

Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #769

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from Genesis.

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

sung to the melody from

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

- 1 I lift my eyes up to the hills—
Where does my help come from?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, who made
the heav'ns and earth—it comes!

- 3 He won't allow your foot to slip;
His watch o'er you He keeps.
- 4 For He who watches Israel—
He slumbers not nor sleeps.
- 5 The Lord's your keeper; He keeps watch—
He's shade at your right hand.
- 6 The sun won't harm you in the day,
Nor moon at night—you'll stand!
- 7 The Lord will keep you from all harm;
Your life He watches o'er.
- 8 The Lord guards as you come and go
both now and evermore.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

A reading from 2 Timothy.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires

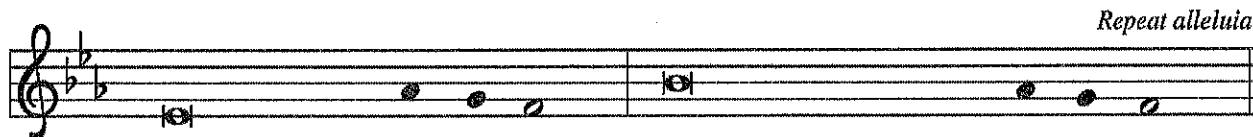
⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.
Word of God Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 12



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



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Vicar Jake

HYMN OF THE DAY #698

"How Long, O God"

APOSTLES' 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

God of grace, receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.

OFFERING

TOWER RINGERZ

"Lord, Speak to Me"
by Robert Schumann
arranged by Sandra Eithun

OFFERING PRAYER

**Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

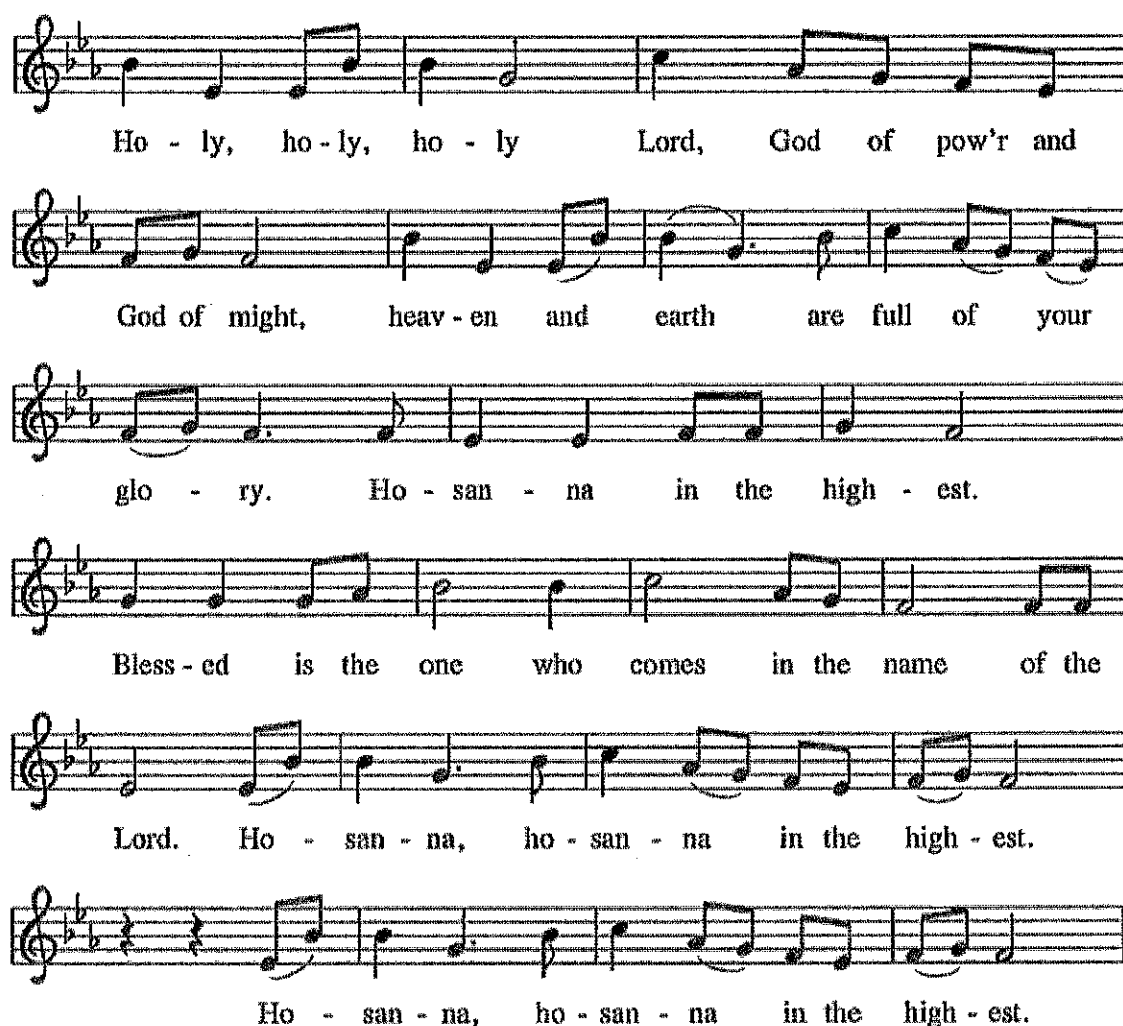
GREAT THANKSGIVING

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 12



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting 12



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

TOWER RINGERZ

"Be Thou My Vision"
arranged by Sandra Eithun

COMMUNION HYMN #544 "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING FOR VICAR JAKE

People of God at Zion Lutheran Church,
Do you release Vicar Jake from service at Zion?

We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN #543 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Creating Community through God's Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Attendance:

Last Week: 72

Last Year: 98

Announcements!

We have a new pastor. His name is Rev. Jason Poole-Xiong. See the bulletin board to learn about him. His official start date is Oct. 27.

Today we will have a Celebration of Vicar Jake's time here at Zion. We would like to wish him well with a brunch after the 9:00 service. Vicar Jake will be preaching on Oct. 26.

Our sound system and online viewing is back up and running. The speakers in the back of the church are not presently working so you can always move to the pews before the balcony to be able to hear.

There will not be Bible Study today due to the brunch for Vicar Jake. We are not sure if there will be one on Oct. 26th due to Vicar Jake leaving. It will be in the bulletin when the last 2 Bible Studies will resume.

Trunk or Treat will be happening in Zion's parking lot on Oct. 31. If you would like to have your car in this event please let the office know. You do not need to decorate your car you can just pass out candy. If you are unable to participate maybe you would be willing to donate some candy. There will be a box at the back of the sanctuary for you to put your donation in.

A Daily Discipleship, which is a take home Bible Study, will be on the wall across from the bulletin board as you enter the church through the Winnebago Street doors or on the table in the back of the sanctuary. They are for you to take with you. It is also on the website in the section where the weekly bulletin is.

Remember to bring things for the blessing box. It is used on a daily basis by many in the community. Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables with tab on top and canned soup with tab on top are good things but whatever you find on sale is appreciated also.

Today there is an insert entitled "Remembrance List for All Saints Day". You will have an opportunity to share past or present names that you wish to be remembered on All Saints Sunday, November 2. Please complete the form and put it in the collection plate today or on October 26th so we have them in advance.

If you are wondering what is happening with the old Columbus School this is what they are doing with it. They are leading a program called the RISE Program. Students who attend RISE are placed due to significant special education needs. Student success is achieved through: Lower student-to-staff ratio, Direct classroom instruction utilizing adaptive and alternative teaching methods to meet students where they are at throughout each day, modified schedule with lots of flexibility - No bell schedule, able to adjust based on what the student is able to manage at any moment. individual and small group Social Emotional Learning incorporated into core subject areas as well as Trauma Informed Care Practices, in-class completion of schoolwork with adult help to maximize learning and eliminate the need for homework, minimal transitions of staff reducing student anxiety. Classroom spaces and environment outfitted to meet the unique needs of students (entrance, secured space, multiple classrooms with individual bathroom access). It is good to hear that the school is being used in some way.

"The Center for Suicide Awareness is inviting anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide to join our monthly support group which is held on the second Monday of every month throughout the year beginning at 6:30pm at St. Joseph Parish, 404 W. Lawrence St., Appleton. The support group meets in the Holly Hall building which is located between the church and the parking lot. There is no pre-registration required. Just come."

Linwood Community will be sponsoring a program about scams on Monday, November 3, 10 AM. Anyone is a target of consumer fraud. It's important to be aware of the latest scam schemes. Join us for a presentation by the dedicated experts from the Appleton Police Department and Unison Credit Union to learn about the latest scams that are circulating in our community.

Edison Community Walking School Bus Assistants needed!

A Walking School Bus (WSB) is a safe and fun way for children to get physical activity as they travel to and from school with adult supervision. Edison's 'bus' walks along a set route beginning on the Corner of State and Packard with two adults leading it, picking children up at designated stops along Packard and North on a predetermined route and walking them to school. Volunteers are needed to support the Walking School Bus leaders by walking along with the group and providing extra help watching for cars and keeping the children safe. No experience necessary. A short training will be provided. Interested volunteers should contact Jennie at mickejennifer@aasd.k12.wi.us. This is a low commitment but high impact volunteer opportunity. It's easy and fun!

Sunday, October 19th

Gen 32:22-31; Ps 121

2 Tim 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:40 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

Lectionary 29 (Pentecost 19)

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Tom Meltz

Reader: Pennie Reis

Acolyte: Lily Gruselle

Musician: William Surtees

Opens/Closes: Gwen Schwandt

Greeters: Joyce List, Gary Busch

Monday, October 20th

Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 22nd

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

Sunday, October 26th

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 46

Rom 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:40 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

Reformation Sunday

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs

Reader: Diana Staedt

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens: Gene Wiese

Closes: Tammy Mossholder

Greeters: Linda Wirtz, Joe Schiedermayer

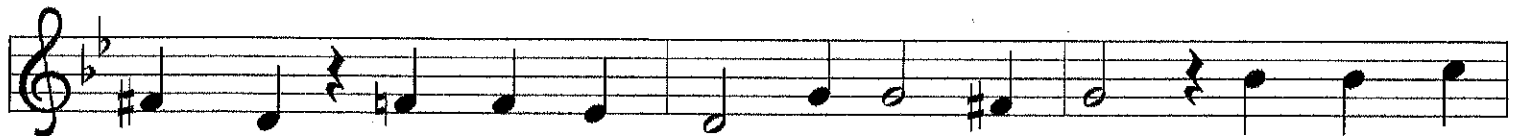
If You But Trust in God to Guide You



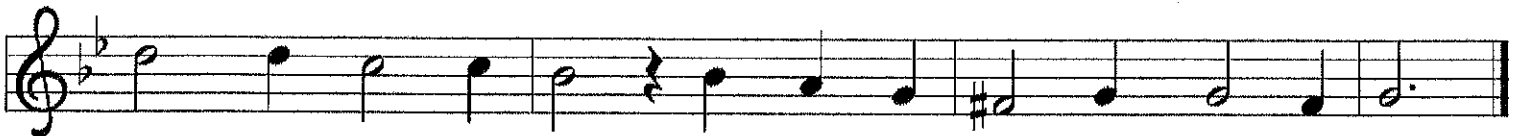
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

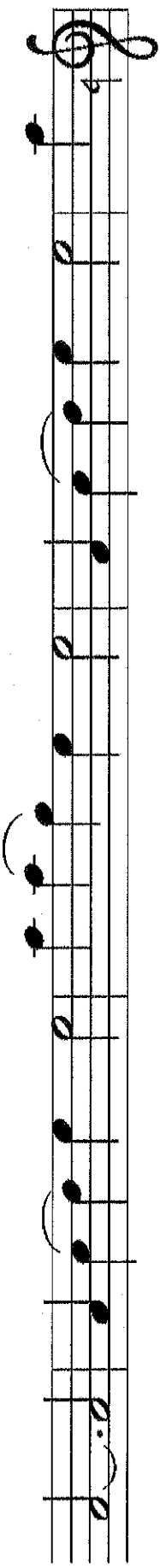
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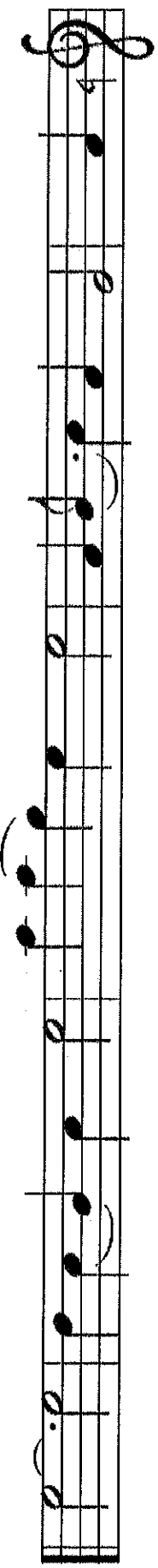
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How Long, O God



1 "How long, O God?" the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own,
2 The e - vil lurks with - in, with-out, it threat-ens to de - stroy
3 Your grace, O God, seems far a - way; will heal - ing ev - er come?
4 How can we hope? How can we sing? O God, set free our voice
5 "How long, O God?" the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own.



for we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, and far a - way from home.
the frag - ile cords that make us one, that bind our hearts in joy.
Our bro - ken lives lie bro - ken still; will night give way to dawn?
to name the sor - rows, name the pain, that we might yet re - joice.
Though we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, our God will lead us home.

Text: Ralph F. Smith, 1950-1994

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

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Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

[illegible]

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

The first line of musical notation is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The line ends with a repeat sign.

vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.

[illegible]

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

The first line of musical notation is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half), C4 (half), Bb3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half), C3 (half). The line ends with a double bar line.

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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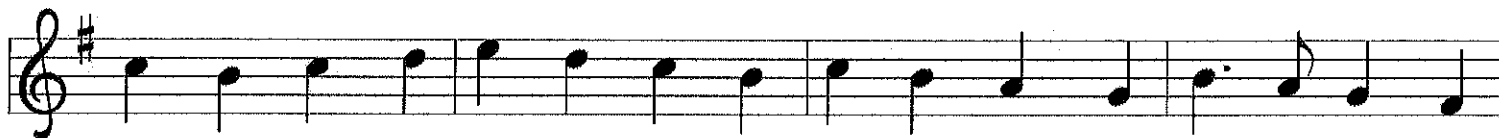
Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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