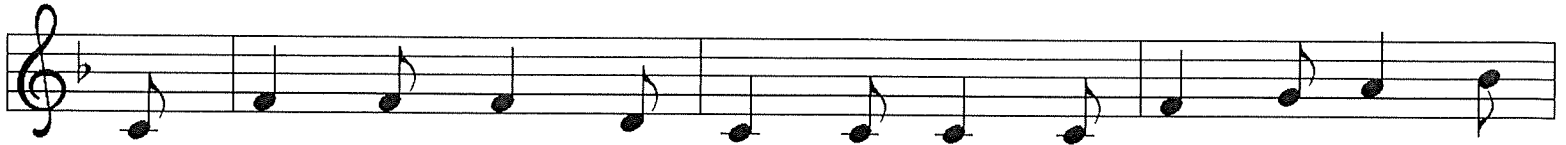
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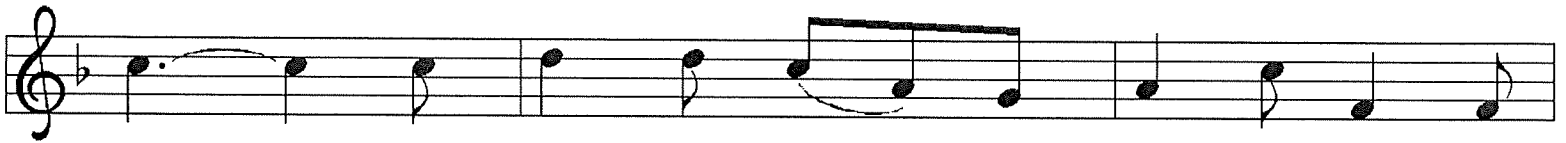
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I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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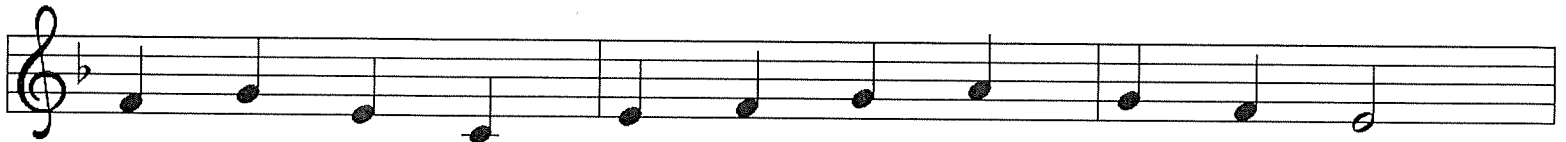
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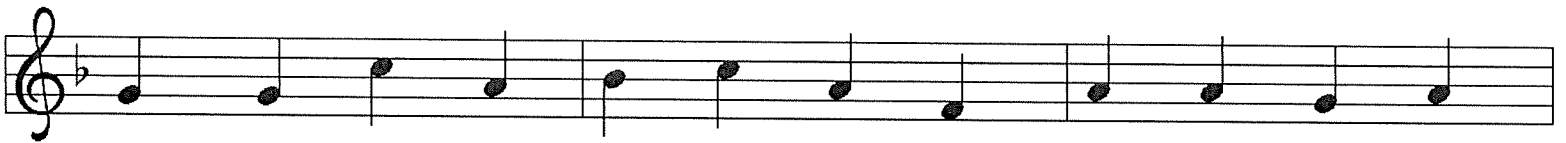
Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



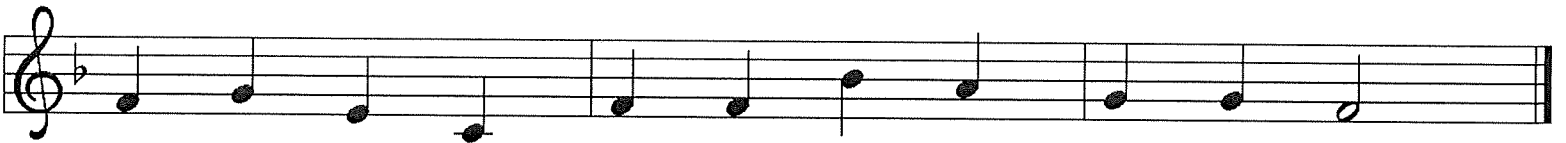
1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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