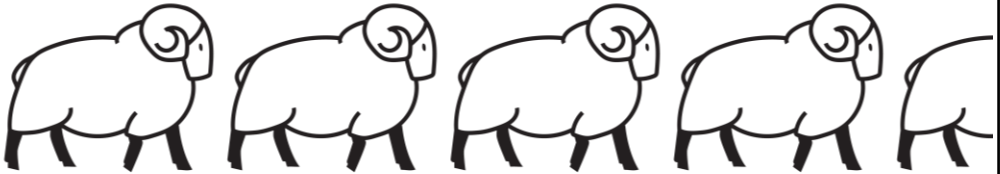


# THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024  
(Proper 20)

Worship Focus  
Followers of Christ Are Humble Servants

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# Order of Service for EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service

The Service of the Word

## OPENING HYMN

919 – Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Choir sings verses 2-3, Congregation sings verses 1 & 4



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,  
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your  
con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.  
God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.  
Church now rais - es; hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Stand

## INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

735 – Before You I Kneel

*Choir sings and congregation joins as comfortable.*



1 Be - fore you I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the  
2 Be - fore you I kneel and ask for your good - ness to cov - er the  
3 Be - fore you we kneel, our Mas - ter and Mak - er; es - tab - lish the



work of my hands. For this is the day you've giv - en your  
work of my hands, for pa - tience and peace to shape all my  
work of our hands, and or - der our steps to seek first your



ser - vant; I will re - joice and be glad  
la - bor; your grace for thorns in my path.  
king - dom in ev - 'ry small and great task.



for the strength I have to live and breathe, for each  
Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream; wear a -  
May we live the gos - pel of your grace, serve your



skill your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - por -  
 way the stones of pride and greed, till your ways are dwell - ing  
 pur - pose in our fleet - ing days, then our lives will bring e -



tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy your great name.  
 deep in me and a har - vest of life is grown.  
 ter - nal praise and all glo - ry to your great name.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

*Be seated*

## ✠ The Word ✠

### FIRST READING

Numbers 12:1-15

*The pride of Aaron, the high priest, and Miriam, a prophetess, led them to bad-mouth humble Moses and belittle Moses' wife, simply for being of another race.*

NUMBERS 12:1 Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. 2“Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the LORD heard this.

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

4At 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 went out. 5Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, 6he said, “Listen to my words:

“When there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. 7But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. 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 Moses?”

9The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them.

<sup>10</sup>When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam’s skin was leprous—it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, <sup>11</sup>and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, I ask you not to 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, “Please, God, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 115A – Not To Us, O Lord

### Refrain

Not to us, O LORD, but  
to your name be the glo - ry.

### Tone

Why do the nations say, “Where / is their God?”

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever / pleases him.

The LORD remembers us and will / bless us:

He will bless his people / Israel,

he will bless those who / fear the LORD—

small and / great alike.

**Refrain**

All you Israelites, trust / in the LORD—

he is their / help and shield.

House of Aaron, trust / in the LORD—

he is their / help and shield.

You who fear him, trust / in the LORD—

he is their / help and shield.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

## SECOND READING

James 3:13-18

*St. James teaches that ambitiously pursuing greatness is not just prideful but also demonic.  
True greatness in Jesus' kingdom is acting toward others in ways that are humble.*

<sup>JAMES 3:13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their 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, demonic. <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 reap a harvest of righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



# GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:30-37

*The greatest in Jesus' kingdom is the one humble enough to gladly serve a little child who could not possibly repay that favor.*

MARK9:30 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 delivered 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, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

<sup>36</sup>He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

# HYMN OF THE DAY

767 – Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your



life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the  
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your  
 hum - blest char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious  
 life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
 good - ness melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 sen - tence, "You have done it all for me."  
 lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



and with that have free - ly giv - en bless - ings  
till our cold and self - ish na - tures, warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, that you  
Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, hope, to



count - less as the sand to th'un - thank - ful  
you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
need what we can do, say - ing by your  
stay our souls on you; but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

## ✠ Sermon ✠

Mark 9:30-37

# Walk the Way of Greatness

*Sermon notes:*

*Stand*



## ✠ Confession of Faith ✠

### THE 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.

*Be seated*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

*We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.*

*Offerings can be given in any of these ways:*

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



*Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*You may remain seated for prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, you did not come to this world to be served, but to serve and to give your life as a ransom for many. Lord, you remember us and you will bless us. **You are our help and shield.**

Teach us to follow you in humility and service. When sinful pride leads us to serve self alone, move us to love as you have loved us. Lord, you remember us and you will bless us. **You are our help and shield.**

Let your Word call people to forsake idols of silver and gold to worship you, the living God, and be blessed by you and praise you, now and forevermore. Lord, you remember us and you will bless us. **You are our help and shield.**

Be the help and shield of the aged and those who struggle with memory. You remember your people and bless those who fear you, for your mercy is everlasting. Lord, you remember us and you will bless us. **You are our help and shield.**

We praise and thank you for those who write and those who preach the gift of your gospel. Keep the good news of your forgiving love before your people, that they may be renewed in your holy image through the righteousness of Christ. Lord, you remember us and you will bless us. **You are our help and shield.**

Please Lord, heal those who suffer. Do not hold their sins against them, but hear their prayer for your own sake. [*We pray especially for...*] When it is your will, give them relief, strength and peace. Lord, you remember us and you will bless us. **You are our help and shield.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Listen, Lord, to the thoughts and cares of our hearts.

*Silent prayer*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of Man, you did not come to be served, but to serve. Give us grace to lay aside all our vanity, clothe us with your power, and crown us with your humility, that finally, in the glory of serving, we may stand beside your throne, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

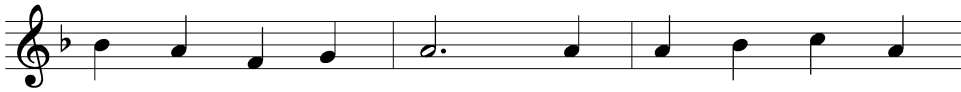
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## SERMON HYMN

737 – Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



1	Lord,	help	us	walk	your	ser - vant	way	wher -	
2	You	came	to	earth,	O	Christ,	as	Lord,	but
3	No	gold	- en	scep -	ter	but	a	towel	you
4	You	bid	us	bend	our	hu -	man	pride	nor
5	Lord,	help	us	walk	your	ser -	vant	way	wher -



ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -  
 pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in  
 place with - in the hands of those who seek to  
 count our - selves a - bove the low - est place, the  
 ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.  
 ser - vant - hood, in low - li - ness you died.  
 fol - low you and live by your com - mands.  
 mean - est task that waits the gift of love.  
 get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.

*Stand*

## PRAYER and BLESSING

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Brother 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 on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

# CLOSING HYMN

704 – Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, to his im - age  
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus; his death from the  
 4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; since he's ris - en



am - ple pure, flee the world which would de - ceive us and to  
 e'er con - form; heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us, sun - shine  
 sec - ond death, from our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us, quick - ens  
 from the dead, death and grave must soon re - lease us. Je - sus,



sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his foot - steps tread - ing,  
 fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in tears of sor - row,  
 us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti - fy, while liv - ing,  
 thou art now our head. We are tru - ly thine own mem - bers,



bod - y here, yet soul a - bove, full of faith and  
 we shall reap in heav'n - ly joy, and the fears that  
 flesh and blood and die to sin, and the grave that  
 where thou liv - est, there live we; take and own us



hope and love, let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 now an - noy shall be laugh - ter on the mor - row. Christ, I  
 shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, faith - ful Friend, as thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus,



Lord, a - bide with me; Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.  
 suf - fer here with thee; there, O share thy joy with me.  
 here I die to thee, there to live e - ter - nal - ly.  
 here I live to thee, al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.