

A background graphic featuring several stylized hands in various shades of beige and light gray, reaching out from the top and sides of the page. The hands are rendered in a simple, almost woodcut-like style with visible fingers and palms.

# Doug's Reflection

**10-04-26 THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Pride, after all, is THE great sin. Remember: it was pride that made the devil the devil. It was a successful appeal to pride on Satan's part that got Adam and Eve thrown out of paradise. The song that Adam and Eve hearkened to is the same one sung to us today. And we are just as susceptible as they were to the swinging, deceitful tunes that pipe us off to oblivion. Why does our adversary appeal so often to pride? The answer is simple: Because it works! We see that appeal to pride at work all around us. We find it galloping unbridled through our workplaces, our schools, our neighborhoods; and yes, even some of our churches. There are some folks who maintain that the church is theirs. It is a shameful tragedy that the kingdom is infected with such folk; when the lump of vanity of the few leavens to become the common affliction of us all.