

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

Sunday August 17th 2025

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

The Prayer of Preparation *(for individual use before worship)*

Almighty God, pour out Your Holy Spirit and give us hearts to adore You and tongues to sing of Your great faithfulness and wondrous deeds, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Chiming of the Hour, the Words of Welcome, and Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord be with you!

And also with you!

The Trinity Chime, Prelude and Choral Introit

***The Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation** *from 1 Samuel 2:2, 8-9*

People of God, lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

There is no one holy like You, O Lord! No Rock like You, our God!

For the foundations of the earth are Yours, and You guard the feet of Your servants!

***The Opening Hymn** #475 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

Almighty God, like sheep we have gone astray, each of us turning to our own way. We have not delighted in Your commands, and have not committed ourselves to walk in Your paths. We have sinned, and we are sorry. Have mercy upon us according to Your steadfast love, and take away our sins. Grant us Your Spirit, and give us new hearts to gladly do Your will through Your Son Jesus Christ, our crucified Savior and risen Lord...*(continue in silent confession)*

The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness *from John 3:16-17*

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him would not perish but inherit eternal life. For God did not send His Son to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." **In Christ, we are forgiven! In Christ, we are made new! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

***The Sung Response** *The Gloria Patri*

***The Affirmation of our Christian Faith** *The Apostles Creed (back of hymnal)*

The Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

***The Sung Response of Gratitude and Praise** *The Doxology*

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

God Speaks and Seals His Promises in His Word

The Scripture Lesson *Matthew 16:24-28*

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The Sermon *"Matthew (69): The King's Cross, and Ours: Pt. 2"*

***The Hymn of Response** #718 *"Take Up Your Cross the Savior Said"*

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ

***The Closing Hymn** #720 *"Jesus Calls Us"*

***The Benediction**

***The Congregational Benediction** #542 *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"* (v. 3)

God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per-ils thick con-found you, put un-fail-ing arms a-round you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.