



*"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life
for my sake will find it." – Matthew 16:24-25*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 20, 2026 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE "Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee" Foundry Collection, 1742
arr. C. Berry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE & RINGING THE TRINITY

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

CHORAL INTROIT "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord" JE LOUERA I L'ETERNEL

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER *(from Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16)*

We will tell our children
of the glorious deeds of the LORD.

The LORD divided the sea
and let the people pass through.

The LORD led by cloud during the day,
and fire by night.

The LORD split rocks open in the wilderness,
and let the people drink abundantly.

**With upright heart the LORD tended them,
and guided them with a skillful hand.**

*HYMN #81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bountiful Lord, yours is a grace beyond measure, but we confess how we take it for granted. We believe that we have received all that we have based upon our merit, rather than by your generous hand. We withhold grace as a scarce commodity, rather than sharing abundantly with others. We feel entitled to more than our fair share and refuse to acknowledge your authority to do as you please. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Teach us what is right. Fill us with humility and gratitude, so that your servants may labor together in the harvest of the Good News.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn #581 “Glory Be to the Father”**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 1:21-30

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

ANTHEM

“Come to the Water”

Foley, S.J.

*O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price,
Except for the Lord, the Lord?
And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life,
Except for the Lord, the Lord?
And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
All who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest,
Except for the Lord, the Lord?
And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:*

*Bring the children without might. Easy the load and light:
Come to the Lord, the Lord.
Come to the water; Come to the water; Come to the Lord.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 3:10-4:11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Last Laugh”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS: Nancy & Ron Fenstermacher, Karen Brady

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed*

What do we believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

***Response:** Hymn #606, “Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

*HYMN #846

“Fight the Good Fight”

DUKE STREET

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Opening Prayer/Call to Order

Determination of a Quorum

Hear the Report of the Nominating Committee

Open the Floor to Additional Nominations

Discussion & Vote
Adjournment & Prayer

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Go with Us, Lord”

TALLIS' CANON

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Joanne Prettyman & Leslie Claiborne

Greeter: Tom Tart

Liturgist: Lynne Young

Acolyte: Declan Smithwick

*The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Linda Sing in loving
memory of Bill & Porter Sing.*

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