

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2026 10:00 am

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*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.
Liturgist for today's worship is Betsy Stinson.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

People of God, listen:
The Lord has done marvelous things.

Teach your children all that God has done
So that they may live in hope.

HYMN* *"Seek Ye First"* 175

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good.

[silence]

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOSPEL– Matthew 25:1-13 Betsy Stinson

OFFERING OF MUSIC Adult Choir
"I'll Follow My Lord/Santo, Santo, Santo"

OLD TESTAMENT – Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

SERMON *"We Will Serve the Lord"* Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE *(from "A Declaration of Faith")*

Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN* *"Choose This Day the One You'll Follow""*
(tune of "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly")
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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE, 59* *Congregation and Choir*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.

FELLOWSHIP TIME - All are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES