



*Welcome to all! Our mission at ILC: To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we gather and worship, grow in the Word, and serve God by serving people.*

A special welcome to guests and visitors! May our time together be a blessing to you.

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### Information for Visitors ...

**Coffee & Fellowship** is available in the Lower Narthex each Sunday between services.

**A Nursery** is available from 8:30am-12:00pm for children through age 4. It is located in the hallway just outside the Narthex.

**Children's bulletins** are available from the ushers.

**Elevator** is located through the basement and the ushers' room in the sanctuary.

**Sunday School** is at 9:45am and all ages are welcome. Adult classes meet in the Conference Room, Parlor and Cry Room.

**Red Worship Attendance pads** are passed during the offering. Please take a moment to register your attendance. Visitors, please let us know if we can be of service to you.

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**Regular Worship Times:** 7:45 & 11:00am – Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
8:45am – Contemporary Worship (Parish Hall)

### HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness.

**At 7:45 service** you will be ushered forward to kneel at the railing. Please place the chalice in the pedestal baskets located on either side.

**At 8:45 & 11:00 service** you will commune by intinction, meaning you may dip the wafer in either the wine or grape juice or drink from the common cup.

*Gluten-free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.*

**Please Turn Off All Cell Phones & Pagers**

## **Thank You!!**

*This morning we will use the “Now the Feast and Celebration” Liturgy in the back of the blue “With One Voice” hymnal. Hymns will be from the blue hymnal.*

Prelude

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### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray,

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants.

Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

### **First Reading Jonah 3:10-4:11**

*After Jonah’s short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but should not I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites who do not know the difference between their right and left hands?*

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. <sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

<sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

R: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 145:1-8 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

<sup>5</sup>On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

<sup>6</sup>**The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

### **Second Reading Philippians 1:21-30**

*Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.*

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in

the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

R: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

Children's Message (11:00)

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel Matthew 20:1-16**

*Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’ <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you

and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

Hymn of the Day: *"Let Justice Flow like Streams"*.....**763**

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

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.

**The Prayers of the Church**

P: Lord in your mercy,  
C: Hear our prayer.

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**The Lord’s Prayer**

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

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray,

We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

Temple Talk (7:45)

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### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**



**Mission Statement**

*To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we gather and worship, grow in the Word, and serve God by serving people.*

**GATHER and Worship**

***Please pray for these ILC members:***

Norman Weiss	Elois Sakewitz	Mildred Huebel	Marie Davis
Andy Shuvalov	Glenn Herzog	Jennave Fuchs	EINora Estes
Dan Eschberger	Willie Mae Burns	Max Kuempel	
Sue Bryant	Janelle Hebbe		

***Please also pray for these friends & extended family members:***

Thomas O'scier	Seth Munk	Rodney Reed	Mike Emken
Ima Kankel	Thaine Manske	Camryn Adkison	Calen Stewart
Diane Miller	Mickey Elsner	Katie Swarts	Randall Foley
Diana Mitschke	Evangeline Neese	Louis Wiederhold, Jr.	Tedra Clearwater
Sandy Bailey	Ben Grumbine	Legend Hendrickson	Brianna Bonnet
Kimry McDonnell	Mathilda Machicek	Wayne Lovett	Elvira Becker
Rev. Mark & Sharon Gruebmyer		Homer Wieland	

***In our time of loss we pray for:*** The Family of Ernest Smith who passed away September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**ILC Reformation Celebration**--Martin Luther was passionate about music and considered it one of the most powerful ways to preach the Gospel. To mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation ILC will have two worship services on Oct. 29th at 8:45 & 11:00. You are invited to join our 10-member choir that morning to make our musical offering something of which Luther would be proud. We'll have brass and bells and pull out all the stops! Rehearsals are on Wed. nights at 6:30 in the Music Room.

**The congregation is invited to a brunch between services** in the Parish Hall. Fruit, pastries & breakfast casseroles will be served. If you would like to share some food, sign up sheets will be available online at <http://www.bit.ly/ILCbrunch> and in the lower narthex.

**What Does Communion Mean To You?** The Altar Guild is in need of more volunteers to prepare for communion in the Sanctuary. Women, men or families are welcome, so please pray about serving and contact the church office or Mary Jo Beene at 512/801-6965 if you are interested. Training is available.

***This Week's Gatherings:***

Mon.	IMAGE Articles Due!!	
	“Living a Chocolate Life” Class – Conference Room	4:00pm
	Narthex Reserved	7:00-8:30pm
	Scouts Orientation – Parish Hall	7:00-9:00pm
	Men’s Basketball	8:00pm
Tues.	Day School Transition Team– Conference Room	7:00pm
	Scouts New Leader Orientation – Parlor	7:00-9:00pm
Wed.	UP-Pville – Parish Hall	8:30am-3:00pm
	Trinity Care Center	10:00am
	Adult Choir	6:30pm
Thurs.	UP-Pville – Parish Hall	8:30am-3:00pm
	Narthex Reserved	6:00pm
Fri.	SWTS Women’s Convention – Kerrville	
Sat.	Narthex Rejuvenation Committee – Narthex	10:00am-1:00pm
Sun.	Regular Worship Service – Chapel & Sanctuary	7:45 & 11:00am
	Contemporary Worship Service – Parish Hall	8:45am
	Handbells Rehearsal	9:45am
	Sunday School	9:45am
	New Member Class – Chapel	10:00am
	Merry, Martha & Me Meeting – Narthex	12:00pm
	Heatherwilde Asst. Living	1:30pm
	Pflugerville Care Center	2:15pm

**GROW in the Word**

***Bible Studies this week:***

Mon.	Crafters Circle – Candy Hansen’s Studio Workroom	9:00am
Wed.	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	6:30pm

**Adult Class** – Conference Room – 10:00-10:45am - A Study of this Sunday’s Gospel.

**Adult Sunday School** – Parlor – 9:45am Lessons that confront the news with Scripture and hope. Spark and inspire meaningful discussions.

**Adult Sunday School** – Cry Room – 9:45am - "Living a Chocolate Life". Please join us as we continue this study.



**Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School** continuing with the Orange Curriculum every Sunday meets in the basement. **Students 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School** will meet downstairs in the Youth Room.

**Sunday School for college students and young adults:** "Hot Topic" led by James Kuempel electronically. Please call or text James (512/413-9121) to be included in the Facebook group.

**Prospective New Member Class** led by Pastor Tom begins next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am in the Chapel.

**"Leading a Chocolate Life" Bible Study** will begin on Monday, September 25th from 4:00-5:30pm in the conference room. We'll start with lesson 1 and run through all 8 week after week. If you aren't able to meet on Mondays, join Barbara Bohls Sunday School class on the 24th as she continues on with the study. Please let me know if you can make it. [susan@ilcpville.org](mailto:susan@ilcpville.org).

### **SERVE God by Serving People**

**Council Member & Elder Duty for September** – Brett Coleman is responsible this month for locking up the facility. Please contact him at 512/535-5397 or 512/287-9587 if you have any special facility needs. Elders this month are Barbara Bohls – early service (512-251-4857); Mark Sassman – middle service (512/680-8095); David Gifford – late service (512-989-0340). **Please contact them if you would like to assist with worship in September or go to <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> to sign up yourself.** If you are a visitor and need any assistance, an elder can help you! You can identify an elder by a person wearing a large red nametag.

**"Yellow Brick House" Food Pantry continues to be open weekly and needs:** We ask that you prayerfully consider helping with this ministry through the offering plate or by supplying any of the following items: 2 lb. sacks of white sugar; pints of mayonnaise; cereals; instant potatoes (Au Gratin, scalloped, mashed); county gravy mix (packets); cake mixes; cake frostings; knorr "sides" (rice in pouches); bottles of spaghetti sauce.

**Backpack Ministry** provides a small bag of food for at-need elementary school kids at Ruth Barron Elementary School each Friday. Please prayerfully consider donating any of the following items: 15 or 30 oz. ravioli with meat cans; single serve mac and cheese; canned chicken noodle soup; instant oatmeal packets or cups; fruit cups, individual servings; ramen cups; peanut butter crackers; popcorn, individual bags; granola bars; fruit snacks; goldfish crackers; shelf-stable milk (8 oz. boxes, any flavor).

**Visit the lower narthex** next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, for fellowship and to see the rejuvenation items on display. You can be part of the process by donating to the Lower Narthex Rejuvenation Fund. Let's make it happen!

**Every week** we come to the communion table to remember the body of Christ given for us and the blood of Christ shed for use. The middle service altar guild is looking for more people willing to come and set the table for this important feast. All are welcome and training is available. If you have questions please contact Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com - 512-619-5572 or sign-up online at <https://tinyurl.com/yasoa3co>.

**Sunday School Fundraiser:** Ladies mark your calendars for Monday, October 9th anytime between 4p-9p to come out to Charming Charlie (Stonehill) for our Sunday School annual fundraiser. No time like then to start Christmas shopping for all the fabulous girls in your life. See you there!

**Merry, Martha & Me:** Fabulous hostesses it's time to start thinking about your table for this year's Merry, Martha & Me. We'll gather as a group in the lower narthex on Sunday, October 1st at 12pm to go over this year's plan. Please let me know if you are able to host a table or if you'd like more information: [susan@ilcpville.org](mailto:susan@ilcpville.org).

**WELCA Project for September and October** - Personal Care Kits items are being collected to help individuals keep clean and healthy. A kit contains only the following: a bath towel, bath soap, a toothbrush, a sturdy comb and a nail clipper. See the Image Article for more details or pick up a slip from the displays located around the church.

This month we are also supporting **Texas Center Point Veterans Services** and **"Project Winter Comfort"** in an effort to serve our area's civilian and veteran homeless population. Our goal at ILC is to collect 200 tubes of toothpaste and toothbrushes. A collection box is located in the Lower Narthex. Contact Laura Thomas for more information at [lauren\\_66@icloud.com](mailto:lauren_66@icloud.com) or 706/604-9265.

**Attend our Backpack Ministry Shower:** Another way to contribute is by attending a special "shower" to help get our Backpack Ministry stocked up for the 2017-18 school year. Join us in the Narthex this morning from 9:45-10:55am to drop off food items or cash to get the new year started right!

**Congregational Polos and 3 Styles of Reformation 500 Shirts are available for order.** All proceeds will go to support Megan Freudenberg, Young Adult in Global Mission to Hungary. Reformation Day is October 29<sup>th</sup> – shirts will be here for us to celebrate!! Order forms are in the narthex & on the bulletin board outside Parish Hall and money is due by October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Katie Wegner with any questions.

**BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Tickets are on sale!!** Our 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders are selling tickets for their annual fall fundraiser. Plates are a \$10 donation and include ½ chicken, slaw, beans, bread, sauce and brownie. Please consider supporting our young people and get a yummy lunch in return. To-go plates will be served October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 1pm. Please contact Katie Wegner with any questions.

**Synod Middle School Youth Gathering – October 20-22<sup>nd</sup>:** Registration is underway for this year’s Synod Gathering at Camp Chrysalis. This is for all 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Cost is \$155, your account can be used. We also have scholarships if needed. Please contact Katie Wegner with any questions. Registration form and fee is due October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Foot Golf Outing – October 1<sup>st</sup>** we will go out to lunch and then go down to Harvey Penick Foot Golf Course to play a round. Make sure to RSVP for this by contacting Katie Wegner. Cost for foot golf will be \$15/player. Recommended 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up. BYOBall, size 5 recommended (we have lots of soccer families with plenty to go around if you need to borrow one).

GENERAL FUND		Immanuel Lutheran
Name _____	Address _____	The following pledge is gratefully acknowledged  Payable Cash    \$ _____  _____ Payments of \$ _____  Weekly _____ Monthly _____  Quarterly _____ Or _____  TOTAL PLEDGE    \$ _____  BEGINNING _____  Please make check payable to  Immanuel Lutheran Church
City _____	State _____ Zip _____	
Phone _____		
In consideration of my interest in Immanuel Lutheran Church and as an expression of thanks for God’s blessings to me, I desire to help in the General Fund and promise to pay to the best of my ability as follows:		
52 Weekly payments of \$ _____	per week totaling \$ _____	
12 Monthly payments of \$ _____	per month totaling \$ _____	
_____ payments of \$ _____	per _____ totaling \$ _____	
Cash or Check herewith _____	\$ _____	
Total Commitment _____	\$ _____	

**The Stewardship Committee** will use the above pledge card this year in support of the 2018 General Fund Budget development. Pledge cards will cover **only** the General Fund and you are encouraged to continue your giving to programs and ministries of Immanuel in addition. The cards will be available October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Visitation Ministry:** Are you someone who enjoys visiting with others and sharing friendly conversation? If so, please consider being a part of ILC's visitation ministry. We visit church members who are no longer able to be out and about. Our teams are comprised of two individuals who are given the names of those to be visited. If you would like to assist or need more information call Sharion Tanner at 512-990-9645.

**"Reformation The Musical"** is a fully-staged historical theatrical musical that focuses on Martin Luther's 16th century attempt to reform the Roman Catholic Church. It will be presented at Triumphant Love Lutheran Church, 9508 Great Hills Trail in Austin, TX 78759. Performances are October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm and October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm. For ticket information visit the website at: [www.tllc.org](http://www.tllc.org).

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** Early: 41 – Middle: 97 - Late: 111

### **Serving Today Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Organists: Joy Arnhamn and Vernagene Mott  
Choir Director: Renee Kesselring  
Acolytes: Marah Kluge & Allison Morris (7:45)  
Haidyn Damstrom & Taryn Bittick (11:00)  
Sept. Elders: Barbara Bohls (early) Mark Sassman (middle) David Gifford (late)  
Readers: Marie Davis (7:45) Mark Sassman (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)  
Communion Assts: Marie Davis (7:45) Mark & Bonnie Sassman, **2 needed** (8:45)  
Janelle Hebbe, **2 needed** (11:00)  
Chapel Assts: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley (7:45) **1 needed** (11:00)  
Ushers: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)  
Children's Message: Jennifer Hoffman (8:45) Rebecca Dittmar (11:00)  
Console/Projectionist: Vera Gebert (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)  
Coffee Maker: Lon Duke  
Middle Service Communion Host: Elizabeth Arndt  
Altar Guild: Mary Jo Beene

### **Serving Next Week (Oct 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Organists: Joy Arnhamn and Vernagene Mott

Choir Director: Renee Kesselring

Acolytes: Connor Herring & Reese Krause (7:45)  
Catherine & Jacqueline Kruse (11:00)

Oct. Elders: Kelly Knobloch (early) Carol Fletcher (middle) Beverly Wolff (late)

Readers: **1 needed** (7:45) Carol Fletcher (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Communion Assts.: **1 needed** (7:45) Carol Fletcher, **3 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin,  
**2 needed** (11:00)

Chapel Assts: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley (7:45) Lon Duke (11:00)

Ushers: **4 needed** (7:45) Carol Fletcher, **3 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Children's Message: Katie Wegner (8:45 & 11:00)

Console/Projectionist: Charles Mott (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)

Coffee Maker: Hal Kuempel

Middle Service Communion Host: Lou Smith

Altar Guild: Belia Cano, JoAnn VanBurkleo, Martha Sansom

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

The first system of music consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody line with notes and rests. The bass staff contains a bass line with notes and rests. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three numbered lines of text corresponding to the three parts of the music.

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

The second system of music consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody line with notes and rests. The bass staff contains a bass line with notes and rests. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three lines of text corresponding to the three parts of the music.

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## Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

## Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

## *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



### *Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se- cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,