

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Augustana Lutheran Church



September 6, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are so glad you joined us for worship today. Yes, we're talking to YOU! If you are new to our church, here are a few notes we hope help you feel at home.

- **ALL ARE WELCOME** in our faith community: Whether you were in church last Sunday, last year, or this is your very first time; no matter who you are or what your life experiences are; no matter your background, address, age, or income. We're glad you're here!
- In our Lutheran tradition, it's all about grace! Everything begins with the freely given gift of God's love for us and for all creation. We hope you find that reflected in our worship and preaching today.
- In our Lutheran tradition, we think a lot about the words we use for and with God, and we tend to use a lot of words in worship. You are invited to participate by joining us in saying any part printed in bold and singing. Sit/stand where indicated if it's comfortable for your body.
- Please do not feel obliged to make an offering as a visitor. If you would like to give anyway, you can do so by putting your contribution in the offering plate or giving electronically (see our announcements for instructions). We know that financial offerings are only one way people give back to God.
- Hymns can generally be found in the red hymnal in your pew, listed by number. Hymns are printed for you in large print bulletins.
- All are welcome at the table of Holy Communion. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to speak with our pastor before or after worship.
- If you are new to us, and are so inclined, we would love to have your contact information. Please fill out one of the visitor cards found in our pew and put it in the offering plate. We promise not to spam you!
- Our church isn't open only on Sunday mornings! See the announcements for a hint of everything going on.

GET IN TOUCH!

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Please Pray For:

Spencer
Ken
Rocco—cancer
Jerry—waiting for surgery
Courtney—cancer
Sister Nora
Barbara
Joel—cancer
Larry
Elizabeth—recurring cancer
Rachelle
Deb
John
Roy
Jane—cancer
Steglemann family
Loved ones of Janet
Military Service Members
Victims of earthquakes in
Columbia and Indonesia

Those recovering from storms
throughout Indiana

Victims of flooding in Nepal and
Tibet

Worship Server Schedule

Pastor – Rev. Emily Trubey-Weller

Accompanist – Ethan Ford

Assisting Minister – Nancy Tinder

Lector – Nancy Tinder

Acolyte – Leah Moyer

Technology Server – Mark Moyer

Ushers – Dave & Janet Ermis

Altar Guild – Jerry & Doris Koontz

Children's Church Next Week

Emily Moyer and Leah M./Dorothy M.

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Thank you for your generosity!



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 6, 2026 thru Sunday, September 13, 2026

Sunday, September 6 ~ 11 AM – Worship with Fellowship in Narthex before & after
Pentecost 15 ~ 1st Sunday Dinner

Wednesday, September 9 ~ 4 PM – Middle School Youth Group at Grace
~ 4:45-5:45 PM – Confirmation Class at Grace

Thursday, September 10 ~ 10-11 AM – God's Gifts Pantry
~ 4 PM – Holy Communion at Grace

Sunday, September 13 ~ 11 AM – Combined Worship at Camp Lutherwald, Picnic following
Pentecost 16 ~ Children's Church begins

1st Sunday Dinner after worship TODAY please join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

Children's Church New classes begin September 13th.

Helpers Needed Mary Daly Elementary School needs an After-School Program Helper Monday through Thursday from 2-4 PM September 14th-December 17th. Duties include:

2-3 PM – lead a group of students through snack time, restroom break, and an engaging activity that will be provided. Helpers will have a High School Education student assisting them.

3-4 PM – Work with students in small groups under the direction of a classroom teacher. Encourage positive behavior, teamwork, creativity, and participation, help create a welcoming and supportive environment where students can learn and have fun. For more information or if you are interested in helping, please contact Hannah Harmon (Site Coordinator) at 574.295.4943 or you can email her at hlharmon@elkhart.k12.in.us

Throughout September our Noisy Offering bucket donations in the back will go to Lutheran Disaster Response of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod: Communities across our Synod have experienced an unprecedented number of severe weather events this summer, from tornadoes and damaging winds to widespread flooding. More than 60 Indiana counties have been affected by severe weather in recent days. In the midst of this ongoing response, Jayme Beneker, our IN-KY Disaster Response Coordinator, is working with officials and community partners across the state to identify where help is needed most. She is also connecting with congregations in affected areas to assess needs and make sure people in our communities are safe. One immediate need is for flood buckets, which contain basic cleaning supplies for people whose homes have been damaged by floodwaters. Each bucket costs about \$50. Today's noisy offering will go to the IN-KY Disaster Response Fund to help provide these supplies where they are needed most. Thank you as always for your generosity!

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law.

We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

A note on worship: Today is the last day for our summer worship setting (the words and music that repeat every week). Next week we will begin with a new setting.

+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING MUSIC – ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (Choir)

Welcome to our year of listening!

At Augustana Lutheran Church we are amid a year of listening. During this year we are taking intentional time to listen more closely to the voices of God, one another, and our neighbors.

In worship, this means spending time in quiet as we begin to center ourselves and prepare to listen for God's voice. We will start with song, sit in silence, then be called to worship by the singing bowl (an instrument of prayer and meditation). Of course, during this time we anticipate some noise and wiggling from little ones. If you need guidance to begin, consider placing both feet firmly on the floor, gently closing your eyes, and taking long, deep breaths. You may also choose a word (such as a name for God) to return to during the time of quiet whenever your mind begins to wander to other things.

You are invited to sing in dialog with the leader:

All Who Are Thirsty

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the 'Leader' and the second and third are for 'All'. The lyrics are: 'All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. There's e - nough for all.' The music features a simple melody with a repeat sign at the beginning of the 'All' part.

Leader All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. There's e - nough for all.

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979

Music: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, Brian Wentzel

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We sit together into an extended moment of silence. The singing bowl calls us to worship.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable, and to face our baptismal font.

P. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C. Amen.

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

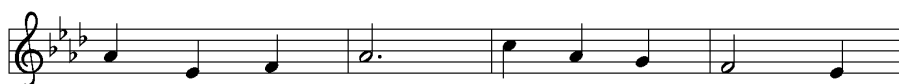
Silence is kept for reflection.

- P. Most merciful God,
- C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
- P. By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of  Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
- C. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN – *Earth and All Stars vv. 1-4*

You are invited to join in singing and face the cross as it is carried in.

Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!		Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!
3	En - gines	and	steel!		Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!		Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!		Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!



Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!		Loud	build - ing	work - ers!
Ath - lete	and	band!		Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!
Daugh - ter	and	son!		Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!



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Refrain

God	has	done	mar	-	vel - ous	things.
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I	too	sing	prais - es	with a	new	song!
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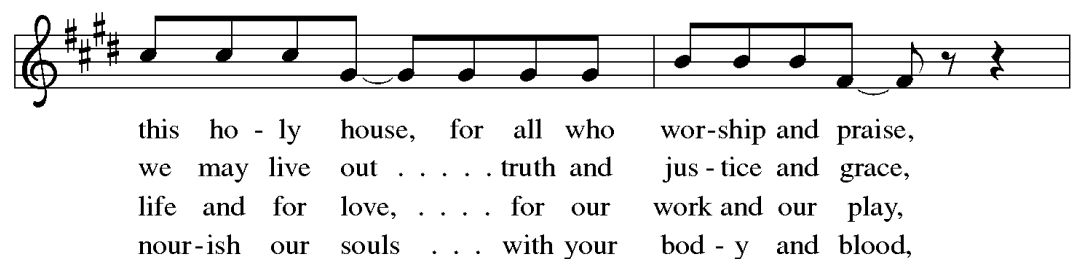
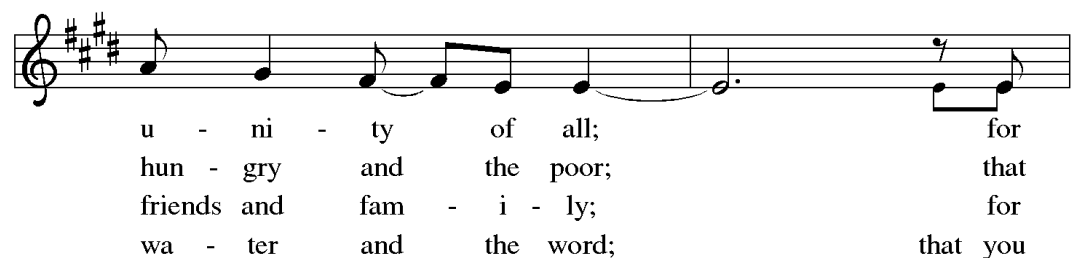
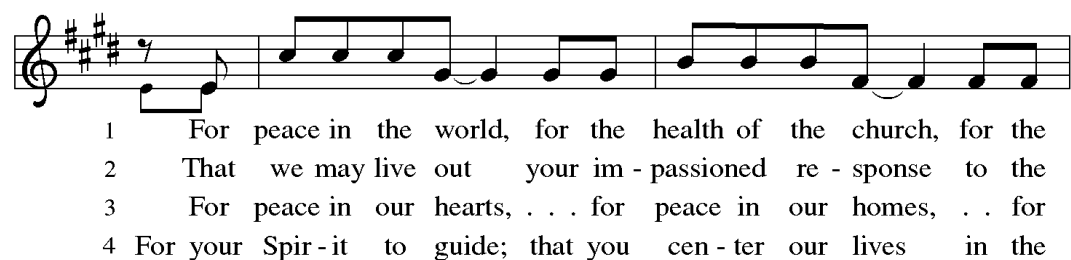
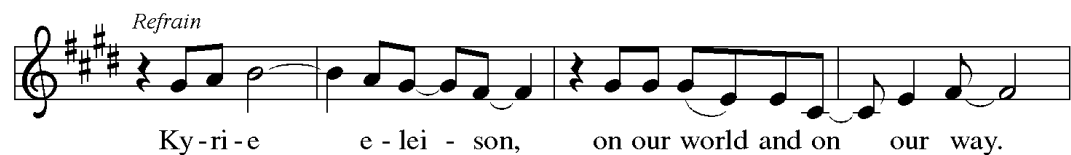
GREETING

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

C. And also with you.

KYRIE

You are invited to join in singing. "Kyrie eleison" means "Lord have mercy."



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray. O Lord God,
enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy...
the pastor continues... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

Please be seated.

+ WORD +

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

PSALM – Psalm 119:33-40

*The psalm for the day is read responsively, with the congregation reading **bold** text.*

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING – Romans 13:8-12

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

A. A reading from Romans.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

You are invited to stand as comfortable and to sing to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL – Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.

If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.

¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loose in heaven.

¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come to the first pen for a teaching moment especially for them.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable and sing.

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.
Music: BEATUS VIR, *Šamotulský Kancionál*, 1561
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APOSTLES' CREED

A. With the whole church, we confess our faith:

C. I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A. Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love,
we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.
A brief silence.

Each petition ends:

A. Hear us, O God,
C. Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

P. Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask,
and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
C. Amen.

PEACE

We greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Then please be seated.

+ MEAL +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OUR OFFERING

We offer gifts of time, talent, and treasure to God in thankfulness for all that God gives us. Augustana and Grace Lutheran Churches are grateful for the many ways our friends give to the work of God in the world!

OFFERING MUSIC

As our financial offerings are collected, music is played.

OFFERING SONG – *To God Our Thanks We Give*

Once the offering is collected, you are invited to stand as you are comfortable and join in singing the song through 2-3 times.

To God Our Thanks We Give

Reamo leboga



Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga,
To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give,



re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.
to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give.

Text: Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936

Music: REAMO LEBOGA, Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe

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OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray. Holy God...*the leader continues*...our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. 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

P. It is indeed right...*the pastor continues*...join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

You are invited to sing.

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. Blessed are you, O God...*the pastor continues*...now and forever.

C. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

C. Thanks be to God!

You may be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who are baptized or have communed before are welcome to take part in this holy meal. If you feel drawn to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion today, you are welcome to receive it! Jesus has set this table just for you.

An usher will show you when to come forward, and our communion assistants can show you what to do if it is your first time with us. If you prefer to receive only a blessing today, you may cross your arms over your chest when you come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor.

LAMB OF GOD

You are invited to sing as Holy Communion is prepared and distributed.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION – *Joyful, Joyful*

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

When Holy Communion has concluded, you are invited to stand as comfortable.

P. The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray. Compassionate God...*the leader continues...*
now and forever.

C. Amen.

+ SENDING +

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

BLESSING

P. May our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer ✚ One God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C. Amen.

SENDING SONG – *Go My Children*

You are invited to sing and to face the cross as Jesus leads us into the world.

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.
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



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.
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



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 his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



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."
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
Music: ARHYD Y NOS, Welsh

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DISMISSAL

A. We share our mission statement:

C. As the body of Christ, we are called to love all, serve all, and welcome all!

A. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God!



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