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.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please fill out a Visitor Card and hand it to an usher. 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 The O

The Common Service on page 15 in the front of the hymnal

OPENING HYMN

Glorious in Majesty | CW 496

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

√ Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

- M: God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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GLORY BE TO GOD

✓ Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,
God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of
the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive
our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: \int And also with you.

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: J Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON Numbers 12:1-15

The LORD gave Miriam and Aaron a lesson in humility.

Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman). ²They said, "Has the LORD really spoken only through Moses? Hasn't he also spoken through us?" The LORD heard this.

³(Now the man Moses was very humble, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

⁴Right then the LORD spoke suddenly to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, "You three come out to the Tent of Meeting!"

The three of them came out. ⁵The LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance to the tent. He called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward. ⁶He said, "Now listen to my words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, will

make myself known to him in a vision. In a dream I will speak with him. ⁷Not so, however, with my servant Moses. He is faithful in my whole household. ⁸With 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, against Moses?" ⁹The LORD's anger burned against them, and he left.

¹⁰The cloud went up from above the tent, and immediately Miriam was leprous, as white as snow. Aaron turned to Miriam and saw that she was leprous.

¹¹Aaron said to Moses, "My lord, please do not hold this sin against us. We have acted foolishly. We have sinned. ¹²Please do not let her be like a stillborn infant that comes out of its mother's womb with its flesh half-eaten away."

¹³Moses cried out to the LORD, "God, please heal her, please!"

¹⁴The LORD said to Moses, "If her father had merely spit in her face, would she not be disgraced for seven days? Have her confined outside of the camp for seven days, and after that she can be brought back in."

¹⁵Miriam was confined outside of the camp for seven days, and the people did not set out until Miriam was brought back in.

PSALM 31 IN THURSDAY SERVICE

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ADULT CHOIR IN 7:45

"Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor" Matt Papa, Matt Boswell

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm - when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn, in the suffering, in the sorrow, When my sinking hopes are few, I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on - when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won, deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused; I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief - hopeless, somehow, O my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary. This my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved; I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death - when these trials give way to glory and we draw our final breath, we will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure, and the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.

Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true - we will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

INSPIRATION IN 10:30

"I was Glad" by Karen Maio

Where two or three are gathered together, the Lord is in the midst of them.

I want to be with fellow believers singing our praises to him!

I was glad! I was glad when they said, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

I will pray and sing praises to him, and I will feed my soul

with the words of the Lord.

The Lord has said to pray without ceasing. Just call on him, and he'll be there. We come together asking his blessings, trusting in the power of prayer! I was glad! I was glad when they said, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." I will pray and sing praises to him, and I will feed my soul with the words of the Lord.

I long to hear the words of the gospel so that my faith in him can grow.

I want to hear that Jesus loves me, even though I already know!

I was glad! I was glad when they said, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

I will pray and sing praises to him, and I will feed my soul

with the words of the Lord.

SECOND LESSON James 3:13-18

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

¹³Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good way of living show that he does things in wise humility. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie, contrary to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but it is worldly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶In fact, where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and every bad practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from above is first pure, then also peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who practice peace.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 9.

GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

True humility shows itself in humble service to all.

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know this, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He told them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him. But three days after he is killed, he will rise."

³²But they did not understand the statement and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they remained silent, because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he will be the last of all and the servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and placed him in their midst. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me, welcomes not just me but also him who sent me."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Son of God, Eternal Savior | CW 492

SERMON Numbers 12:1-15

"The LORD Desires a Humble Spirit"

Pastor Zuberbier

- 1. Pride brings disgrace.
- 2. Humility brings honor.

CREATE IN ME

↑ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your

Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy

of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Blest Be the Tie that Binds | CW 494

- M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:

 ∫ Amen.
- M: 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

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me | CW 439



ORGANISTDavid Koepsell

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Sue Repp 10:30 ~ Else, Bruce & David Cuppan