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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 2021

10:30 a.m.

### Introduction

*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.*

### The Prelude & Meditation

The Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome & Announcements

### **The Blessing of the Backpacks**

\*The Confession & Absolution page 56

\*The Hymn

*"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"* #429

\*The Greeting and Kyrie page 57

\*The Hymn of Praise *"This is the feast..."* page 60

\*The Prayer of the Day

**Generous God, 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.**

The First Reading -Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  
*What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?*

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

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. 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? 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'? 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!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. 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.” 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.”

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. 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. 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. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” 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!”

The Psalm

-Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect,

**reviving the soul;**

the decrees of the Lord are sure,

**making wise the simple;**

the precepts of the Lord are right,

**rejoicing the heart;**

the commandment of the Lord is clear,

**enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is pure,

**enduring forever;**

the ordinances of the Lord are true

**and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned;

**in keeping them there is great reward.**

But who can detect their errors?

**Clear me from hidden faults.**

Keep back your servant also from the insolent;

**do not let them have dominion over me.**

Then I shall be blameless,

**and innocent of great transgression.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,

**O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

The Second Reading

-James 5:13-20

*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 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. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. 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. 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. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, 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.

\*The Verse & Responses      “Alleluia...”      page 62

\*The Holy Gospel      -Mark 9:38-50

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

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.” 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. Whoever is not against us is for us. 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. “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. 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. 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. 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, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched “For everyone will be salted with fire. 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.”

## The Sermon

The Hymn of the Day “*God Is Here!*” WOVS #719

\*The Prayers

\*The Apostles’ Creed page 65

## The Offering

(The offering bucket is in the back of the church)

\*The Offertory “*Let the vineyards...*” page 66

\*The Offertory Prayer page 67

\*The Great Thanksgiving page 68

\*The Lord’s Prayer page 71

The Distribution (WOVS #752, LBW #235, #415)

\*The Post Communion Liturgy  
“*Thank the Lord...*” page 72

\*The Benediction

\*The Sending Hymn

“*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*” #423

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*The Silent Prayer

\*The Postlude

\*Congregation stand if you are able

**THANK YOU TO** Pastor Erma Wolf for leading our worship service this morning! We are happy she could be with us!

**WELCOME** to each one who has joined us in worship this morning. Today we celebrate Holy Communion. All who trust in Christ as their Savior from sin and death and who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament are invited to partake. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

**THE OFFERING TODAY** is for Benevolence. The offering next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE**

Sun., Oct. 3            9:15 a.m.    Sunday School  
                              10:30 a.m.    Worship/Installation of  
                              Sunday School Teachers/Kindergarten  
   kids receive lambs

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** Orientation will be held on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Attend the one most convenient for you at 6:30 at Good Hope or 7:30 at Parish Three.

**THE CONFERENCE MEETING** will be held on Sunday, October 3rd. It will be at 2:00 p.m. over zoom. Please let Pastor Kim know if you can participate. Tentative Agenda: More details to come regarding nominations and resolutions. Zoom link will be sent out as the date gets closer.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER(S) NEEDED:**

We are looking for a volunteer(s) to teach the 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School Sunday School class. Parish Ed has discussed combing the two classes into one class. We have also considered having the class meet just two Sundays each month and having the students help with the younger kids' rotations on the Sundays they don't have class. We are open to suggestions. Perhaps there is someone you could team teach with to share the responsibility. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents for this important ministry to our youth. Contact Vicky Nelson at 515-928-7152.

