Sunday, January 26, 2025 Third 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

GATHERING HYMN "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues Sing"

ELW 886

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

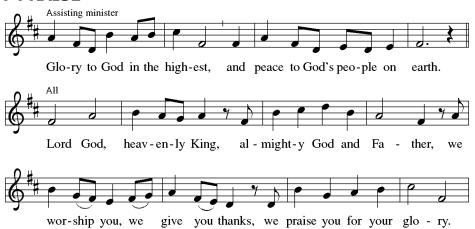
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

- C: Amen.
- P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,
- C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

C: Amen.

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





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

Vicar: Let us pray together.

C: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

PSALM: Psalm 19

Congregation reads bold text.

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork. ²One day tells its tale to another,

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language,

and their voices are not heard,

⁴ their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,

where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. R

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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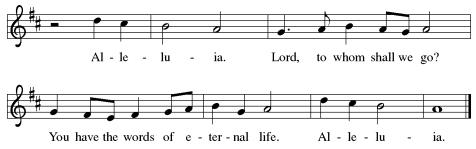
¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW 843

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: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith.

Response to each petition: AM: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

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

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

ELW 314

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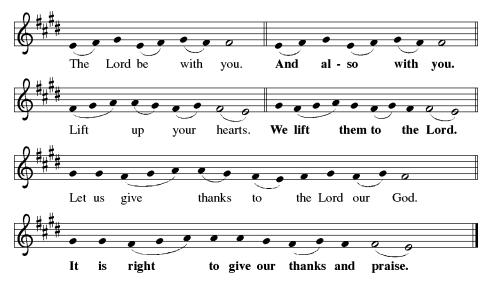
OFFERING PRAYER

Vicar: Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.



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	"One Bread, One Body"	ELW 496
	"Hark, the Glad Sound!"	ELW 239

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

Vicar: Let us pray.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN	"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"	ELW 551
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Musician: Edward Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS for today, January 26, 2025: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; Assisting Ministers: Vicar Rudy, Marsha Schroeder; Communion Assistants: Fran Vinyard, Liz Witten, Darlene Zies, Elizabeth Jandt; Reader: Karen Weinstein; Ushers: Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz, Barbara McCall; Altar Guild: Cathy Anderson, Tonya Darnell, Jimed Darnell; A/V Tech: TBD; Council Greeter: Tim Kent; Hospitality: Deborah Almquist, Gerry Harrison, Carolyn Blumberg, Sheila English; Safety Attendants: Joe Kane, Charles Jobe

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, February 2, 2025: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; Assisting Ministers: Vicar Rudy, Bill Salt; Communion Assistants: Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer, Barbara McCall; Reader: Emily Prochnow; Ushers: Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Keith Vinyard; Altar Guild: Carrie Moseley, Cherryl Baethge, Denise Hufnagl, Pam Grandstaff; A/V Tech: NEEDED; Council Greeter: Janelle Leon-Weinman; Hospitality: Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard; Safety Attendants: Charles Jobe, Allan Bode

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SUNDAY STUDIES:

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS** (307): 9:15am. Participants explore the deeper meaning found in the Bible and seek to unlock its wisdom through fellowship and robust group discussion. The aim is to make the Bible relevant and applicable to daily life.
- **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.
- **"Book of Acts: A Thematic Study" ADULT CLASS** (Family Life Center): January 12 February 16 at 9am. Acts continues the story of God's redemptive love through the apostles after Jesus' resurrection and ascension.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**: During worship Children's Ministry Coordinator Jordana leads our PK to 5th grade learners to the Children's Church room, just down the hall from the sanctuary, as we begin the "Gathering Hymn" and then 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.'
- **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for our 6th to 8th graders meet this year on the 4th Sunday of every month after worship in the Women's Ministry Room.

WEEKDAY STUDIES:

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:00 **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30 **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00 NO MEETING IN JANUARY

CONFIRMATION is **Sunday, January 26** immediately following worship in the Women's Ministry for all 6th to 8th grade students. Lunch and snacks are provided. Remember to bring your blue Bible and Small Catechism. We welcome guest teacher Paul Sims as we dive into the story of Moses and his conversation with God on the mountain.

WEEKLY NEWS email note: Some AT&T email addresses have been bouncing back our weekly emails. Please check filters on your end. In the meantime, you can check out our Weekly News on our website (<u>www.EmanuelsLutheranChurch.com/blog</u>) and sign up for the email list there.

3C (Community-Connection-Conversation) is a time of gathering on **Tuesday Mornings** on the lawn, 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.

SCOUT SUNDAY is **February 2.** Cub Scout Pack 107 celebrates its 15th year at Emanuel's and Troop 12 completes their 1st year! They are excited about their growth and the opportunity to make a difference in our community. Scout Sunday is celebrated in honor of a Scout's "Duty to God" and their commitment to the Scout Law that says, "A Scout is Reverent." It is our privilege to recognize those involved in the ministry and welcome them to Emanuel's.

Legacy Generosity Seminar

Sunday, February 2, Emanuel's Fellowship Hall

Plan on participating in a **Legacy Generosity Seminar** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, February 2, presented by Deacon John Dellis with Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest. Deacon John will share information about legacy generosity for ministry and other non-profits. He facilitates legacy planning to maximize the way funds benefit family *and* the ministries of the church that are important to you. The seminar will be held in the fellowship hall following the 10:30 a.m. worship service and will include lunch.

Legacy Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, February 2, 11:45 am, Emanuel's Fellowship Hall

Do you have an award-winning chili recipe, or maybe one you've been wanting to try for a while? The Congregational Care Team is hosting a church-wide **Legacy Chili Cook-Off** in conjunction with the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest Legacy Generosity Seminar. Entrants will compete for the coveted golden ladle award among other prizes. All are invited to sample the chili. If you are not preparing chili, plan to bring one of the following: dessert, cornbread, cheese, Fritos, sour cream, or chopped onion. Sign up sheets are in the narthex. Volunteers needed to help with setup, judging, and clean up. Contact congregationalcare@elcseguin.org with any questions.

LUTHERAN LUNCH BUNCH will gather next on **Sunday, February 16** following worship at Los Cucos. (A few weeks late this month so we can also have chili!) With full hearts from the service and empty stomachs ready for fellowship, you're invited to dive into hearty meals, laughter, and lively conversation. Our numbers continue to grow, and sometimes we wear big hats, but always there is laughter and lively conversation. Come nourish your body, soul, and spirit with us. <u>*Donna Simmons*</u> is the contact.

PATHWAYS TO HEALING support group reflects on the journey through grief while learning to navigate life with loss. The next meeting is **Sunday, February 9** at 2pm in the Family Life Center. Donna Simmons, Emanuel's Bereavement Care Coordinator, <u>donna@elcseguin.org</u>

3rd THURSDAY SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB is a monthly group who likes to chat over a little lunch, coffee, and maybe some games at 11:30 a.m. We are meeting next on **Thursday, February 20** in the Women's Ministry Room. Contact Emanuel's Senior Care Coordinator Donna Simmons at <u>donna@elcsequin.org</u>.

YOUNG COUPLES NIGHT OUT will take place on **Saturday, February 22** at 6pm at the Santikos in Cibolo where we will strike up some fun rolling strikes and good times! We will then head to Parry's Pizzeria and Taphouse for dinner. RSVP with Pastor Marcus no later than Wednesday, February 19.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed today in memory of Mike Haug by Deb Haug.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL

and Ministry Team Liaisons

President, Rissa Springs, *Worship Team* **Vice President,** Bryce Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Team*

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ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT

February 5, 2025

5:30pm in the Women's Ministry Room

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening each month to share a meal, collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects.

EMANUEL'S STAFF

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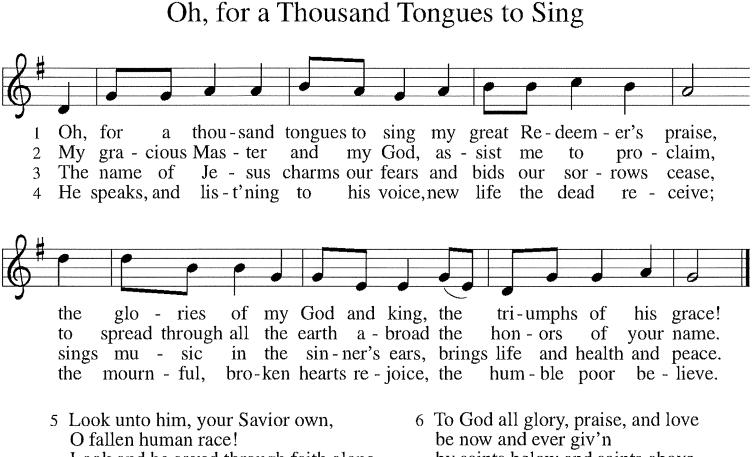
EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.



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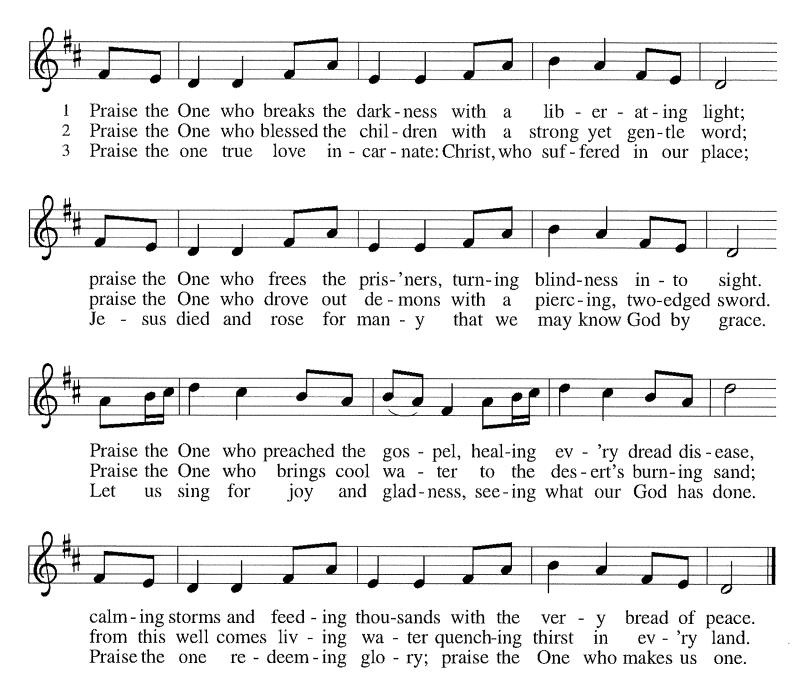


Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!

by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: AzMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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

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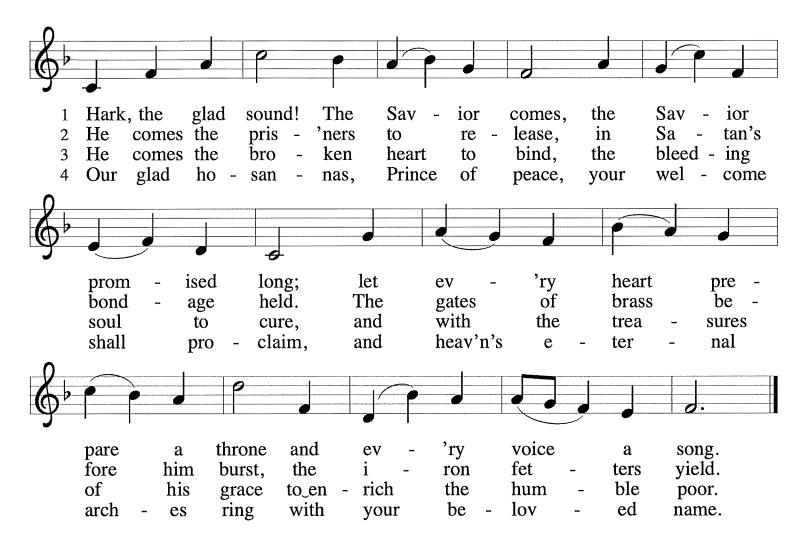
One Bread, One Body



Text: John Foley, sJ, b. 1939 Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sJ Text and pusie @ 1078 John P. Foley, SJ and OCP Public

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Hark, the Glad Sound!



Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

Ø The Spir - it sends forth 1 us to serve; we in go 2 We fort those go to com who mourn and set the 3 We go be the hands Christ, to of to ter scat Then let 4 us go to serve in peace, the pel gos Ø sus' Je bring glad tid name ings to dened bur free; where hope dim, is -to like seed and, all days, joy our to God's claim. Spir to it has pro em ----God's claim. to the poor, fa vor to _ pro help share dream and the blind a to see. cher ish life, do to the lov deed. ing pow ered in Je us; we go sus name. ----

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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