



Welcome in the name of Christ, whose church this is! If you are seeking a church home, please notify the church office. Contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

*To contact Pastor Deb, please call or text her cell @ 570-350-5115.*

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:** Hearing Assistive Devices are located on the table at the entrance to the worship space. An ADA Compliant restroom and changing station are located in the entrance hallway. A first aid kit, water, juice and snacks are in the kitchenette adjacent to the Parlor (main entrance room).

**ABOUT COMMUNION:** We are observing pew communion. Please pick-up a pre-filled communion set when you enter church. During worship you will be instructed when to partake of the elements.

**FOR SECURITY:** During worship, only the upper level main entrance doors are open- all other doors are locked.

Have any questions? An usher will be glad to help you!

**Bishop Christopher DeForest of the NEPA Synod has strongly encouraged the wearing of masks at worship services (please see his statement). Our Congregation Council has decided that each of us should use our own discretion as to personal choice. Please consider wearing a mask if you are not vaccinated and everyone practice social distancing.** You may worship in the parlor (televised), courtyard (weather permitting-audio only) and from your car in the parking lot at 90.1FM on your radio.

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Our Sunday morning 10:30am service is on our FaceBook page “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation’ or catch the service on the website video tab using ‘clconyngham.org’. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab



*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*P* God our comforter:

**C** like lost sheep, we have gone astray.  
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.  
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.  
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.  
Free us from our sin, gracious God.  
Listen when we call out to you for help.  
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
Amen.

*P* All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.  
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C** Amen.

PLEASE STAND

## 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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## Praise the Lord! O Heavens

1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;  
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.

sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.  
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.

Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;  
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;

laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.  
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*A* Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

## WORD

### A READING FROM GENESIS

#### Genesis 2:18-24

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

L Please join in reading the Psalm - Congregation responses are in **bold** type

## Psalm 8

*You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
 how majestic is your name in <sup>1</sup>all the earth!  
<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;  
 you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**  
<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
 human beings that you should care for them?**  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
 with glory and honor you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
 you have put all things under their feet:**  
<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
 even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
 and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## A READING FROM HEBREWS

### Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

*Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.  
<sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,  
 “What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
 or mortals, that you care for them?  
<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
 you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,  
 “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

PLEASE STAND

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK THE 10<sup>th</sup> CHAPTER



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## Mark 10:2-16

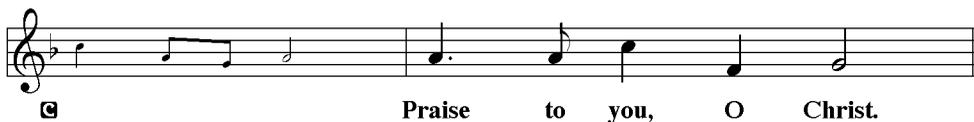
*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*p* The Gospel of the Lord.



PLEASE BE SEATED

**SERMON**

**Pastor Taylor**

PLEASE STAND

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"God, When Human Bonds Are Broken"**

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## APOSTLES' CREED

*P* Let us join in confessing our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**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

## THE PRAYERS

*A* Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*A* Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*A* You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*A* You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*A* You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. Especially we pray for Betty Lou, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Emily, Dawn, Mark, Bob, Theresa, Betsy, George, Barbara, Dina, Joanne, Rich, Deanna, Clyde, Carol, Rodney, Bonnie, Pauline, Carl, Neal, Larry, Patt, Dennis, Viola, Janice, Gail, John, Sandy, Al, Maryanne, Janet, Rich, Deb, Vivian, Eileen, Justin, Madelyn, Pam, Drew, Samantha and Emily. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*A* You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*A* You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*P* Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*P* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please wave to each other or share the peace sign*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*A* In thanksgiving for our offerings, let us pray.  
 God of abundance,  
 you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.  
 Accept the gifts you have first given us.  
 Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

MEAL**THE 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 him thanks and praise.**

*p* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** Holy God,  
     our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
     you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.  
 You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
     and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.  
 You sent your Son to eat with sinners  
     and to become food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
     his life given for us  
     and his rising from the grave,  
     we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.  
 By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
     strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
     and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.  
 Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
     Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
     in your holy Church,  
     both 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* All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.

## COMMUNION

**C** 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.

## HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

**C** Amen.

### CANTICLE

**C** Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A* Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

- P* People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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### DISMISSAL

- P* Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

“Praise Everlasting”

Paxton

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**Worship Helpers****8:00am**

Acolyte	Maizie Kurtz
Asst. Minister	Cindy Derr
Reader	Margie Yost
Ushers	Elizabeth Lloyd & Mrgan Makara

**10:30am**

Acolyte	Chayce Yazwinsky
Asst. Minister	Marty Kellow
Reader	Fred Jaxheimer
Ushers	Ken & Shirley Ikeda

The flowers are offered to the glory of God by Deb Jones, Tony & Jesse in memory of H. Raymond Jones.

The bulletins are offered to the glory of God by Marty Kellow in memory of father, Clarence P. Shaffer, Sr.

**Calendar for the Week of October 3, 2021**

Monday - -	5:00pm	Karate
Tuesday - -	5:30pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday - -	6:30pm	Bible Study
Thursday - -	9:00am	Apple Fest Prep
	5:00pm	Karate
Friday - -		
Saturday -		

**NEXT WEEKEND****October 9 & 10, 2021**

**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm with Blessing of Pets**  
**Sunday Worship Services 8:00am & 10:30am**  
**Sunday School 9:15am**

**BLESSING OF PETS AND THEIR OWNERS**  
**will be held next Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> at the 5pm service.**

## **LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR TRAINING**

This event will take place here at our church for a one-day session on **Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30am-4:00pm**. The cost is \$30, which the church will reimburse you if you wish to attend. Lutheran Congregational Services' training ministry engages learners in the Biblical and theological background of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and teaches potential Eucharistic Visitors about visitation and administration of the sacrament. *Registration is required. Contact Julia Menzo, [jmenzo@libertylutheran.org](mailto:jmenzo@libertylutheran.org).* Please register as soon as possible.

**We are forming a Congregational Care Team here at Christ Lutheran Church. If you are interested in taking the Sacrament of Holy Communion to your siblings in the congregation, please call Pastor Deb or the church office and register for this training.**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED!!!!!!**

We still need substitute teachers and helpers. Enough helpers will allow us to 'team teach' in each section, so Sundays can be split according to your schedule. All material is provided, and we have a room full of craft items if you wish to do a special project. Please contact Cindy or Pastor Deb if you are willing to serve.

## **WILLING WORKERS COVERED DISH**

The Willing Workers will meet on Tuesday, **October 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm** (note time change) for a covered dish luncheon in Roth Hall. Bring a covered dish to share. The monthly meeting will follow the luncheon. All ladies of the church are invited.

## APPLE FEST 2021

Volunteers are needed for our annual event. **Dates are Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> and the week prior to the Fest October 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. Also, the day of the Apple Fest the 16<sup>th</sup>.** Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the back of the church and help wherever you can, or bake a pie!!

This year's fest will be held both indoor and outdoor. The Flea Market will be outside in a tent with the Crafts, Tricky Trays and Better Item's Room inside. Food will be purchased inside as take-out or to eat outdoors under a seating tent or in the courtyard. *ANYONE (WORKERS AND SHOPPERS) INSIDE THE BUILDING MUST WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES.*

*Items for the flea market can be brought to the church weekday mornings. Just call ahead to the office (570-788-1572) so Cindy can unlock the door.*

PLEASE NOTE: HELP IS NEEDED FOLLOWING THE 10:30am worship service on **October 10<sup>th</sup>** for getting out boxes and other items needed to set-up displays for the Apple Fest. This should only take about a ½ hour.

## THANKSGIVING VALLEY FOOD PANTRY BASKETS

Our church has been asked to provide *jars of apple sauce and boxes of macaroni* for the Thanksgiving distribution. *Coffee is always needed, too.* **We need 110 of each of these 2 items** and please have them here at our church by **Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>!!** Place your donations in the grocery cart inside the front door. Thank you.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**IS BEING PLANNED FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**FROM 6PM-8PM**

**DONATIONS OF CANDY WILL BE NEEDED. PLEASE PLACE**  
**YOUR DONATION IN THE ORANGE BIN IN THE BACK OF THE**  
**CHURCH.**

**NOTHING WITH PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER PLEASE**  
**IN PAST YEARS WE HAVE HAD CLOSE TO 1,000**  
**HALLOWEENERS!!!**

**IF YOU WISH TO BRING YOUR CAR AND HAND OUT CANDY,**  
**PLEASE SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE BACK OF THE**  
**CHURCH OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Please note the deadline for all articles, information, etc. for the November newsletter is **October 17th!!**

**LIVING NATIVITY**

**A VERY IMPORTANT PLANNING MEETING WILL BE HELD**  
**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM. IF WE DO NOT HAVE**  
**AT LEAST 10 PEOPLE ATTENDING (or if you cannot attend, commit**  
**to helping by calling the church office and letting us know you will help)**  
**THE LIVING NATIVITY CANNOT BE HELD!!!!!!**

## **ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET**

*The time is here and writers are needed!* Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex and be one of our devotional writers for this year's booklet. This has become an annual event that many people look forward to receiving. We supply a Bible verse and you write a few thoughts about it, or just some feelings about the Christmas season. Then, end with a prayer. A sample will be supplied. Any questions, contact the church office. Thanks!

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS**

Congratulations to Diana Jessel, Marty Kellow, and Anita Urso for being selected as our first class of Stephen Ministers. Following the training which begins in October, these women will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers to carry out ministries of caring within our congregation with people experiencing hospitalization, grief, divorce, job loss, and many other life crises.

One of the most powerful ways of affirming our Stephen Ministers is to pray for them. Whether you are thanking God for the gift of that person's presence and friendship or asking God to care for and watch over them, we ask for your prayers as they undertake this new training.

There is a cost to training our Stephen Ministers and running our Stephen Ministry. If you would like to donate to help defray these costs, you can place any donations in the offering plate and mark it for Stephen Ministry. For more information, contact Deb Jones at [msjonesncc@gmail.com](mailto:msjonesncc@gmail.com) or 570-233-7675 or Pastor Deb.

COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP

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## How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: I. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 Music: Early American

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CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS

## 603 God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill  
 2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in - to our world of stress,  
 3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re - lease  
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in - to life.  
 5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,



to re - store the . hope of heal - ing, give us grace and make us still.  
 for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing all the fail - ures we con - fess.  
 from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing; set us free and grant us peace.  
 Use us as a means of bless - ing; make us stron - ger, give us faith.  
 give us love to go on learn - ing: God, en - cour - age and re - new!



SENDING

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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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."

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