

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOME COMING

Sunday

Reformation Sunday
and Annual Celebrations
with artist Paul Oman

Faithfully
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Seguin for

157
Years

October 25, 2026

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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

C: Compassionate God, we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

ELW 504

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word"

Emanuel's Ringers

Arranged by Lauran Delancy

WORD

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

PSALM 46

"The Waters Of The River Gladden The City Of God"



¹⁻²God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress.
Therefore, we fear not, though the earth be shaken
and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea. **R**

⁴⁻⁵There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High.
God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed.
God will help it at the break of dawn. **R**

⁷⁻⁸The LORD of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.
Come! Behold the deeds of the LORD,
the astounding things he has wrought on earth. **R**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

L: A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with

their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 3:19-28

L: A reading from Romans.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL PROCESSION



GOSPEL READING: John 8:31-36

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They

answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Truth that Sets Us Free"

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

ELW 645

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: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world. As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day.

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

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; 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 ANTHEM

"The Truth Will Make You Free"

Chamber Chorus

Words and Music by Anne Krentz Organ

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

AGNUS DEI

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

"Jesus Loves Me!"

ELW 595

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,
yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

"Be It Unto Me"

by Claire Clonninger & Don Moen

Be it un - to me ac - cord - ing to Your Word, ac -

5 cord - ing to Your prom - is - es, I can stand se - cure; Carve up - on my heart

10 the truth that sets me free, ac - cord - ing to Your Word, O Lord,

15 be it un - to me. 1. You prom - ised Your blood will de - liv - er, 2. You prom - ised to car - ry our sor - ews,

22 Lord, we be - lieve it's true; You've prom - ised us joy like a riv - Lord, we be - lieve it's true; You've prom - ised un - end - ing to - mor -

28 - er, Lord, we re - ceive it from You. These - rows, Lord, we re - ceive it from You. You will

34 things You have spo - ken and You're bring - ing to pass; This world's dis - ap - pear - be our pro - vid - er, in Your Word it's re - vealed; And by the stripes that You bore,

39 ing, but Lord, Your Word will last. So, Lord, we have been healed.

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.

MEAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRAYER

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

ELW 729

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, October 25, 2026: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Rudy; **Assisting Minister:** Darlene Zies; **Communion Assistants:** Marsha Schroeder, Jeannie Hall, Bev Seidenschwarz, Emily Prochnow, Bill Elley; **Reader:** Bill Salt; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz, Barbara McCall; **Altar Guild:** Carrie Moseley, Donna Hunt; **A/V Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Tim Kent; **Safety Attendants:** TBD; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Susie Erxleben, Sheila English

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS on **Sunday, November 1**. Don't forget to fall back!

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 Nov 1-22: Creation, Power, and Truth.** Family Life Center at 9:00am. N. T. Wright's *Creation, Power, and Truth* explores how the Christian understanding of God as Creator, Jesus as Lord, and the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of truth challenges our culture's assumptions. Together, we'll consider what this means for living faithfully and sharing the hope of the gospel in everyday life. Books are available in the Church office.
- **5th SUNDAY STUDY: *How Shall I Receive You*, Lyrics and Tunes of Advent.** Family Life Center at 9:00am with presenter Tom Engler.
- **JOY CLASS:** Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Class meets one Sunday a month in the WMR at 9:00am.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** During worship Children's Ministry volunteers lead our PK to 5th graders to the Children's Church room, down the hall from the sanctuary, returning as we share the peace.
- **THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE** resumed Sunday gatherings August 30 with our church partners- Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, and Spirit of Joy - at Spirit of Joy campus. Middle School (6-8 grades) from 4-5:30pm, dinner for everyone at 5:30pm, and High School (9-12 grades) from 6-7:30pm. Contact Hannah@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): on hiatus
Sweet Hour of Prayer (Family Life Center): Thursdays at 10am
Praying in Color (Women's Ministry Room): Sunday November 15
Pathways to Healing Grief Support (Family Life Center): 2nd Sunday at 2:00pm
Caregiver Café (Family Life Center): 3rd Sunday at 2:00pm
Katie's Kitchen (Fellowship Hall): 2nd Wednesdays at 5:00pm
Pub Theology (1916 Bar & Bistro): 3rd Thursday at 5:30pm
Iron & Ember Men's Group (Various places): 2nd Thursdays at 6:30pm
Unwind Women's Group (Windmill Farms): resumes in January
Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:00pm
Joy Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30am
Ladies Aid (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00pm

HOMECOMING SUNDAY IS TODAY!

Reformation Sunday's Homecoming worship service is followed by our annual sausage lunch on the lawn!

At the 10:30 am worship service, artist Paul Oman will "bring the word to life before your eyes" by creating a large-scale painting of the "Feeding the 5000" before the congregation. The morning will also celebrate our Reformed heritage with musical selections on the organ and special music from Emanuel's Chamber Chorus and Emanuel's Ringers handbell choir.

Randall Springs, and the Iron & Ember men's group, 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. Ladies Aid coffee cakes will be for sale - if still available!

WELCOME PAUL OMAN

Paul Oman, nationally acclaimed mural artist, pastor, and teacher, joins us for a special weekend of art, fellowship, and worship. On Saturday, Paul will led a paint-along workshop in the Fellowship Hall where participants studied "Jesus Walks on Water". During worship on today, Paul brings the Reformation Gospel lesson to life by creating a large-scale painting before the congregation. Learn more about this unique ministry at www.drawn-to-the-word.com. We are deeply grateful to everyone whose generosity and support have made this extraordinary weekend possible. It is a joy to welcome Paul and experience the Gospel through his remarkable artistic ministry.

RENOVATION CONVERSATIONS: Exciting plans are taking shape for the renovation of Emanuel's sanctuary and narthex! Our proposed improvements include expanded accessibility, updated restrooms, enhanced worship seating, new audio/video and lighting systems, and refreshed spaces for worship, music, and fellowship. We are currently in the proposal and congregational review stage, with final designs, costs, and construction plans still to be determined. We invite everyone to review the proposal in the Weekly E-Newsletter, share it with others, and bring forward questions, ideas, and feedback. Your participation is important as we thoughtfully plan for the future of Emanuel's and our continued ministry together! Members of the Renovation Task Force will be available for conversation:

Tuesday, October 27: 9-10:00am; 6-7:30pm, Family Life Center
Sundays, November 1, 8, 15, 22: 9am, Women's Ministry Room

TRUNK OR TREAT is a great way to welcome cooler temps, all things pumpkin, and a wee bit of mischief. Let Pastor Marcus know if you will be hosting a trunk and handing out treats to little goblins on **Friday, October 30th** from 6-7:30pm in Emanuel's parking lot. Candy donations are also welcome in the church office. Start thinking about your costumes and invite your friends. We are going to have a delightfully spooky time.

DAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: HomeTown Pastries fundraiser is officially underway! This year, in addition to the classic ButterBraids, Croissant Crowns and Cake Rolls, we are also offering online exclusives such as cookie dough, granola bites and popcorn! Please use the link below to place an order. Orders will be delivered directly to Emanuel's. November 17. All funds raised go towards new toys, classroom furnishings, and continued facility wide improvements. Orders due by **Friday, October 30**. Thank you for helping us to RAISE SOME DOUGH!



ALL SAINTS' DAY is **Sunday, November 1**. 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 "God With Us" sculpture. Everyone is invited to bring a framed or standing photo of loved ones they would like to honor this day, even if they passed away before this year or were not affiliated with Emanuel's.

LUTHERAN LUNCH BUNCH is **Sunday, November 1** at Davila's BBQ, 418 W. Kingsbury St. The Lutheran Lunch Bunch is a lively group of post-worship food enthusiasts who gather at a local restaurant on the first Sunday of every month. With full hearts from the service and empty stomachs ready for fellowship, you're invited to dive into hearty meals, laughter, and lively conversation.

LWR INGATHERING is **Wednesday, November 4**. Volunteers needed to load a trailer and deliver 80-90 boxes of quilts and kits to St. John Lutheran Church in Marion. The boxes will then be loaded onto 18-wheeler trucks and headed to a distribution center before being disbursed to people in need across the globe. Text [830-305-2970](tel:830-305-2970) to volunteer for this amazing, heart-warming experience.

PARK N' PLAY with Ignite Youth and Family (and Friends!) is **Saturday, November 7** 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 are 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 will be in the narthex soon with additional information about the day.

WELCOMING SUNDAY, November 8. If you are interested in joining the mission and ministry of Emanuel's, then this Sunday is for you. This service of welcome will feature a liturgy of affirmation as we formally receive each person into the mission and ministry of our church. Please email Pastor Marcus, Pastor Rudy, or fill out a blue card, if you would like to be a part of this "Welcoming Sunday!"

TACO BAR FUNDRAISER for Scouts BSA Troop 107 is **Sunday, November 8** from 11:30am-1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. \$10 for Dine-In or To-Go Taco Bar. Please support our campouts and activities!

KATIE'S KITCHEN will prepare and serve a hot meal to our community every **2nd Wednesday** of the month from 5-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meal is free and we invite everyone to come and eat with us. If you would like to serve on one of the preparation teams (setup, food preparation, food service, and clean-up) then please reach out to coordinators Sarah Kent or Debbie Schindehette for more information. You can email them at lutherhouse@elcseguin.org.

COUPLES & FRIENDS (& FAMILIES!) NIGHT OUT at WURSTFEST on Thursday, November 12.

Join your Emanuel's family at 6:30pm for a fun-filled evening at Wurstfest in New Braunfels! It's one of the FREE admission nights, and everyone is invited—couples, singles, families, friends, neighbors, Men's Group, Women's Group, and YOU! We'll do our best to find places to sit and stand together as we enjoy great food, music, and fellowship. Please sign-up in the Narthex or email pastormarcus@elcseguin.org if you plan to attend so we can coordinate carpooling, as parking can be challenging and expensive. Come join the fun, there's room for everyone at the table! Gemeinsam sind wir besser.

PRAY IN COLOR AT EMANUEL'S on **Sunday, November 15** following worship in the Women's Ministry Room. Bring your prayer list and explore the opportunity to pray with pens and paper in a practice known as "Praying in Color." Deaconess Jennifer Clark Tinker will teach the basics of this prayer-doodling method and you'll have the opportunity try it out for yourself. Lunch will be provided by the church. Please RSVP at the church office for planning purposes. Materials will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own favorite pens if you choose.

5th ANNUAL EMANUEL'S BEACH BUNCH, June 10-13, 2027: (Note change of weekend.) Reservations can be made now for the 2027 gathering in Port Aransas. The staff at Courtyard Condominiums were excited to have us in 2026 and can't wait to have us back. Go to: www.courtyardcondos.com or (361) 416-1089 and book your room. Many options are available, some of which sleep up to 5 people. For RV'ers, we recommend On the Beach RV, www.onthebeachrvpark.com/, or (361) 749-4909.

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.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

THE HEALING HOLIDAYS SYMPOSIUM is **Thursday, November 12**, at Emanuel's Lutheran Church in the Women's Ministry Room from 9am to 12pm, in partnership with the Resilient Foundation. Grief during the holidays is always challenging. This workshop will help identify resources that contribute to compassion and resiliency. Led by The Rev. Darwin Huartson, B.C.C., the conversation will help participants identify internal and external resources that foster self-compassion, strengthen resilience, and support healthy grieving during the holiday season. Whether your loss is recent or many years past, this gathering offers a supportive space to acknowledge the realities of grief, discover resources for the holiday season, and find meaningful ways to carry love, memory, and hope forward. RSVP with the QR code or by calling 830-379-5046.



SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON is **Thursday, November 19** 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 BUS TRIP TO THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER WALK is **Thursday, December 10**. Our fabulous seniors will enjoy a meal at Casa Rio on the River Walk then continue the festivities on a barge ride to see the beautiful Christmas lights. Bus departs from Emanuel's at 4pm and returns by 9pm. Please contact Donna Simmons at donna@elcseguin.org for sign-up information and details.

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

BELL RINGERS NEEDED FOR KETTLE CAMPAIGN. Emanuel's will participate in this year's Salvation Army Kettle Campaign on **Monday, December 7**, from 9am-5pm at the Walmart Home and Pharmacy entrance. If you are willing and able to ring for one or two hours, please call Frances Vinyard at 830-379-5041. Thank you!

BLUE SANTA AT EMANUEL'S! We are excited to once again host The Seguin Police Department Blue Santa giftwrapping in our Fellowship Hall **Tuesday and Thursday evenings in December**. Toys and gifts are collected throughout the city in November/December and will be wrapped by volunteers before being distributed to children in need by Christmas morning. Stay tuned for updates from Emanuel's Outreach and Service Team! There will be numerous opportunities to serve.

MORE TO COME!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Elizabeth Jandt
in memory of Elbert and Thelma Jandt and family.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL And Ministry Team Liaisons

President, Bryce Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Team*

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Janelle Leon-Weinman, *Gather & Grow Team*

Bill Salt, *Education Team*

Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*

Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*

ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT

TUESDAY, November 3

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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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!

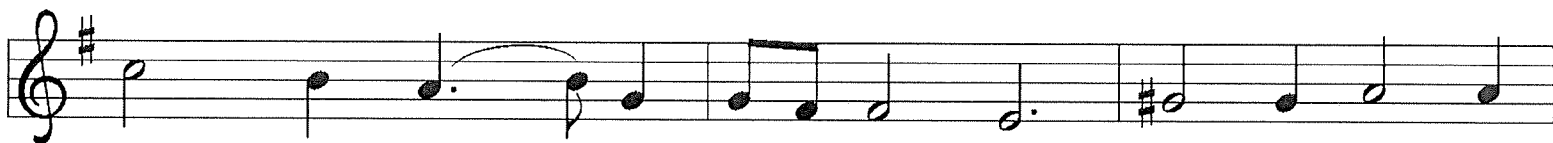
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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