

# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Christian Supplement Worship - Series B

## First Lesson: Numbers 12:1-15

<sup>1</sup> Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. <sup>2</sup> “Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the LORD heard this.

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

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house.

<sup>8</sup> 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?”

<sup>9</sup> The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them.

<sup>10</sup> When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam — leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy; <sup>11</sup> and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. <sup>12</sup> Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.”

<sup>13</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, “O God, please heal her!”

<sup>14</sup> 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.” <sup>15</sup> So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

## Second Lesson: James 3:13-18

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

<sup>15</sup> Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

## Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup> They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup> 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.” <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

<sup>33</sup> They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” <sup>34</sup> But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

<sup>35</sup> 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.”

<sup>36</sup> He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> “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.”

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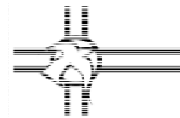
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**Welcome**  
to  
**Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**To the friends** who know us, we renew our welcome; to our first time guests we extend it most sincerely; and to those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with the risen living Redeemer, membership in His Church, and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. Our message is as old as the Word of God to man and as new as the new life it brings: *Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to give eternal life to people everywhere.*

Christ's Love,  
Our Calling.

**Dear Visitors:**

- **The bookmark** in this service folder will guide you through our service.
- If you **need assistance** in worship, ask an usher. We offer worship partners.
- Before you leave today, **please sign our guest book**. It is located in the Narthex.

**Personal sound enhancement receivers** are available to help the hearing impaired. An usher will be happy to assist you.

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**✘ ✘ ✘ Before participating in Communion ✘ ✘ ✘**



We welcome all people to our services, those who are fully united with us in Christ's teachings as well as those who do not yet share our confession of the Faith. However, it is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to all Christians to receive Communion with us. Our Lord teaches (1 Cor. 10:17 and elsewhere) that Communion is an action of the celebrating community that declares their oneness in the Faith, life, and worship. Communing with Christians not in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS] or our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS], would imply a oneness that does not truly exist, but for which we pray. Our pastor will gladly talk with you about establishing communion fellowship here at Peace.

**Suggestions for Pre-service meditation**

**Meditate** on the readings (on the back of the bulletin cover) keeping in mind *Today's Theme* and the comments on the lessons written below. Then do the same with the words of the *Psalm of the Day* and the words of the *hymns*. Both are listed on the worship *bookmark*.

*The Theme of Today's Service*

**The good life is lived in the humility that comes from God's wisdom.**

**Prayer of the Day**

*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. Amen.*

**The Lord speaks to us in his word:**

**The First Lesson: Numbers 12:1-15**

*Moses' servant leadership flowed from a heart that delighted to humbly submit to God, his word and will. Miriam and Aaron display sin's arrogance. It usurps God's will, leading people away from God.*

**The Psalm: Psalm 31**

*Sinful self-asserting selfishness departs when the LORD is our refuge, joy, life and future.*

**The Second Lesson: James 3:13-18**

*Those who have the wisdom and understanding of repentance and faith in Christ look at God and other people in a whole new way. We no longer long to use them. We long to humbly serve them.*

**The Verse of the Day: 2 Corinthians 12:9a**

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

**The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

*Jesus' humble obedience to the Father, reflected in his teaching of his upcoming passion, stands in sharp contrast to his disciples' worldly view, which struggled to avoid humility and maintain "control".*

**The Sermon: Mark 9:30-37**

**Meet the Savior who serves to save us to be his servants of all.**