

DIVINE DISCIPLINES

A Generous Life

16th Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 2026 – 11:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

The Lord is the Author and Giver of Life as well as a consuming fire of judgment. We seek the Lord and life, therefore, by hating what is evil, loving what is good and doing what is just and right, according to His Word. That said, we understand that “No one is good except God alone.” The life each of us is called to live is found not in works or wealth, but only in Christ Jesus: hearing and heeding His call, clinging to His Word and encouraging one another daily.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE SING

“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

P: I invite you to join me in confessing our sins before our heavenly Father:

C: Dear Father in heaven, I confess to You that I am sinful in my very nature. My sinful words and actions make this fallen nature quite obvious. I've done what is wrong in Your sight. I've not loved You with my whole heart; I've not loved my neighbor as myself. For the sake of Jesus who suffered the punishment of death for my sins, forgive me. Fill me with Your hope that lives because Jesus, who died, is alive again! In His name I pray. Amen.

Silent time for personal reflection on God's Word

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST WE ARE FORGIVEN!

WE SING

“I Know A Name”

PRAYER

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10: 17-22

As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'"

And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

KIDS' TIME

DCE Liz Peters

MESSAGE

"Live Abundantly"

Pastor Doug Slavens

WE DECLARE OUR FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD – APOSTLES' CREED

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GOD IS WITH US – WE GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE!

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

WE SING DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

"You Say"

"You Never Let Go"

COMMUNION BLESSING

WE PRAY TO OUR LORD

WE SING "Help Is On The Way (Maybe Midnight)"

CLOSING BLESSING

OUR OFFERINGS

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good!
We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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