Reformation Lutheran Church

October 12, 2025 | 8:30 am

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to Reformation!

Called by Christ, we **INVITE** all people, **SERVE** our neighbors, and **BUILD** a living faith.

Welcome! First time visitors are invited to stop by our welcome center in the lobby.
All are invited to **check in** with us using the friendship pads in your row or online at relcmedia.org/hello.

Land Acknowledgement – Reformation is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Lenapehoking (Lenni-Lenape) people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

Children in worship are a blessing. We invite our smallest members to sit toward the front where it is easiest for them to see and hear worship and to join the pastors for the Sermon on the Steps. A Pray Ground space is available during worship at the back of the sanctuary. Worship Bags can be filled at the Pray Ground and taken to your seat. A professionally staffed nursery is available for children from birth to age 4. Worship is livestreamed to the nursery as well as to the lobby. A family restroom is located on the lower level.

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Our Prayer List can be found at relcmedia.org/virtualchurch. To make your prayer request known, please call or email the church office at 610-891-0600, rlc@relcmedia.org.

Worship is livestreamed and recorded. If you do not wish to be on camera, please sit in the balcony or speak to a pastor.

Williams Personal PA Receivers are available for use by the hearing impaired.

Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Gathering

*Please stand as you are able **Congregational responses are indicated in bold**

Prelude What God Ordains, is Good Indeed setting, Robert J. Powell

Welcome and Announcements

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Confession and Forgiveness*

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

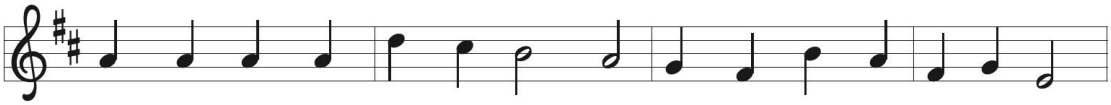
[Silence is kept for reflection.]

Gracious God,
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. Reform us to be a church empowered by your love, acting for justice and seeking the healing of your whole creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

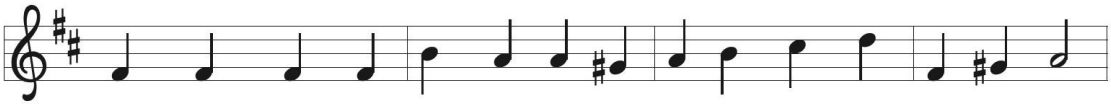
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.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

Gathering Song* Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven Hymn 864

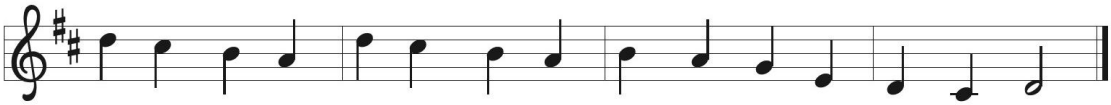
Verse 1 – **All**
Verse 2 – **Lower voices**
Verse 3 – **Upper voices**
Verse 4 - **All**



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un-chang-ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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*

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading

2 Kings 5:1-3; 7-15c

A reading from second Kings.

[1] Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high
favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man,
though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. [2] Now the Arameans on one
of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served
Naaman's wife. [3] She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet
who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." [7] When the king of Israel
read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this
man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he
is trying to pick a quarrel with me." [8] But when Elisha the man of God heard that the
king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you
torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in
Israel." [9] So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance
of Elisha's house. [10] Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan
seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." [11] But
Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would
surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would
wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! [12] Are not Abana and
Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not
wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. [13] But his servants
approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do
something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said
to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" [14] So he went down and immersed himself seven
times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored
like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. [15a, b, c] Then he returned to the man of
God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know
that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

A reading from second Timothy.

8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my
gospel, 9 for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a
criminal. But the word of God is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure everything for the
sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
with eternal glory. 11 The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live
with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also
deny us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.
14 Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid
wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are
listening. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a
worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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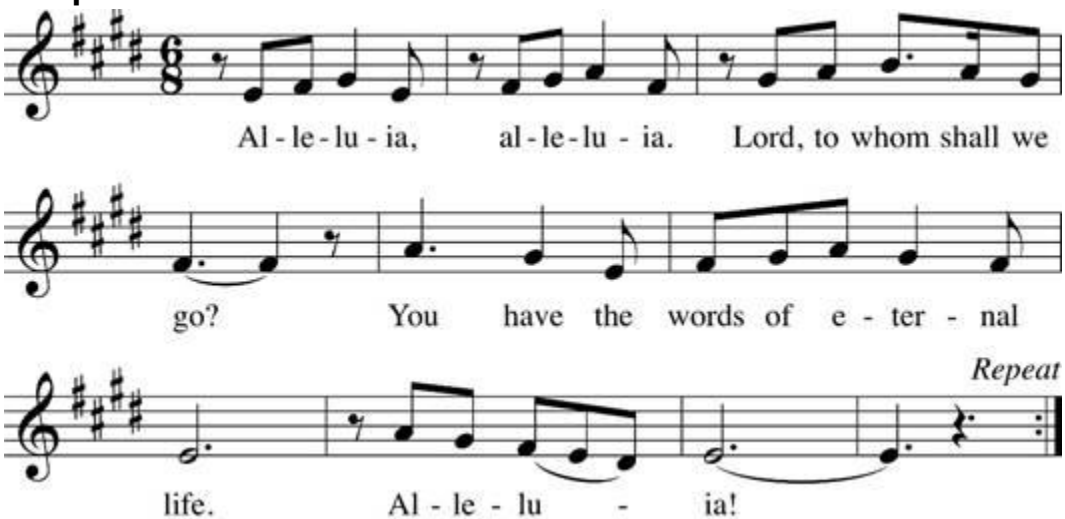
Gospel Acclamation*



Gospel* Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

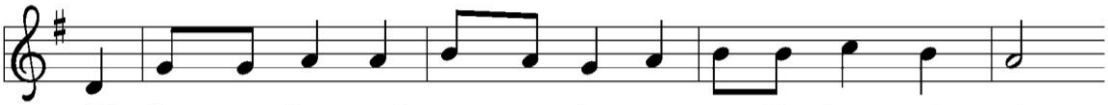
11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and
Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him.
Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on
us!” 14 When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the
priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw
that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated
himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus
asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? 18 Did none of them
return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” 19 Then he said to him, “Get up and
go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

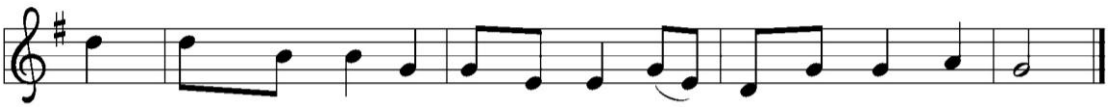
Sermon on the Steps

Sermon

Hymn of the Day* Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Hymn 886



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Apostles' Creed*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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*

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

[After each prayer petition:]

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

[The prayers conclude:]

Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls*

Peace*

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

[The people greet one another with "Peace be with you" and a sign of Christ's peace.]

Mission Moment

Meal

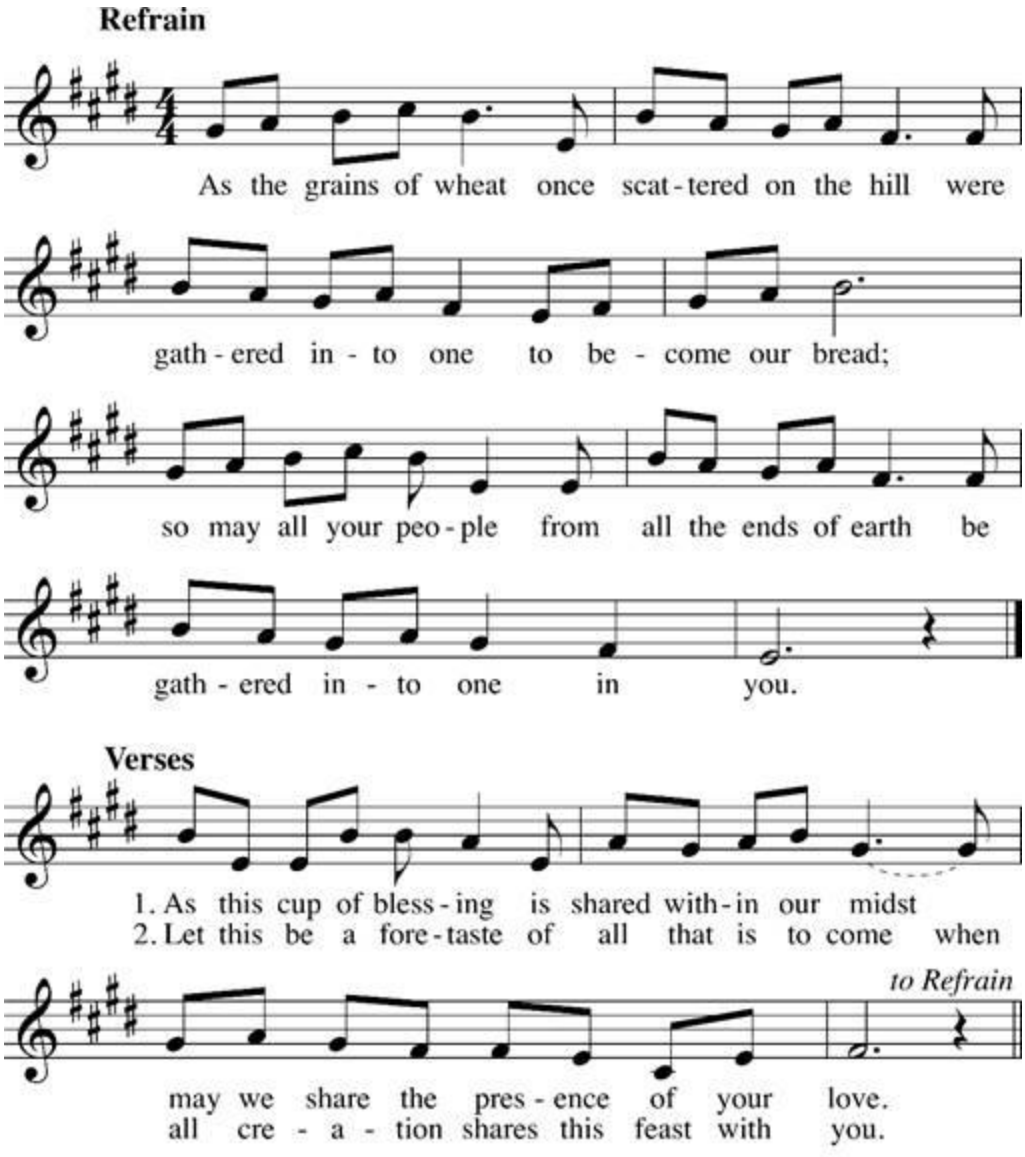
Offering

[Use pew envelopes, scan to give online,
or text 844-628-3176 with the amount you wish to give.]

Musical Offering

Simple Thanks — Becki Slagle May
Chancel Choir

Setting the Table*



Offering Prayer*

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

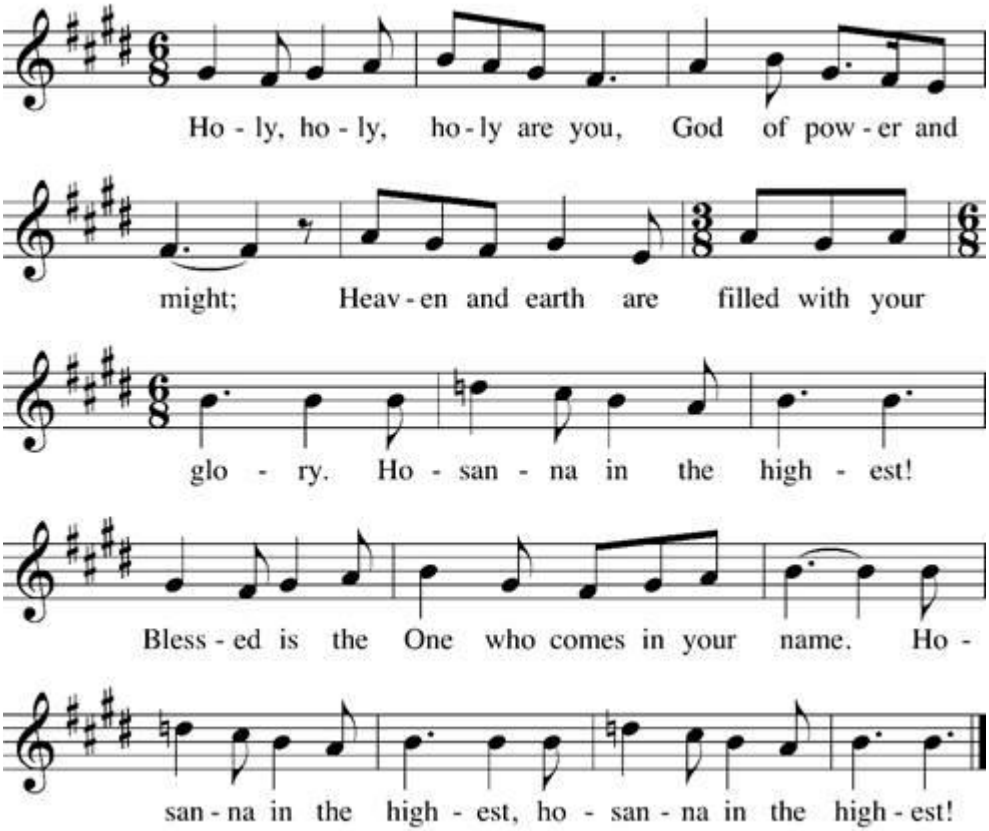
Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Blessed are you, . . . as he comes to us in his holy supper.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
In the night . . . remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer*

Joining our hearts and voices, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
Thanks be to God!

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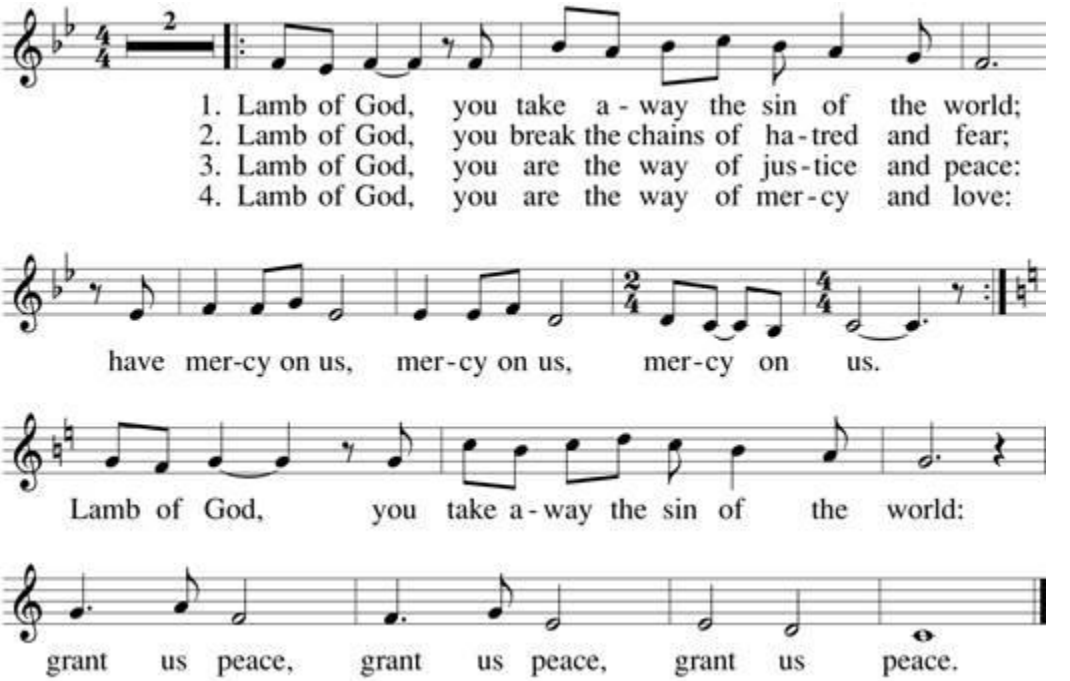
[The assembly sings the following during communion:]

Lamb of God



Communion Song

Eat This Bread

Hymn 472

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

Table Blessing*

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

Prayer after Communion*

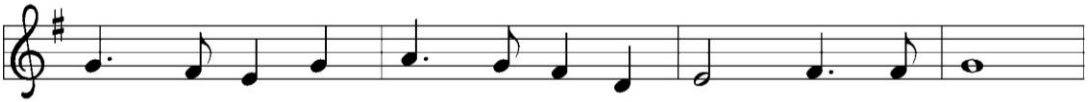
Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

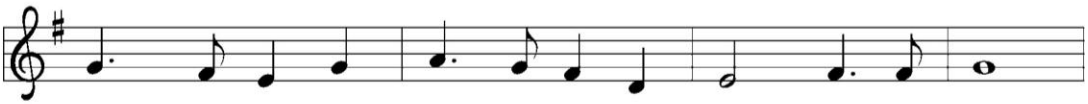
Blessing*

God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

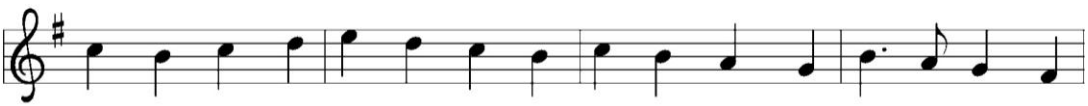
Sending Song* Go, My Children, with My Blessing Hymn 543



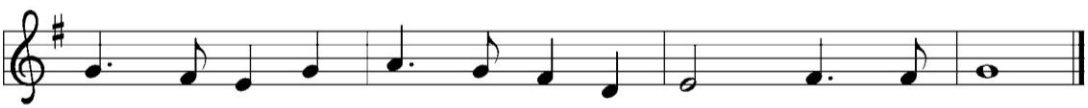
1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



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.



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Dismissal*

Called by Christ,
We invite all people, serve our neighbors, and build a living faith.

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

March in C — David N. Johnson

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We serve our neighbors following the teachings of Christ. Reformation responds to the needs of the most vulnerable - providing nourishment and comfort, supporting the work of the local and global church, and protecting God's creation for future generations.

We build a living faith emboldened by the Holy Spirit. Reformation embodies the unconditional love of God through worshiping and learning together and valuing the gifts of everyone. To create the fullness of our community of faith, we nurture relationships, pursue racial equity and gender justice, and advocate for the wellbeing of the marginalized.

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