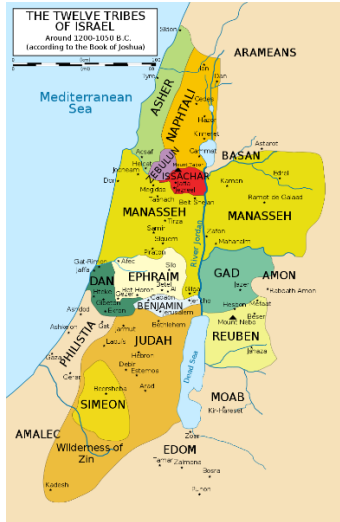




St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Summer Series - Israel's Kings

June 7, 2020

10:30 Worship

Today we begin a summer long series on the kings of Israel. We're going to discover pretty quickly that they weren't a very faithful bunch. Nevertheless God stays patient with them and the religion of Judaism develops. Prior to the kings was a period of "judges." The last of these was Samuel. It is with him that we begin the series.

Welcome to worship today!

Please welcome the members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lyons as they join this worship service. The two congregations will share online worship at least until in-person worship can resume.

This order of worship is designed to accompany what is happening live on Zoom. In order to make things work smoothly please keep your computer's microphone off unless you have a speaking part. It may be helpful to use a headset or earbuds to minimize feedback. You are welcome to use the chat feature to ask questions or provide feedback. Following worship we will have a time for those who would like to chat. That would also be a time to use the chat feature for side conversations.

† OPENING †

Welcome and Announcements

Candle Lighting

The candles are lit and the following prayer is said:

A: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus the Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

P: God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you,
against one another,
and against the earth entrusted to our care.**

**We are worried and distracted by many things,
and we fail to love you above all else.**

**We store up treasures for ourselves
and turn away from our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen**

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen

Opening Music

Prayer of the Day

B: Loving God, by tender words and covenant promise you have joined us to yourself forever, and you invite us to respond to your love with

faithfulness. By your Spirit may we live with you and with one another in justice, mercy, and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading 1 Samuel 8

D: When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. ²The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. ³Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice. ⁴Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, ⁷and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” ¹⁰So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.” ¹⁹But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that

our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.” ²¹When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. ²²The LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to their voice and set a king over them.” Samuel then said to the people of Israel, “Each of you return home.”

After the reading the reader may say: The Word the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Poetry Psalm 24

- E:** ¹The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
²for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.
³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.
⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
⁶Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
⁸Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.
⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Second Reading Philippians 3:17-21

F: [Paul writes] Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body

of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Psalm 24:10)

C: Alleluia. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading John 18:33-38

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him.

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Response to the Word

P: In Christ you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

G: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

G: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 20)

G: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 21)

G: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

✠ PRAYER ✠

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. These three petitions will be read by people in the congregation:

B. Bring justice and opportunity those who do not have it because of their race. Bring equality to the people of this nation and to all nations in the world Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

E. Be with the missionaries we support, the Rev. Deborah Troester as she helps the churches in Zambia, and the Rev. Matthew Nickoloff at the

South Wedge Mission in Rochester. Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

G: We pray for all levels of government; for wisdom and truth displayed in world leaders, and for international relief agencies, that God's love poured into our hearts extend to all people and nations. Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

You are invited to add you own petition. Please conclude with:

Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

The pastor concludes the prayer:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

B: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

B: We share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with messages of Christ's peace.

Special Music

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

† ENDING †

Blessing

P: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,
and abound in thanksgiving;
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, on God,
be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Music

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.

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