

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 26th, 2021 | Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost |  
8:30 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)  
(blue and green are hymnal colors)

**PRELUDE** Diane Dangerfield

**WELCOMING WORD** *Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;

**C: the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.**

L: The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;

**C: the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

+**HYMN #551(Green)** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (vs. 1,3)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God, our comforter

**C: Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our**

apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

## GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also, with you.**

+ KYRIE pg. 57 (Green)

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 58 (Green) *Glory to God...*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Generous God,

C: **your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? <sup>13</sup>Where

am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

## **SECOND READING: James 5:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from

the truth and is brought back by another,<sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**ACCLAMATION** (pg. 62)

**(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

L: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 9

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50**

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched

<sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

**+C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE** Intern Joseph

+**HYMN #429 (Green)** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*  
(vs. 1, 5, 6)

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

+ **APOSTLE'S CREED** pg. 65 (Green)

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** pg. 75(Green) *Create in me a clean heart...*

+ **THE PRAYERS** pg. 65 (Green) (As the pastor concludes each petition with the words: "Lord in your mercy..." The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**")

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** pg. 71 (Green) (right hand column)

## **SENDING**

## **COMMUNITY WORD**

## **+BLESSING**

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

**C: Amen.**

+**HYMN #776 (Blue)***Be Though My Vision* (vs. 1,3)

## **+DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

**SHARE:** What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

**READ:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding

Monday, Psalm 5, Lead me in righteousness

Tuesday, Zechariah 8:18-23, The nations seek God in Jerusalem

Wednesday, Luke 10:17-20, Jesus gives his followers authority

Thursday, Psalm 8, You adorn us with glory and honor

Friday, Romans 8:1-11, Life in the Spirit

Saturday, Luke 16:14-18

**TALK: Consider some of these ideas:** God placed God's Spirit among the elders of the group in our Numbers text, "...and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders"- Numbers 25, and expands the idea of where good works can come from in our Gospel reading for the week.

**In what new ways are you seeing God work in the daily texts?**

**Where have you seen the Spirit of God working in others this week/day?**

**Where is the most shocking place you have experienced God this week?**

**PRAY:** O God, open our eyes to the ways that you work in the world. Prepare our hearts in openness so you might work through us for the good of your kingdom here on Earth. Move us to do what is right for our neighbors who are so loved by your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESS:** People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever. Amen.

