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IS POWERFUL
AND EFFECTIVE.

James 5:16, NRSV

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Today in Worship
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Welcome to worship at HOPE Lutheran. We invite you to please sign our guest registry, which you'll find on the inside aisle of each pew and pass it to your neighbors so that we might know who is worshipping with us this Lord's Day. After it reaches the end of the row, please return it to the inside aisle so that those seated there might give it to the acolytes following the service.

Order of Service: Divine Service 4, Page 203

Sunday Hymns: #572, #505, #850
Sermon Text: James 5:1-20
**Sermon Theme: "Pray! Praise! And Pray
Some More!"**

Wednesday Hymns: #572, #505, #850
Sermon Text: Mark 9:38-50
Sermon Theme: "Jesus Alone!"

Collect of the Day

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament— Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . ." ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness." ¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . ." ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then 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 as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶Now 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. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" Let him come near to me.

Epistle— James 5:1-20

¹Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ²Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

¹²But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. ¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Holy Gospel— Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John 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.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. ⁴²“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

In Our Prayers

Our Missionaries: Jana Inglehart, Gary & Steph Schulte,

We remember those who are in care facilities:

At Azria Health: Don Larson,

Continental Springs: Teresa Santee

Bickford of Sioux City: Robert Jager

Health Concerns:

Shelli Tuttle,
Kim Daum, Daryl Daum's sister-in-law
Bob Gruber,
Pastor Jeff Walsh, Suzy Awe's brother
Howie Holdenried, Daryl & Roxanne Daum's friend,
Mary Bose, Renee Nissen's cousin
Carmen Ortega,
Karen Nissen, sister-in-law of Renee Nissen,
Phyllis Todd,
Susan Utech,
Sarah Hansen, Darlene Bennett's daughter,
Beth, Ervin Messerschmidt's daughter,
Ken Todd, Phyllis Todd's brother-in-law,
Doug Mallette,
Roxanne Daum,
Katrina Peabody, Renee Nissen's niece
Josh LeGrande, Annette LeGrande's nephew,
Sandy Mallette,
Lori Langenderg, Annette LeGrande's friend
Dustie Blunck, Carl & LuAnn's daughter in-law
Ruth Cornell,
Karen Watterson,
Terry Koebernick,
Joanne Walsh, Jeff Walsh wife & Suzy Awe's sister-in-law
Kimberly Christiansen Bohlke, daughter of Lynette Barker,

Don Mallette, father of Doug Mallette
Kim Fales, Sharon Weber's niece,
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Jennifer Veen,
Titus Diediker,
Diane Barge,
George Adam,
Will Wittenborg,
Randy Barnes,
Justin Miller,
Diane Nelsen,
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Joan Bruhn, Dorothy Westin's friend,
Pastor Jerry Bruhn,
Steve Petersen,
Matt LeGrande, Annette LeGrande's nephew ,
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Claudyne Howard,
Stephanie Hollibaugh,
Brad Westin,
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