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Thank you for joining us in church and on our online service today.

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Prelude

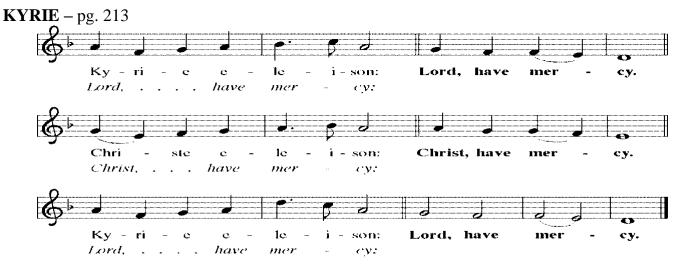
WELCOME

(Please rise)

GATHERING HYMN – ELW 712 LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

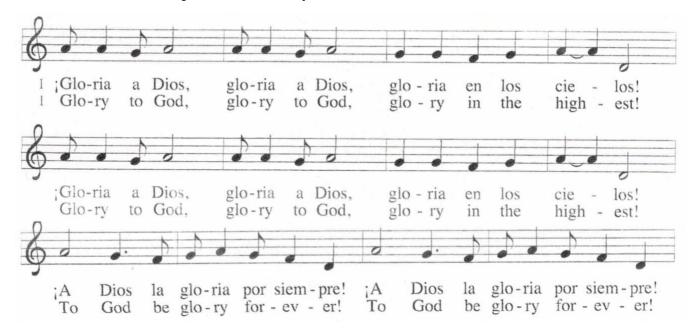
GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **Cong – And also with you.**

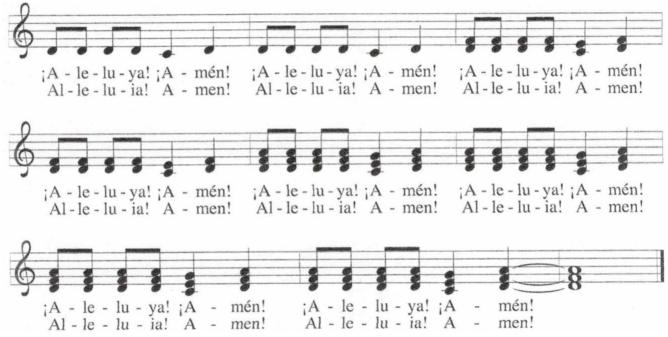


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HYMN OF PRAISE - p. 12 ACS "Glory To God..."







PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Cong - Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

Bill Wise, Elder

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong - Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 91:9-16

You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9) (The Psalm will be read responsively, beginning with Leader)

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,

and the Most High your | habitation,

¹⁰no evil | will befall you,

nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you, to guard you in | all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will | bear you up,

lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;

you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me;

I will uphold them, because they know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I | satisfy them, and show them | my salvation.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

Bill Wise, Elder

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong - Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW 172) HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH



Pastor – The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

Cong - Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

Pastor Kelly Reagan

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong - Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 729 THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN EVERY AGE

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

Pastor – God of grace,

Cong - Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Cong - Amen.

May the peace of the Lord be with you always!

Cong - And also with you.

PEACE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

(Please rise)

OFFERTORY HYMN - (ELW 686) "WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN"



THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

Cong – We give you thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

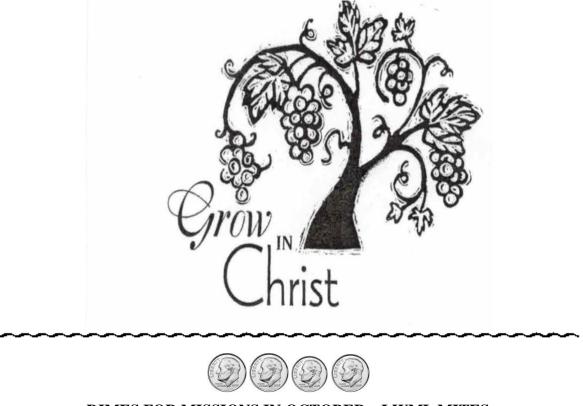
God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Cong - Amen.**

SENDING HYMN – ELW 551 THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

Pastor - Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

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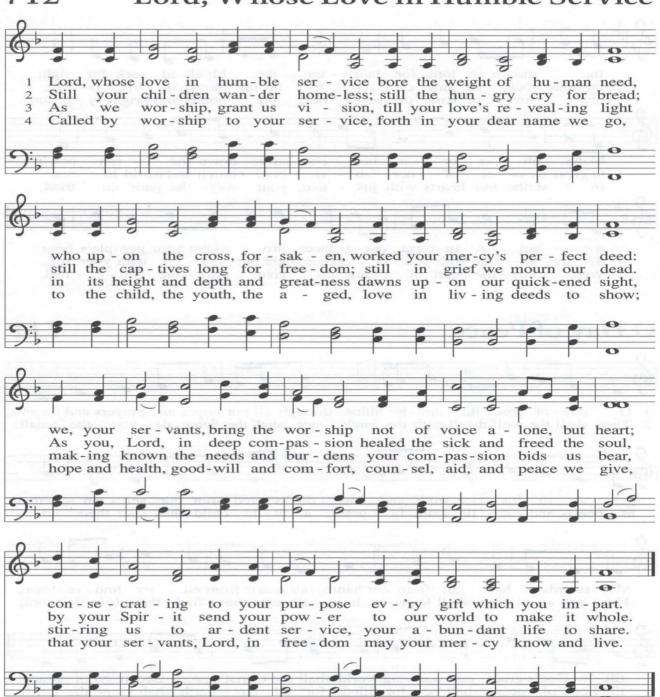
DIMES FOR MISSIONS IN OCTOBER – LWML MITES

The dimes collected in the offering plate this month will be going to LWML Mites. Please place your dimes in the collection plate on any Sunday. If writing a check, make it to St. Matthew Ladies Guild and write dimes in the memo line.

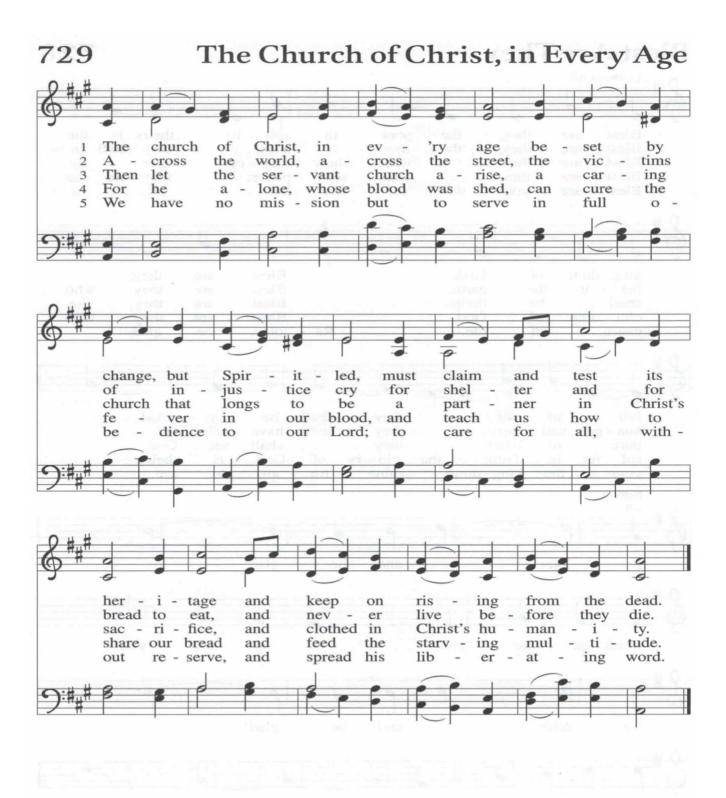
3RD QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 3^{rd} quarter financial statements are now available in the Narthex. Any questions, see Al Lutz.

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