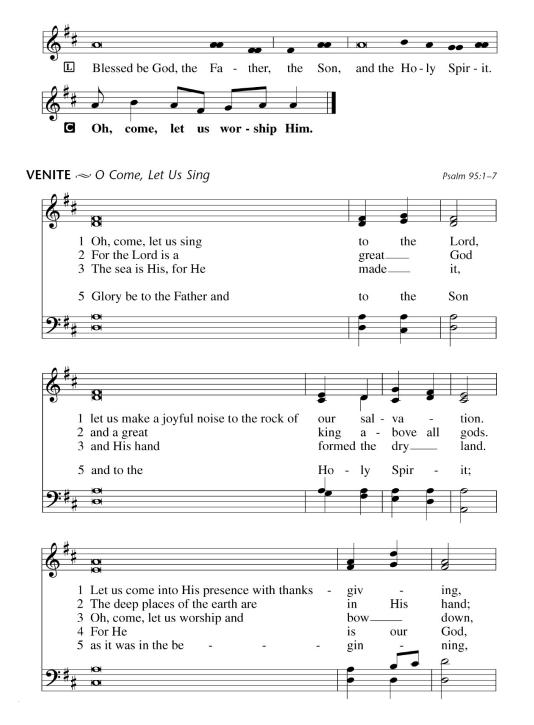
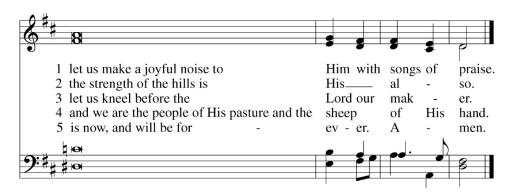
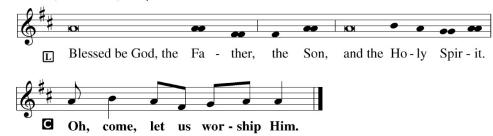


PSALMODY (Venite)





Common (or Seasonal) Antiphon



READINGS

Old Testament

Ezekiel 33:7-9

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

O Lord, have mercy on us. **Thanks be to God.** Psalm 115



Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give | glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your | faithfulness!

Why should the | nations say, "Where | is their God?"

Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

You who fear the Lord, trust | in the Lord! He is their help | and their shield.

The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

he will bless those who | fear the Lord, both the small | and the great.

May the Lord give | you increase, you and your | children!

May you be blessed | by the Lord, who made | heaven and earth!

The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to the chil-dren of man.

We will | bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the Lord!

> Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit; As is was in the be- | ginning, is now and will be forever. | Amen.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give | glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your | faithfulness! Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For 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." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

O Lord, have mercy on us. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Epistle

Matthew 18:1-9

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

O Lord, have mercy on us. **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE: Vicar Eric Souer

HYMN: "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It" - LSB #594



(Sunday) Children's Message

Alex Wright - Director of Christian Education





KYRIE Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



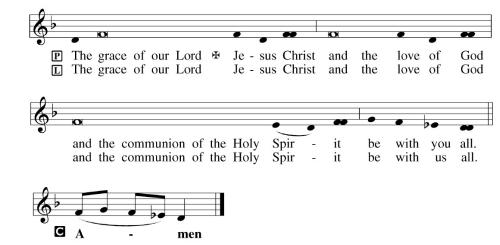
COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

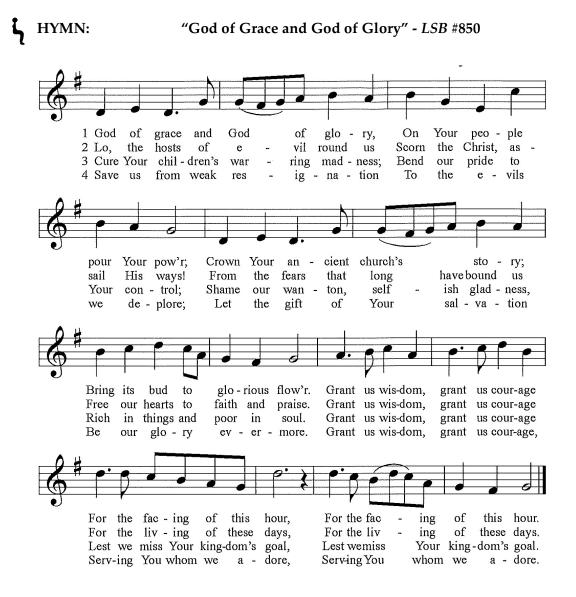




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Postlude

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