

Sunday, January 18, 2026
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
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

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in \ddagger Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

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

GATHERING HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

ELW 314

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.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it.
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

L: A reading from Isaiah.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply

despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus

walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON	"Held by Grace, Sent as Light"	Pastor Marcus
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HYMN OF THE DAY	"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"	ELW 696
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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: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week.

Response to each petition: AM: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

AM: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL	<i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i>
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OFFERING HYMN**"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"****ELW 308***Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.***OFFERING PRAYER**

AM: Let us pray.

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCARISTIC 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 the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

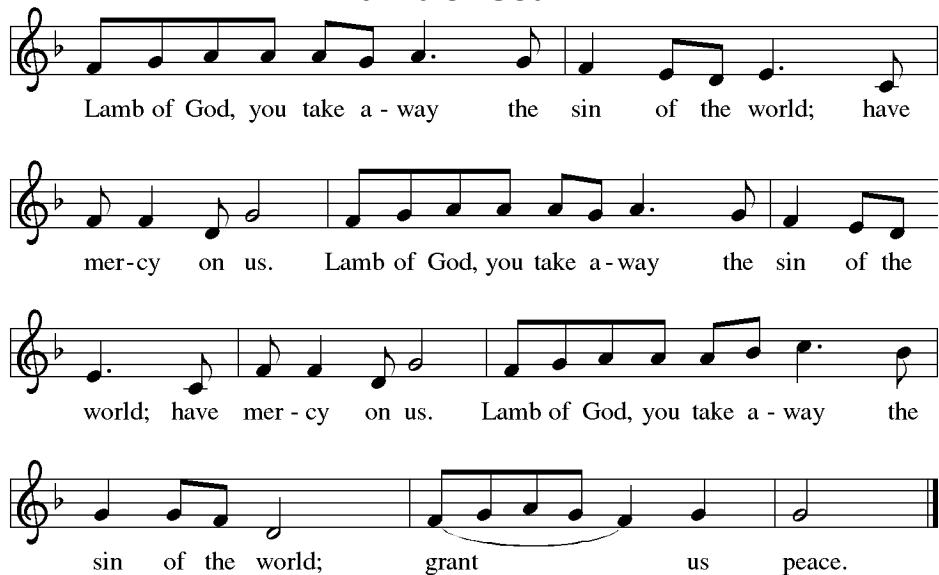
COMMUNION

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"



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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Brightest and Best of the Stars" "Jesus, Come! For We Invite You"

ELW 303

ELW 312

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.

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

ELW 302

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Musician: Edward Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, January 18, 2026: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Marsha Schroeder; **Communion Assistants:** Dave English, Fran Vinyard, Liz Witten, Janelle Leon-Weinman, Bev Seidenschwarz; **Reader:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Ushers:** **Needed**, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, Sheila English, Dave English; **A/V Tech:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Janelle Leon-Weinman; **Safety Attendants:** Allan Bode, TBD; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Barbara Haas, Doris Jefferies

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, January 25, 2026: Preaching & Presiding, Pastor Rudy; **Assisting Minister:** Bill Salt; **Communion Assistants:** Cindy Pique, Melissa Barbre, Emily Prochnow, **Needed**, Marsha Schroeder; **Reader:** Steve Anderson; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz, Barbara McCal; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Cindy Pique; **A/V Tech:** Allan Bode; **Council Greeter:** Sheila English; **Safety Attendants:** **TBD, TBD**; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Gerry Harrison, Sheila English

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OFFICE CLOSED in observance of Martin Luther King Jr., Day on **Monday, January 19, 2026.**

ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHARE? Submit a brief, yet detailed description of your event to info@elcseguin.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 one Sunday a month in the WMR at 9:00am.
- **THE DISCIPLES CLASS** (Family Life Center): 9:00am Jan 11 – Feb 15. "Lord of the Rings and the Parables of Jesus" 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 church partners- Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, and Spirit of Joy - 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. Resumes January 18.

CONFIRMATION CLASS meets **Sunday, January 25** at 11:45 in the WMR.

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY STUDIES AND PROGRAMS:

Line Dancing with Handsome Rob (Fellowship Hall): Mondays at 2:00pm

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

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

WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING: Pastor Marcus and Worship Team invite you to join them for a training and refresher, for those currently serving or those interested in serving, on **Sunday, January 18** in the chapel. We will have leads for every facet of service, including Readers, Altar Guild, Communion Assistants, Assisting Ministers, Audio Visual, and Ushers. We will break into training groups so that we can make sure everyone is familiar with practices, changes to storage systems and keys, sound system needs and hearing devices, updates to the worship space, and best practices for our vocal leaders. Please reach out to Pastor Marcus or one of our Worship Team members if you have any questions.

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 join their monthly meeting on **Sunday, January 18** at 11:45 in the Family Life Center.

CAREGIVER CAFÉ gathers next on **Sunday, January 18** at 2pm in the Family Life Center. 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@elcseguin.org for more information.

LINE DANCING with Handsome Rob! **Meeting on Mondays - January 5, 12, and 26** - from 2-3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Line dancing is a fun, healthy, and rewarding activity. Open to the church and the community. Beginners are especially welcome. \$5/pp per week given to Rob. **No Class on MLK Day, January 19.**

CHAIR YOGA: Join Gina Touchstone, Certified Yoga Instructor, RYT 200, for Chair Yoga classes at Emanuel's on **Wednesdays** at 9am in the Family Life Center. Classes are pay-what-you-can, \$5+ suggested.

MUSIC MINISTRY rehearsals resume on **Sunday, January 25**. Emanuel's Ringers handbell choir meets at 9am and the Emanuel's Chamber Chorus meets at 11:45am. Are you interested in learning more about our music programs? They would love to talk with you! Stop by on the 25th to see what these awesome groups are all about.

ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT is **Wednesday, January 28** at 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. Spring activities have us hopping! Everyone is invited to participate on this last Wednesday of January.

EGGAPALOOZA 2026 is preparing for its fourth year, and we are so excited to see this outreach ministry grow! We have grown every single year and this year, we will "hide" 40,000 eggs, solidifying our place as one of the largest, all abilities egg hunts in Texas. In order to pull off this wonderful and monumental weekend, we need your help. Follow this link to sign-up to help volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/eggapaloozavolunteers>. We will need hands all across TLU's Bulldog Stadium so please join us and find a place to plug in. More information to come!

FEBRUARY SNEAK PEAK:

Wed., February 4:	Ladies Aid
Friday, February 6:	Day School Sweetheart Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser
Sunday, February 8:	Scout Sunday
Sunday, February 8:	Pathways to Healing
Tuesday, February 17:	Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
Wed., February 18:	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, February 19:	Iron & Ember Men's Fellowship
Saturday, February 21:	Couples & Friends Night Out
Wed., February 25:	Midweek Lenten Worship and Dinner

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed in honor of Lorene Schievelbein on the occasion of her 97th birthday. Given by her family.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL And Ministry Team Liaisons

President, Bryce Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Team*

Vice President, Sheila English, *Fellowship & Feast Team*

Secretary, Paul Sims, *Education Team*

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Janelle Leon-Weinman, *Gather & Grow Team*

Bill Salt, *Education Team*

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Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*

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EMANUEL'S STAFF

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

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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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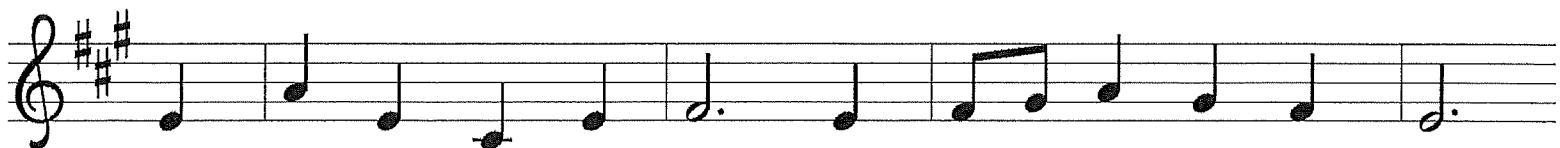
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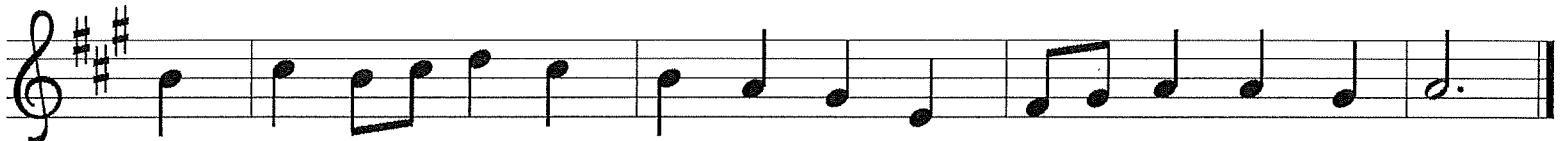
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Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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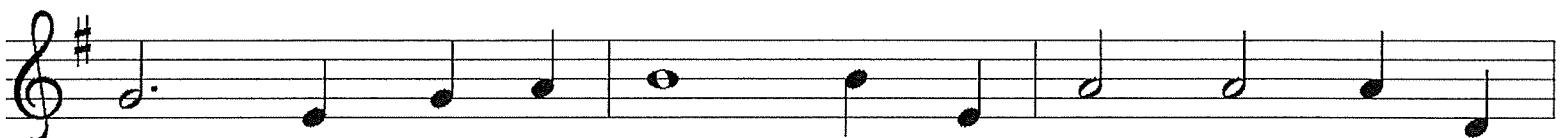
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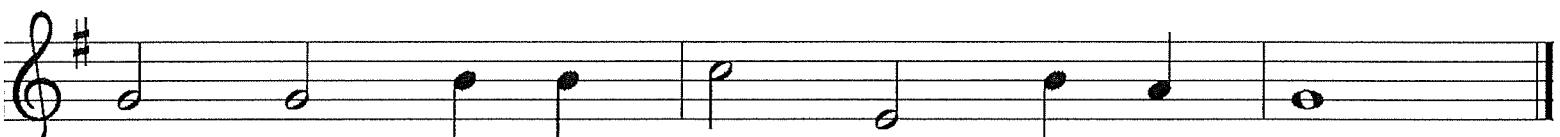
Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

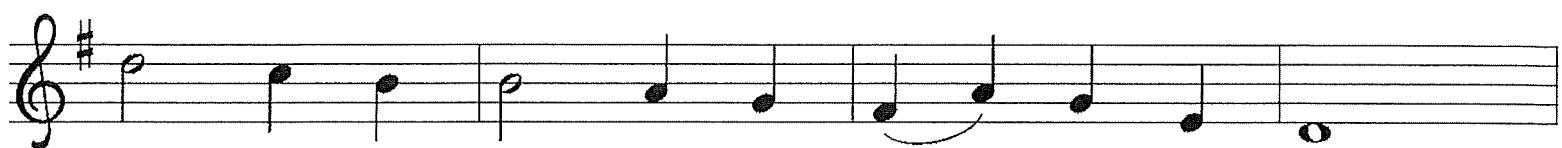
5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 our voices gaily blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
 the Lord we love is first and last,
 the end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 transport us to that happy place
 beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 for the day of your returning.

Brightest and Best of the Stars



1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorm - ing,
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorm - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - - ter,
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - - to
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - - vants,
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - - ry,
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
se - - cret, all shall see what you have done.
ci - - ples— come, our first and great est Sign!
rich - - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905-1958

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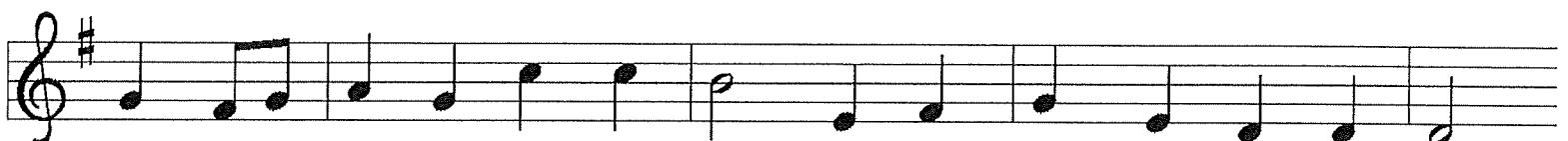
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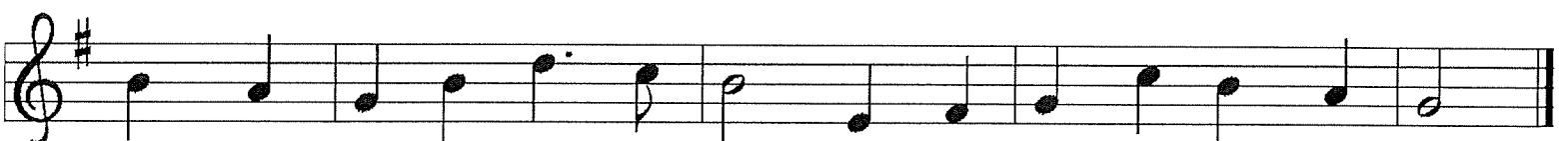
As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872