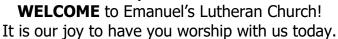


Sunday, October 13, 2024 21st Sunday After Pentecost







"Stewardship & Mission"

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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

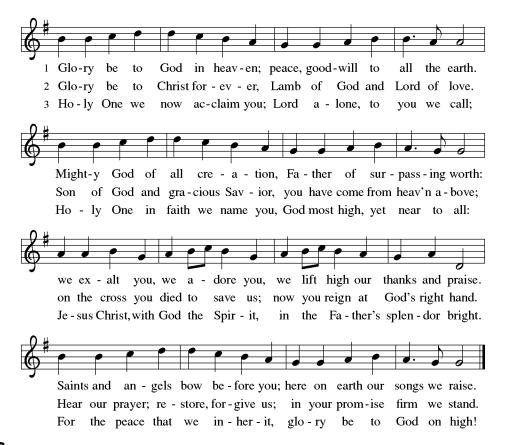
- P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

KYRIE



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

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

STEWARDSHIP TEXT: Nehemiah 2:18b

L: A reading from Nehemiah. This translation is from the NKJV (New King James Version). So they said, 'Let us rise up and build.' Then they set their hands to this good work. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

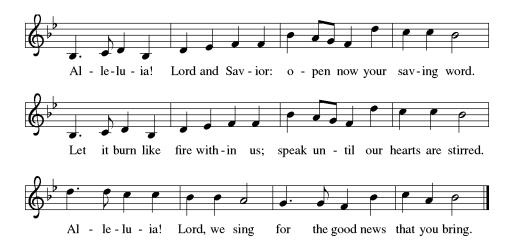
L: A reading from Hebrews.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 6:19-24

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; ²³but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Deacon John Dellis

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: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love.

Response to each petition: AM: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

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

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

ELW 655

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

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.

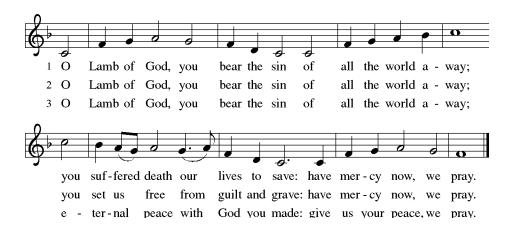
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"



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 HYMN

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"
"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

ELW 479 ELW 775

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.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful

→ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW 705

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PULPIT FLOWERS are given in memory of Beverly Watts by the Watts and English Family. **RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of the birthday of Marie Vogel by Karen Vogel.

Welcome Deacon John Dellis

Emanuel's welcomes Deacon John Dellis today as our guest preacher in the congregation's "Stewardship and Ministry" series. He serves as the senior gift planner for the members and congregations of the Southwestern Texas Synod through Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest. He works with individuals and couples to plan legacy gifts for family, ministries of our church, and other non-profit organizations. He also works with congregational leaders to help congregations to be prepared to receive, celebrate and steward well legacy gifts from members. Deacon Dellis was a members of Emanuel's for 13 years when he was on the staff of Texas Lutheran University. In February 2025 Emanuel's Lutheran Church will host a Legacy Generosity Seminar. Deacon Dellis will be with us to talk about options and possibilities for the future for our congregation.

Musician: Edward Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS for today, October 13, 2024: Preaching: Deacon John Dellis; Presiding: Pastor Marcus; Assisting Minister: Bill Salt; Communion Assistants: NEEDED, Bill Elley, Stephanie Robbins, Elizabeth Jandt; Reader: Keith Vinyard; Ushers: Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; Altar Guild: Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier; A/V Tech: Steve Anderson; Council Greeter: Susan Yeatts; Hospitality: Cathy Anderson, Carol Hamilton, Rachel Abrameit; Safety Attendants: Charles Jobe, OPEN

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, October 20, 2024: Preaching: Bishop Sue Briner; Presiding: Pastor Marcus; Assisting Minister: Marsha Schroeder; Communion Assistants: Dave English, Fran Vinyard, Bev Seidenschwarz, Karen Weinstein, Emily Prochnow; Reader: Bill Salt; Ushers: Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; Altar Guild: Doug Abrameit, Cindy Pique, Sheila English, Dave English; AV/Tech: Paul Sims; Council Greeter: Sarah Kennedy; Hospitality: Gloria Hanna, Stephanie Robbins, Dorris Jefferies; Safety Attendants: Brandon May, 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.

CHURCH NURSERY is available for children 4 and under on Level 2 anytime between 9-Noon.

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** (Women's Ministry Room): Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Class meets on Sept. 1, Oct. 20, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8 at 9:00am.
- **HYMNS & HYMNOLOGY II:** Tom Engler invites you to join him in the Family Life Center on **Sunday, October 13** at 9am for the last of the three sessions on hymns of the church. This session will be entirely devoted to Advent and Christmas hymns. "Some of what we do will be familiar, and some will not. But I want to introduce you to a selection of wonderful hymns contained in ELW, and I hope that we will get to sing them at one point. Then, to bring the whole thing to a close, I have a presentation on the 12 Days of Christmas that I would like to share with you. It is fun and it is light, and I trust you will enjoy it. See you then. Bring friends!"

- "LIFE TOGETHER" ADULT CLASS (Family Life Center): 9 am Oct 27 Nov 24: Reading Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book "Life Together" plus a theatre matinee. Books available in the church office. Please read Chapter 1 before first class so we can discuss together.
- **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 every Sunday with our four church partners- Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church at Spirit of Joy campus. Middle School Compass (6-8 grades) from 4-5pm, dinner for everyone at 5pm, and High School Compass (9-12 grades) from 5:30-6:30pm.
- GODLY PLAY for children ages 4 years old -5th grade is from 4-5pm at Spirit of Joy campus.
- **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for our 6th to 8th graders meets 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 July.

DISASTER RELIEF: We are all aware of the deaths, devastation, and destruction of our fellow citizens in the southeast, especially in western North Carolina. At such times, we often ponder what we can do individually to help under such circumstances. One way that the ELCA provides is to donate through the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund. One-hundred percent of your funds will go to this disaster area if you so designate. Here are three ways to give: (1) Check to Emanuel's, indicating Lutheran Disaster Response on the memo line; (2) phone ELCA at 800-638-3522; or (3) go online at ELCA.org.

IT'S COFFEE CAKE SEASON! Emanuel's Ladies Aid is baking their famous coffee cakes as they celebrate their 125th Anniversary! **Tuesdays, October 8, 15, and 22.** Contact a Ladies Aid Member or the Church Office at 830-379-5046 for more information. Coffee Cakes can be picked up on the baking day after 2PM. The price is \$7.50 each -- Apple, Peach, and Streusel.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB gathers for lunch and some tricks & treats on **Thursday, October 17** at 11:30 in the Women's Ministry Room. We're serving tamales, chili, and cornbread. Dress for the season and bring a favorite side or dessert to share. Let Donna know if you will join us, donna@elcsequin.org.

LWR BLESSING OF THE QUILTS is **Sunday, October 20** during worship. Bishop Sue Briner will join us for this special occasion as part of our "Stewardship and Ministry" series. Emanuel's LWR Quick Quilters have made more than 200 quilts this year that will be shipped across the globe to be of service to people in need. Please join us as we bless these quilts made in love for our neighbor.

INFORMATION MEETING - 2025 MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO: Pastor Marcus invites everyone who has already signed up, as well as those interested in partnering again with Cross Trails Ministry and Palm Valley Lutheran Church to work on new and continuing projects for an informational meeting on **Sunday, Oct. 20**, in the Family Life Center at 9am. Due to some changing plans from partner churches, more spots have come available so if you are at all interested, please join us for this informational meeting.

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT is a great way to welcome cooler temps, all things pumpkin, and a wee bit of mischief. Let Jordana know if you will be hosting a trunk and hand out treats to little goblins on **Friday, October 25**th from 6-8pm in Emanuel's parking lot. Candy donations are also welcome in the narthex and church office. Start thinking about your costumes and invite your friends. It'll be a delightfully spooky time!

NEW ADULT SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS: Join us **October 27 – November 24** in the Family Life Center as we read and discuss "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a book about real and practical Christian community from the perspective of one of the great modern Lutheran theologians who wrote during the reign of the Nazi Regime in Germany. As a bonus, there is a Bonhoeffer movie (Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin) to be released in theaters during the final weekend which we will go see together as a matinee. Copies of Life Together are available in the Church Office for anyone who would like to read with us. Please read up through Chapter 1 before the first class so we can discuss together.

JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF is **Sunday, October 27** from 2-4pm in the Family Life Center. Discussions focus on how our journey through grief affects us, our daily lives, and how we can help ourselves as we grieve. Contact Donna Simmons at donna@elcsequin.org.

HEALING HOLIDAYS is **Sunday, November 10** at 2pm in the Family Life Center. "Healing Holidays" is presented by Emanuel's Bereavement Ministry with Pastor Darwin Huartson. This workshop is designed to help those who are greiving the loss of a loved one. Participants will use the holidays to discover how their loved one can live on into their life story, using this special time to continue to heal.

2024 STEWARDSHIP SERMON SERIES: "Stewardship & Mission" Sundays, September 22 — October 20

Stewardship comes in a variety of shapes and forms. Sometimes it is a financial response. Other times it is a service response. While still other times it is about our response to God's call to love and serve our neighbors. Emanuel's Stewardship Team invites you to join us in worship for a 5-week sermon series centering on Nehemiah 2:18. Reflections on "Stewardship & Mission" will be presented from five distinctive voices: Garry Miller, Paul Sims, Pastor Gerry Harrison, Deacon John Dellis, and Bishop Sue Briner.

THE CAREGIVER CAFE is a support group for caregivers hosted by Spirit of Joy and Emanuel's meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month at Spirit of Joy from 9-11 am and the 3rd Sunday of the month at Emanuel's from 2-4 pm. Please contact Donna Simmons at donna@elcseguin.org for more information.

MY HEART SHALL SING! All are invited to a "casual concert" celebrating the gift of music! Musicians in collaboration: Pastor Kara Hairell-Speed, Leah Matocha, and Keith Robinson. Guest artists: Madison Clark, dancer; Debbie Ealy, flute. **Sunday, October 20** at 4pm, Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, 416 Dolle Ave, Seguin.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

October 27, 2024

Mark your calendars for Reformation Sunday worship service followed by our annual sausage lunch on the lawn. This year we are also celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Emanuel's Lutheran Day School, the 125th Anniversary of Emanuel's Ladies Aid, and the 155th year of Deutsche Evangelish Lutherische Emanuels Kirche, now fondly known as Emanuel's.

The 10:30 am traditional worship service honoring our Reformed heritage will feature musical selections on the organ and special arrangements from *Emanuel's Chamber Chorus, Emanuel's Ringers* handbell choir, and Emanue's Lutheran Day School students.

Randall Springs 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. Canned goods donations will be collected for the Christian Cupboard. There will be additional fun and games for all ages.

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for what to bring as well as volunteers for set up on Saturday and Sunday, serving food and beverages, and clean up following.

This is truly a Homecoming Sunday- invite your family and friends to the celebration!

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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Paul Sims, Education Team
Darlene Zies, Outreach & Service Team
In memoriam, Aaron Jenke

ALL MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT Wednesday, November 6 at 5:30pm

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. Join us in the Women's Ministry Room!

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."

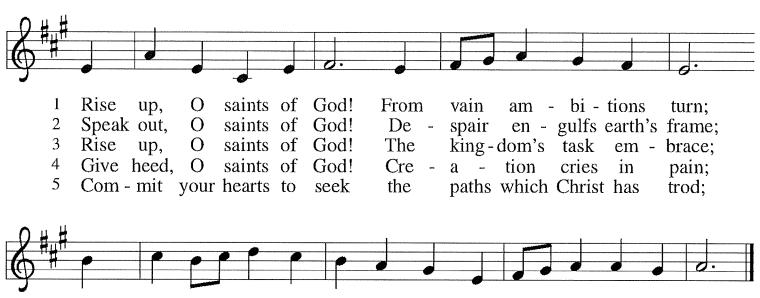
GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.



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Rise Up, O Saints of God!



rose tri - um-phant that your hearts with Christ no - bler zeal might burn. heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro-claim. as dress sin's cru - el con - se-quence; give jus - tice larg - er place. re heal-ing now, with stretch forth your hand of the weak sus - tain. love quick-ened by the Spir-it's pow'r, rise and, O saints of God! up,

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Son of God, Eternal Savior



- 1 Son of God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and truth and grace,
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth ers, so may we for oth ers live.
- Come, O Christ, and reign a mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
- 4 Son of God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race, Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give. hush the storm of strife and pas-sion, bid its cru-el dis - cords cease. Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



our head, who, throned in you glo-ry, for your own will ev plead: gold and yours the sil-ver, yours the wealth of land and sea; of toil-ing, by your pa-tient years your si - lent hours By pain, your will-ing that your peo-ple should be your pray-ing, by by one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need. we but stew-ards of your boun-ty held in sol - emn trust will be. quench our fe-vered thirst of plea-sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain. grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

We Come to the Hungry Feast



Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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Jesus, Priceless Treasure



- 1 Je sus, price-less trea sure, source of pur est plea sure,
- In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo-lest me
- B Hence, all fears and sad ness, for the Lord of glad ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear - ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb; quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash; saves us, gives sweet peace with - in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure:

naught I ask be-side thee.

Je - sus will not fail me.

Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

God of Grace and God of Glory



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932