



9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2014

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Emanuel

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.

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(Please ask an usher)

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9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 2014

9:30 AM

PRELUDE *Medley of Spirituals* arr. R.W. Thygerson

WELCOME

GATHERING SONGS

I Love You, Lord Purple Book #67
Beauty for Brokenness Purple Book #17

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*A brief silence for reflection.*) Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen

*(See next page for **Now the Feast and Celebration**)*

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

Bible page 322-323

L A reading from First Kings.

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have

forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

Bible page 1032

L A reading from Romans.

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless

they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Bible page 892

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 14.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith" who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus

immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL RESPONSE *(See previous page for Gospel Acclamation)*

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Marvin Abrahamson

HYMN OF THE DAY

All My Hope on God Is Founded

Red Book #757

APOSTLE'S CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the 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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Filled by the Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus in praying for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. You are invited to kneel. *(A brief silence.)*

A Lord of all, how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news. We pray for missionaries across the world. Keep them safe and bless the work they do in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You have given us vast seas, great lands, and abundant natural resources to feed a hungry planet. Give us also grateful hearts and willing hands to care for these good gifts. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Be present with those across this earth who are hiding from their enemies, and who are afraid they are all alone. Wrap them securely in the mantle of your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Calm the storms that sweep across families dealing with the death of a loved one, and the grief of those who mourn. Fill their aching hearts with your peace and hope for the future. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Guide pastors, teachers, volunteers, and worship planners as they prepare educational opportunities for all ages, and creative ways to worship you. Place your word on their lips and in their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Faithful One, thank you for all the saints who have gone before us. We take heart in your saving grace, which reaches out to us across all eternity. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

P Please rise.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Johnie Dean

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Marvin Abrahamson

P Please rise.

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus **took bread**,
 and gave thanks; broke it,
 and gave it to his disciples,
 saying: Take and eat;
 this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
 he **took the cup**, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink,
 saying: This cup
 is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people
 for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

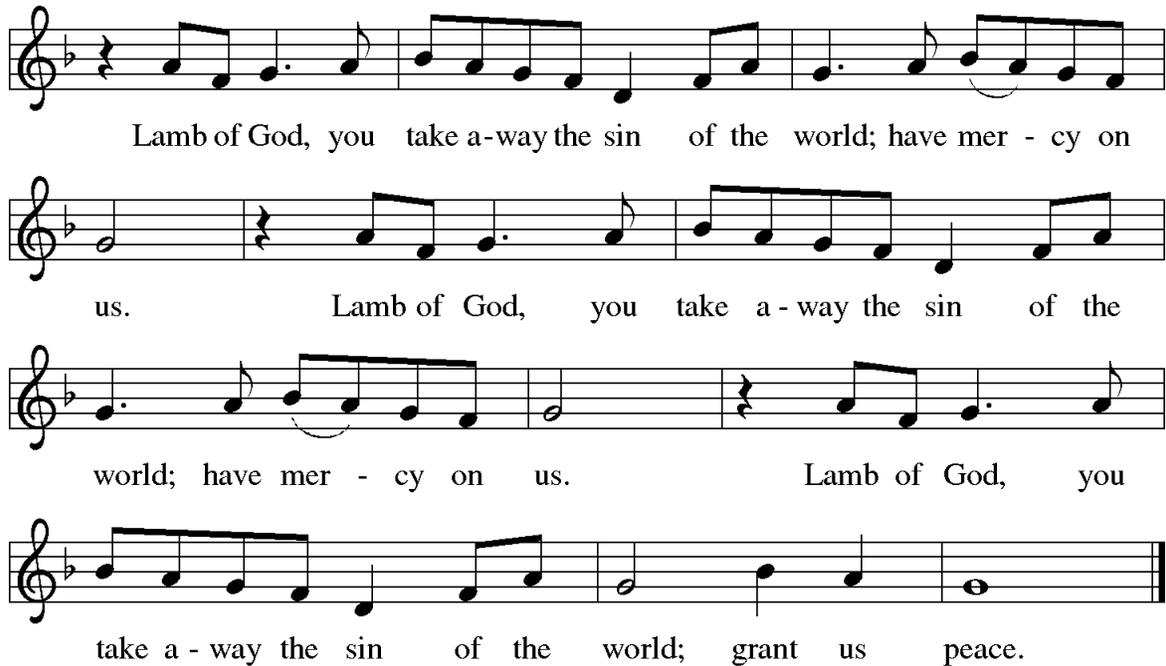
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Everyone who hungers, come to the table. Eat what is good, that you may live.

Please be seated.

We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to commune.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Red Book #773

When Peace Like a River

Red Book #785

BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A 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

BLESSING

P May God the sower make you good and fertile soil. May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions. May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives. God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* Red Book #763

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Festival Recessional* Franklin Ritter

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

- Presiding Minister..... Pastor Marvin Abrahamson
- Assisting Minister.....Eric Obermeyer
- Lector.....Dianne Santana
- Piano AccompanistMarilyn Rowland
- Song Leader Paula Barton/Kathleen Reuter
- Communion Assistant.....
- Usher/Greeter Dieterich/Reuter
- Altar Team Debbie Van Diepen

Announcements

Today's Events

8:30 AM – Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM – Communion Service

10:45 – Food for the Poor
Presentation

Flowers on the altar are given to honor the blessings of friends and family by Nirul Castleberry.

Flowers are also given by the Reinheimers in celebration of Ila's birthday.



Bi-Annual Meeting Pt. 2 will be held next Sunday, August 17 at 10:45 am.

Please Note: Choir rehearsals will resume next Sunday, August 17, after the service.

Where in the World is Jesus? Remember Jesus in your travels and be sure to mark the map in the Narthex.

Ministry Night is will be this Wednesday, August 13 at 7 pm.

Emanuel Youth will gather for ceramics and pool time at the Kroeze's on next Sunday, August 17 at 3:30 pm. Please note that there has been a change in the date and time.

CANA will meet in Luther Hall on Wednesday August 13 at 6:00 pm to discuss the College Ave. "Road Diet" Concept..

For more info: <http://www.modestogov.com/ced> or call Michael Sacuskie (209) 571-5552



You Have the Words of Eternal Life

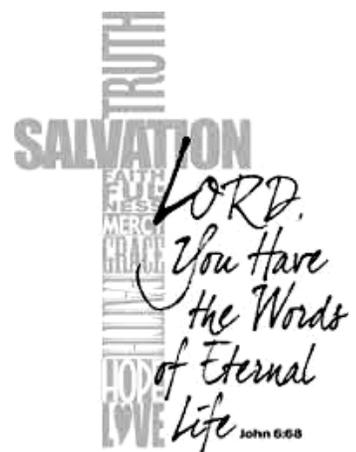
Yes, YOU!

Peter said it about Jesus. But now Jesus says it about you. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matt. 28:19-20) These are the words with which our Lord commissions all of his disciples. When we read the words of scripture during the service on Sunday we are sharing the words of eternal life. The **redeemed** life. The **new** life in Christ. The life that lasts—**eternally**.

It is no small task. While it may be true that anybody can read, not every reading is riveting. But we might also agree that the words of eternal life ought to, need to, and certainly can engage our imaginations, help us understand the law's demands, and assure us of God's grace.

We will provide a workshop **at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 9** in which we will explore many ways and means to improve our reading of scripture aloud in worship. If you are currently serving as a reader or assistant minister, or if you are interested in exploring this opportunity to serve, this one's for you. Come find out how **you** can make a difference!

After all, we have the words of eternal life to share, and we want to sound like it!



A Special Presentation

Please join us after service to hear The Rev. Martin Abrahamson speak about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Pastor Abrahamson will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Pastor Marv was ordained in 1985 into the ALC and he has served Lutheran parishes in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and California. This included five years of service on the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Indian Reservation in North Dakota.



FOOD FOR THE POOR

Food For The Poor was founded on the basis of the Gospel. We seek out the poorest of the poor in 16 different countries, aiding some of the most destitute. In each face we see the living Christ, who is hungry, thirsty, a stranger and naked. Our ministry focuses on the greatest needs of the destitute. Just as our Lord served those society ignored, we are there; feeding the hungry, building water wells for thirsty villages, building houses for the homeless, aiding the impoverished elderly, raising orphans in a loving atmosphere of Christian discipline, healing the sick or overcoming illiteracy by supporting schools.

“As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me.” - Matt. 25:40

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
		7 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 Communion Service 10:45 Bi-Annual Mtg. Pt. 2
		6 pm CANA				10:45 Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ B. Schroeder's		7 pm Ministry Mtg.				3:30 pm Youth at Kroeze's Ceramics/ Pool

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lector/CA	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Aug 17	Pr. Lee Heim	Bob Dailey		Bill Reinheimer	Allie Shank	Holtz/ Salonen	Marsha Waggoner
Aug 24	Dianne Finnecy	Paula Barton	Susan McCready	Mary Dieterich		Owen Family	Marsha Waggoner
Aug 31	Pr. Bill Ruth	Kathleen Reuter		Chris Schmidt	Emily Cline	Petersen Family	Pat Norquist

Weekly Bible Readings	
August 17 Time After Pentecost	August 24 Time After Pentecost
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20



Praise Report: Pat Norquist shares that “Nita Hinrichsen is much better now and thanks everyone for their prayers.”

New Prayer Requests: Bob Dailey—healing and health (Dailey); for a Muslim friend who is trying to believe and be a Christian (visitor Melina Dirro); for Christian people in Iraq and Syria (visitor Marina Dirro)

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Susan Hayes; Dianne Santana; Carolyn Crenwelge

Our Homebound Members: Harvey Hardel, Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Shelda Fritts; Alma Johnson, Betty Mason

Our Family: Steve & Nancy Jeske (B. Norquist); Melody Saldivar (Saldivar); Joyce Shockley (Nelson); Sharon (Owen); Sarah Robertson (Murray); James Sullivan (Hollmann); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Geraldine Walton (Hollmann); Boyce and Norma Lutes (Teaney); Tami Garza (J. Johnson); Ali Moraitis (Watkins); Jennifer Turner (P. Smith); Harold Graff (Owen); Doug Gilbert (Jones); Jim Peterson (Silva); Stan Schmidt (Schmidt); Benjamin Santana (Santana)

Our Friends: Devon (Fritts); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Barbara (Owen); Rosie Egesdal (Nelson); Jeanne (Watkins); John Turner (Turner); Tim O’Roerk (Murray); Bud Stone & family (Reinheimer); Jennifer (Watkins); Donna Thayer (Peterson); Linda and Dave (Watkins); Shawn Knutson (Wilke); Rev. Benny and Regina Bush; Jordan (K. Dailey); Irene Whitmore (Rowland); Karen & Michelle (Watkins); Bonnie Vincent (Norquist); Scott Farrel (Crawford); Bill and Marcia Webb (Reinheimers); Kevin Davis (Hollmann); Donna Roninger (Wilke); Richard Anderson (Jones)

We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.



Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Lakenheath Air Base, England and **Joey Sabel, USMC** in Louisville, Kentucky (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland’s grandson & grandson-in-law), **Timothy Kramer** in Afghanistan (Megan Armes’ brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

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.