

JOY



December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!

We eagerly await the coming of Christmas and are glad you are with us today.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

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

GATHERING HYMN **"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"** **ELW 242**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C: Amen.

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

C: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised.

Amen.

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C: Amen.

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: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING: James 5:7-10

L: A reading from James.

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146:5-10

Congregation responds with bold text.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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: Matthew 11:2-11

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Advent Joy: In Life, In Struggles, and in the World"

Pastor Rudy

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.

RITE OF INURNMENT: Virginia Marie Koepp

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: Amen.

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

P: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

C: We glorify you.

P: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

C: We praise you.

P: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

C: We worship you.

P: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

P: For centuries, God's people have found comfort in God's promises. Let us read together the Psalm 23:

C: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

P: Let us pray. Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our sister Virginia Marie Koepp, whose ashes we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise her up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection

of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our sister Maxine, and we commit her ashes to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her. The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon her with favor and + give her peace.

C: Amen.

The urn is placed in the columbarium as the Hymn of the Day is sung.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW 715

P: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation. God of power and mercy, we praise you for Jesus and his acts of healing and liberation. Lead us to proclaim the good news from generation to generation, that all may place their hope in you.

Response to each petition: AM: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

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

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

ELW 263

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC 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: Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

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

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!"
"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

ELW 246
ELW 311

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 our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

ANNUAL MEETING

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: May God who comes among us, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Today, December 14, 2025

Immediately following the celebration of Holy Communion, we will hold the 2025 Emanuel's Annual Congregation Meeting. This meeting will take into consideration with potential action the proposed 2026 budget and nominations for church council.

Musician: Edward Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS for the Third Sunday of Advent, December 14, 2025: Preaching: Pastor Rudy; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Wayne Stalsworth; **Communion Assistants:** Bill Salt, Bill Elley, Elizabeth Jandt, Rissa Springs, Linda Salt; **Reader:** Cathy Anderson; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier; **AV/Tech:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Natalia Almquist; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Carol Hamilton, Rachel Abrameit; **Safety Attendants:** TBD

WORSHIP LEADERS for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21, 2025: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Communion Assistants:** Dave English, Fran Vinyard, Liz Witten, Janelle Leon-Weinman, Marsha Schroeder; **Reader:** Melissa Barbre; **Ushers:** Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies, NEEDED; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, Dave English, Sheila English; **A/V Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Bill Salt; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Barbara Haas, Doris Jefferies; **Safety Attendants:** TBD

SANCTUARY FLOWERS and RADIO BROADCASTS are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office, or sign up on the calendar on the Level 2 hallway. Fees and submission forms are in the narthex, the church office, and online. Thank you to everyone who participates in this meaningful worship ministry.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person, 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** (307): 9:15am. Seeking to unlock the wisdom of the Bible through fellowship and robust group discussion. Winter Study: "Light, Life, Salvation."
- **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 December 7-21. Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" Advent Study led by Paul Sims.
- **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@elcsequin.org for more info.
- **CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets **Sunday, December 21** at 11:45 in the WMR.

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY STUDIES AND PROGRAMS:

Chair Yoga with Gina (Family Life Center): Wednesdays at 9:00am resuming in January

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): Resumes in January 2nd Sun. at 2pm

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 resuming in January

ADVENT MIDWEEK 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.

ADVENT MIDWEEK MEALS are organized by the Fellowship & Feast team in conjunction with the services on **Wednesdays December 3, 10 and 17** at 6pm. The church is providing sandwiches and sides. Members of the congregation are asked only to sign up for soup and dessert. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Thank you for your participation.

SHARE THE GOOD MOOs!!! With your donations, **poinsettias** will grace the sanctuary of Emanuel's this Christmas and ELCA Good Gifts will make a difference throughout the world. You may honor or remember a loved one by supporting the ELCA Good Gifts Project (any dollar amount or as indicated on the specific ornament) and/or with a red poinsettia (\$15 each). Check out the decorated trees in the narthex and by the chapel. Forms and payments may be put in an envelope and placed in the offering basket, given to our advent tree attendants, or delivered to the church office. Online payments accepted. Deadline is Monday, December 15, 2025.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING to area care facilities with Compass Cooperative is **today, December 14.**

Everyone is invited to spread cheer as we share the love of Christ. Gather in the church parking lot at 2:45pm to carpool. Contact: Hannah at hannah@elcsequin.org

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.

2026 ALL-CHURCH RETREAT: Everyone is invited to Camp Chrysalis in the beautiful Hill Country on January 23-25! We will worship and eat together, hike and canoe, swing on the giant swing, enjoy a night under the stars with s'mores, share in fellowship and do some service projects. Registration and health forms are completely online. Payments can be made to Emanuel's online or via check or cash. Note "Church Retreat" in the memo line. All registration documents must be submitted by Sunday, January 11. Costs per person are \$70 for preschool and under, \$90 for kinder to 5th grade, and \$110 for 6th grade to adult. Prices include all meals, snacks, activities, and housing!

3C (Community-Connection-Conversation) is a time of gathering on the church lawn at the street from 7:30-8:30am as a way to share in fellowship with each other, inviting new faces to sit 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.

THE CAREGIVER CAFE is a support group for caregivers meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-4 pm at Emanuel's. Please contact Pastor Rudy at PastorRudy@ELCSequin.org for more information.

GRIEF SYMPOSIUM: CARING FOR CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS is presented by Emanuel's Lutheran Church and the Resilient Foundation, a cooperative mental wellness ministry of Seguin-area churches. Join us on **Thursday, January 8, 2026**, from 9am – 12:30pm in the Seguin ISD Boardroom, 1221 E. Kingsbury St, for an informative event for parents, caregivers, educators, and community members. This symposium will provide insight, understanding, and hope for those walking alongside grieving children and adolescents. Registration and Event Information is online here: <https://shorturl.at/Pz5hR>

Registration



Payment



CHRISTMAS EVE
EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
December 24 at 4 & 7pm

There is a place for you here.

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

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Marcus Bigott, 830-377-8643 cell, pastormarcus@elcseguin.org

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Compass Cooperative Program Director, Hannah Hansen, hannah@elcseguin.org

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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Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Savior of the Nations, Come



- 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won-drous birth—oh, won-drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path-way leads;



Mar-vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van-quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
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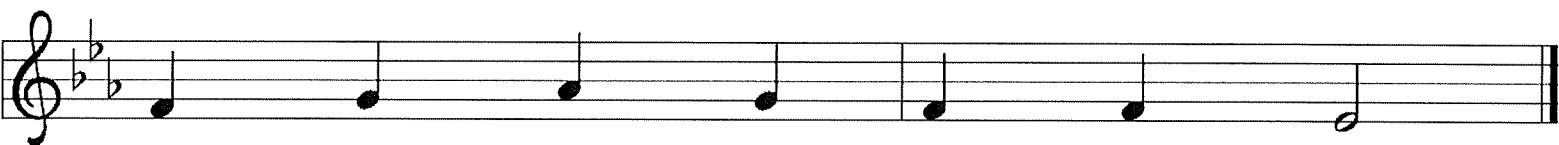
Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
 let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,
 down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
 wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy
 and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



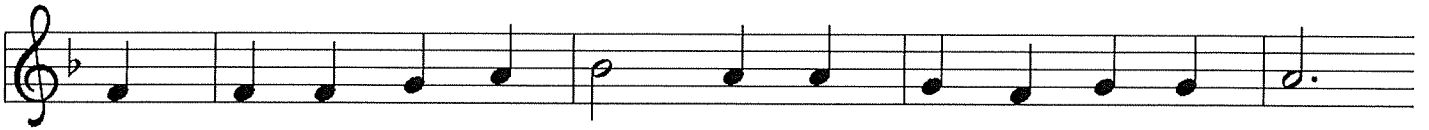
all you chil - dren of the day!"
 shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 one and all, to be for - giv'n;
 and with words of love draw near.
 while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
 Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.