

Sunday, June 23, 2024
5th Sunday After Pentecost
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

"Give me Jesus"

trad. spiritual/arr. J. Bennett

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

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

GATHERING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

ELW 840

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: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Job 38:1-11

L: A reading from **Job**.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? ⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

L: A reading from **2 Corinthians**.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. ¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

ELW 763

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: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma.

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

AM: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

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

"As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW 465

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

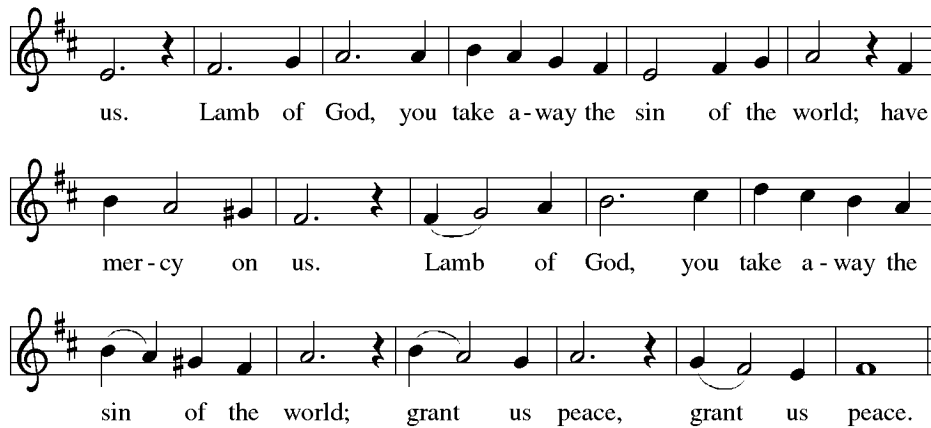
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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, grant us peace.

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 **"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"** **ELW 767**

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.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **C: Amen.**

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

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN **"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"** **ELW 773**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE **"The Solid Rock"** Bradbury/Berry

MUSICIAN TODAY: Leah Matocha, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, June 23, 2024: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus;
Assisting Minister: Wayne Stalsworth; **Communion Assistants:** Keith Vinyard, Liz Witten, Darlene Zies, Elizabeth Jandt, Fran Vinyard; **Reader:** Melissa Barbre; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz, Barbara McCall; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt, Jimed Darnell, Tonya Darnell; **AV/Tech:** TBD; **Council Greeter:** Sarah Kennedy **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Gerry Harrison, Carolyn Blumberg; **Safety Attendants:** Joe Kane, TBD

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, June 30, 2024: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus;
Assisting Minister: Lory Alves; **Communion Assistants:** Rissa Springs, Bill Elley, Stephanie Robbins, Karen Weinstein, John Van Deusen; **Reader:** Stephanie Robbins; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Barbara McCall; **Altar Guild:** Faye Van Deusen, John Van Deusen, Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier; **AV/Tech:** Allan Bode; **Council Greeter:** Melissa Barbre; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard; **Safety Attendants:** Tom Engler, Brandon May

CHOIR NOTE: YOU ARE INVITED to join our Heavenly Ringers and Jubilation Singers this summer as they prepare their musical repertoire for the fall festival Sundays. Sunday morning rehearsal schedules are printed in the Narthex. For any questions about music and preparations and to get on our email reminder list, please email Sharon Kane at sharonkkane1@gmail.com.

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 the 2nd Fl. Hallway anytime between 9-Noon.

WEEKDAY STUDIES:

- **Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30; **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30. Not in July; **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00. No meeting in July.
- **Innovating Welcome Book Study** (Family Life Center) 8am June 13, 20, 27; July 25; August 1, 8, 15, 22. We will read Leading Faithful Innovation: Following God into a Hopeful Future by Dwight Zscheile, Michael Binder, and Tessa Pinkstaff. (Available on Amazon in digital, audio, and print.)

SUNDAY MORNING 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. This Summer the class will meet on June 16 and July 14 at 9:15am.
- **INNOVATING WELCOME DISCUSSION** (Family Life Center): 9am. June 16, 23, 30; July 14, 21, 28; August 11, 18. We will engage scripture and seek to unpack three major themes: "The Act of Hospitality," "The Space of Hospitality," and "The Follow-up & Invitation."
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is for PK to 5th grade learners. During worship Children's Ministry Coordinator Jordana leads students to the Children's Church room, just down the hall from the sanctuary, as we begin the "Gathering Hymn" and then guides them back as we "Share the Peace."

THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE summer programming is in the works for our 6-12th grade friends from Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church. Check out the calendar on our website. Events include family movie nights at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church on first Sundays and "Serve and Swim!" days with a service project in the community in the morning followed by lunch and a swim in the afternoon!

THE CAREGIVER CAFÉ is a support group for those providing care for loved ones, spouses, or friends. Our group meets today, **Sunday, June 23** at Emanuel's at 2pm, in the Family Life Center. Please contact Donna Simmons with any questions or for further details.

JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF gathers **Sunday, June 30** 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.

SALVATION ARMY NOTES- The Salvation Army Seguin Service Unit is asking community partners for **short-term assistance** as they do their best to be prepared for the four-month gap, June - September, and the assistance our community will need for utility bills. Flyers are available in the office to fill out if you would like more information or would like ways to directly support their work. **Volunteers** are needed to help organize and prepare for this year's Kettle Campaign. Call 830-401-4872 for more information.

ORGAN REPAIRS ON THE HORIZON. We have begun a special campaign to repair parts and mechanical systems in our organ. Curtis Bobsin, Bobsin Organ Builders, will facilitate this work and ongoing maintenance. Our fundraising goal for these repairs is \$34,000. The Church Council invites you to prayerfully consider making a gift, of any amount, toward the goal. Please write "Organ Repairs" on the memo line of your online, check, or offering envelope gift. The repairs, which will extend the life of our organ for many decades, will begin as soon as our goal has been met.

"INNOVATING WELCOME" SUMMER WORKSHOP: Hospitality is a huge piece of our ministry pie here at Emanuel's. How we welcome visitors or returning faces to worship, those seeking assistance from our church, or those encountering our church outreach ministries within the community is vital to our ongoing wellbeing. The Congregational Care Team, Education Team, along with Pastor Marcus and Donna Simmons, invite you to a multi-part, multi-week study that will take place on **Sundays and Thursday, June 13 to August 29.** We hope you will come for a part or all of this congregation-wide study! Sunday Discussion and Weekday Book Study listed above. Schedules posted online and in the narthex.

VBS AT FRIEDENS: A great time was had by all this week! Thank you to our many Emanuel's volunteers for making some exciting ministry happen for our area kids. We plunged beneath the waves to forge a mighty faith. Children and adults experienced a thrilling underwater journey where they dove into the unceasing, boundless love of God. We are tired. We are happy. We are thankful. We are better together.

GOD'S EXPLORERS: An epic adventure for 3rd through 8th graders! Our exploring takes place **July 15-18** from 8:30 – 3:30 where we will head underground touring four of God's most beautiful cave system creations in Texas. Each day will feature a Bible study, games, activities, food, and, of course, an awesome cave tour! Registration closes June 30th.

CAMP NEWS: We celebrate another summer at Camp Chrysalis as 6 of our youth head out today after worship! This year, our campers will explore the day-to-day opportunities we have to live and work with God in the world. Make sure to check out the hallway bulletin board for daily highlights. Please keep Logan, Becca, Abigail, John, Hayden, and Saraya in your prayers this week.

THANK YOU!! What fun watching the members of Emanuel's select yummy treats on Sunday as the Ladies Aid held their first Father's Day Bake Sale. The sale was a rousing success. Thank you to all of the ladies who provided the treats—Ladies Aid members and non-members alike. And particular thanks to the very generous folks who purchased the goodies. This bake sale may well become an annual event to create funds to help Emanuel's and the community-at-large.

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 2nd floor hallway outside the church office. Submission forms are in the narthex, the church office, and online. Thank you to everyone who participates in this meaningful worship ministry.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*
In memoriam, Aaron Jenke

ALL MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT Wednesday, JULY 3 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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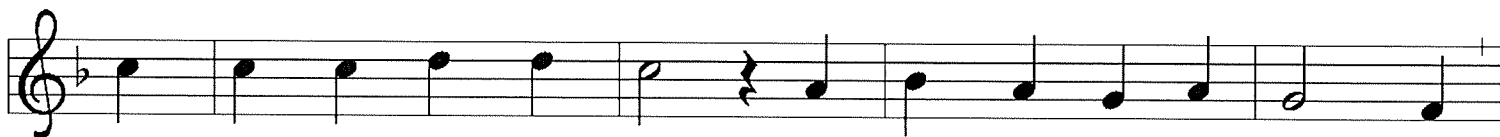
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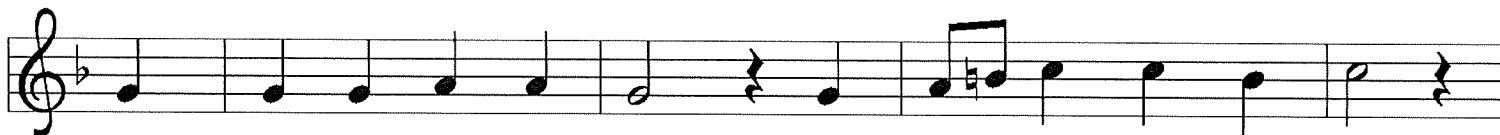
Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

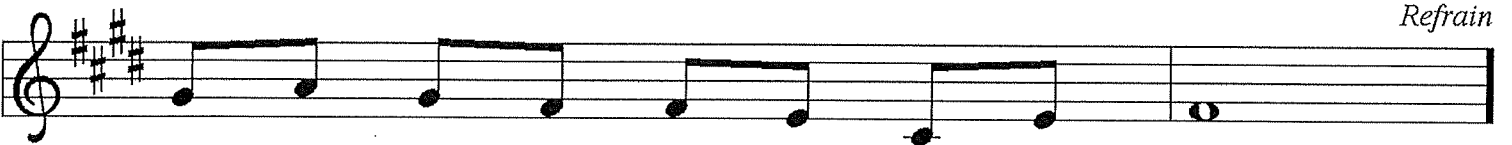


all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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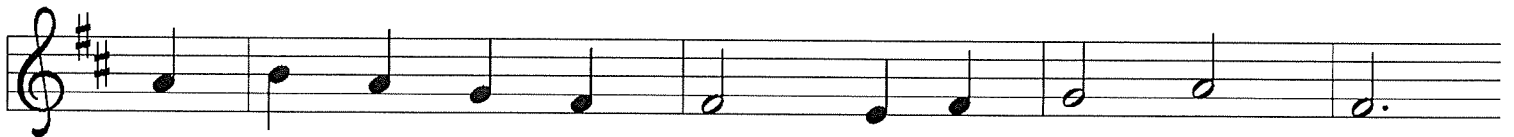
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Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



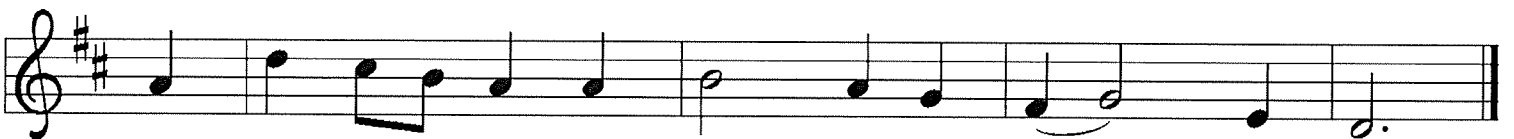
1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860
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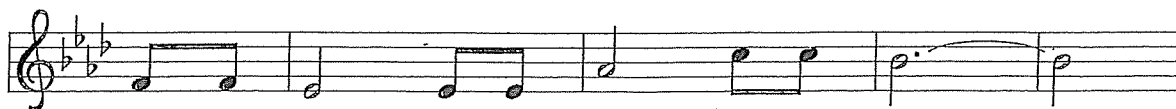
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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

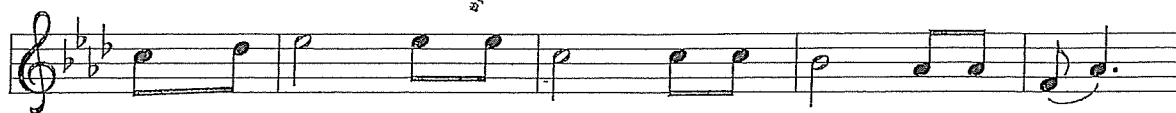
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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993
Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey
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PRECIOUS LORD
Irregular