



**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- Family restrooms are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.
- A parent's room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available.
- Listening devices and six large print hymnals are available, please ask an usher.
- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
- Please silence your cell phone and all other electrical devices to help minimize distractions during Divine Worship. Thank you.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Triune God, oh, be our stay and let us perish never! Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, and grant us life forever. Keep us from the evil one; uphold our faith most holy; grant us to trust you solely with humble hearts and lowly. Let us put God's armor on, with all true Christians running our heavenly race and shunning the devil's wiles and cunning. Amen, amen! This be done; so say we, Alleluia! Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

**SERVICE THEME** Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Service of the Word* on page 38 in the front of the hymnal

### OPENING HYMN

**“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”**

*Colossians 3:16 will sing verse 1 on Sunday*

*Hymn 486 v 1-3, 5*

Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice,  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To th' unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely, of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity  
In your own mysterious sentence, “You have done it unto me.”  
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you need what we can do,  
Saying by your poor and needy, “Give as I have giv'n to you”?

Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on you;  
But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.

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M: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### SONG OF PRAISE

**“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”**

*Hymn 372 v 1, 4*

**I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God; He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursed load. I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.**

**I long to be like Jesus: Meek, loving, lowly, mild; I long to be like Jesus,  
The Father's holy child. I long to be with Jesus Amid the heav'nly throng  
To sing with saints his praises, To learn the angels' song.**

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 12:1-15

*The LORD gave Miriam and Aaron a lesson in humility.*

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. “Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the LORD heard this. (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them came out. Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward, he said, “Listen to my words: “When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?” The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them. When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam—leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy; and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “O God, please heal her!” The LORD replied to Moses, “If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back.” So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

### PSALM 31 IN THURSDAY SERVICE

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## COLOSSIANS 3:16 IN SUNDAY SERVICES

“Grace Like Rain”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me  
And I once was lost but now I’m found Was blind but now I see so clearly.

*Refrain: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me  
Hallelujah, and all my stains are washed away They’re washed away.*

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home. *Refrain*

When we’ve been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun  
We’ve no less days to sing Your praise Than when we first begun. *Refrain*

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### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 3:13-18

*True wisdom leads us to be humble peacemakers, not selfish peacebreakers.*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

### HYMN OF THE DAY

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

*Hymn 492*

### SERMON

Mark 9:30-37

*True humility shows itself in humble service to all.*

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after

three days he will rise.” But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.” He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

### “Jesus Weeds Out Pride”

1. Exposing arrogance.
2. Exhibiting humility.

*Pastor Zuberbier*

### APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

### GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD’S 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### HYMN

**“O God, My Faithful God”**

*Hymn 459*

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: ♪Amen. Amen. Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

**“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”**

*Hymn 490*

### ORGANIST

David Koepsell

### GREETERS

7:45 ~ Guy & Sue Repp

10:30 ~ Joe & Nancy Birkholz