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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-reflection

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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.

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

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L: 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 ELESION

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE ("Glory to God in the highest...") p.58-59



 A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



 B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



 We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



 You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



 You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

SALUTATION. p.62



 P The Lord be with you.



 B And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY p.62

L: Let us pray.....

C: O Lord, sustain your Church with your perpetual mercy. Without you, in our weakness we will surely fail. Therefore, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING - Ruth 1:1-19A

L: The First Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Ruth.

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. 3 But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4 These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, 5 both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. 6 Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. 7 So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. 8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. 10 They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." 11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? 12 Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should

have a husband tonight and bear sons, 13 would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." 14 Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. 15 So she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16 But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God. 17 Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" 18 When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. 19 So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 111

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**2 Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**

3 Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**4 He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**6 He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**8 They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

**10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

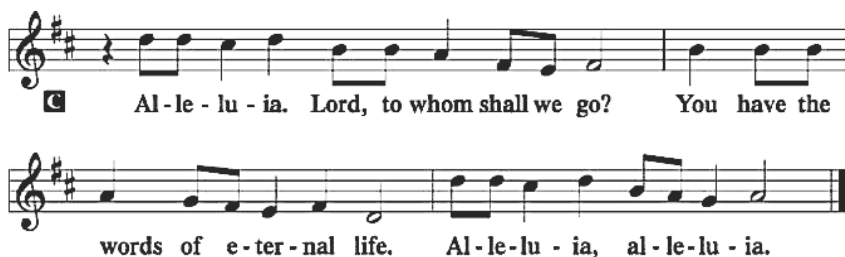
L: The Second Lesson is from the 2nd chapter of 2 Timothy.

2 You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. 3 Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. 5 And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. 6 It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. 7 Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. 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.

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

L: The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 17th chapter.



Luke 17:11-19

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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Ann Auten

"Wither Thou Goest I Will Go"

SONG AFTER SERMON: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

APOSTLES' CREED p.65

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RECEIVE OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Thank You Lord-acapella*)

Thank you for giving me the morning.

Thank you for ev'ry day that's new.

Thank you that I can know my worries

Can be cast on you.

Thank you, O Lord, your love is boundless.

Thank you that I am full of you.

Thank you, you made me feel so glad

and thankful as I do.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: Father, we come before you with joyful hearts, eager to give back a portion of what you have given us. May our tithes and offerings be a blessing to others as they have been to us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

BENEDICTION & AMEN

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L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG: *I Will Follow*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: "Going into Fall, canned soups, facial tissues, toilet paper and paper towels are always needs. We really can use about anything! Thanks again for all your help." We have an opportunity to share with local people. "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." I Timothy 6:18

The month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month. There will be a cake during fellowship hour today. There will be a basket out all month, if you would like to leave Pastor Ann a note, appreciation card or anything you would like to leave.

SPECIAL MEETING: There will be a special meeting of the congregation immediately following worship on 10/26/2025 to vote on issuing a call to Pastor Ann Auten.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 14 @ 6:30 pm – Estonia Presentation by Pastor Ann

Oct. 15 @ 9:00 am – Morning Circle

@ 9:00 am - 12:00 am - Pastor's Office Hours

@ Noon - Bulletin Deadline

@ 5:30 PM - 3rd Grade Bible Camp

@ 6:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Oct. 16 @ 1:30 pm - Bible Study at Sunporch

Bible Camp for 3rd Graders - 5:30 PM Wednesdays October 8th, 15th, and 22nd with Pastor Ann

On Tuesday, October 14th, Pastor Ann will give her Estonia presentation from 6:30-8:00pm. which includes slides of her visit to Tartu Academy and Home of Hope. All are invited to visit Estonia to prepare for Pastor Siimon's time with us! Estonian refreshments will be served!

October 19th - Mission Festival! - Pastor Siimon Haamer

Lunch and Presentation to follow church service.

Estonian dishes made by our members will be served! Check out the menu in the newsletter!

New 6 week Bible Study begins on Oct. 21st. Pastor Ann will lead this study on 2nd Peter.

How Do We Resist False Teaching?

Can we trust Scripture? Why is God taking so long to set everything right? What should Christians focus on in the meantime? Confusion about how and why God acts the way he does has always troubled the church. That's why the apostle Peter warned the early church about patterns of false teaching that could lure people away from trusting in God. In this six-session series through 2 Peter. As we wait for Jesus to return in judgment and glory, we must make every effort to become more like him in everything we do.

Next Week's Scriptures:

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-30

Psalm 121

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Sermon Title: "Persistent Prayer"

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